

NEW FRANKLEY IN BIRMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the New Frankley in Birmingham Parish Council held at St Christopher's Church Centre, New Street, Frankley on Monday, 24 April, 2006 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Gareth Griffiths (in the Chair)

Councillors Linda Banks, Ian Bruckshaw, Michael Denny, Sid Grey MBE
Bill Hollis, Len Lovett, Stephen Trefor-Jones, Joanna Walker and
Geoffrey Williams

Also in Attendance Marion Chute – Community Librarian

PUBLIC MINUTES

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for their inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Carter (Holiday) and Stephenson (Holiday).

MINUTES

The Minutes of that part of the meeting held on 20 March 2006 in public were noted.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1305 Hereon, the under mentioned Members declared their respective interests in the Agenda Items indicated below –

Councillor	Agenda Item	Interest
Linda Banks	Applications for Funding – Frankley Church Community Project	Prejudicial - Member of the Project's Management Committee – Member left the room during determination of the applications.
Ian Bruckshaw	Application for Funding – Frankley Neighbourhood Forum	Prejudicial – Member of the Forum's Management Committee - Member left the room during determination of the application.

Michael Denny	Applications for Funding – Frankley Church Community Project	Prejudicial - Member of the Project's Management Committee – Member left the room during determination of the applications.
Sidney Grey	Application for Funding – Frankley Neighbourhood Forum	Prejudicial – Member of the Forum's Management Committee - Member left the room during determination of the application.
Bill Hollis	Application for Funding – Frankley Neighbourhood Forum	Prejudicial – Member of the Forum's Management Committee - Member left the room during determination of the application.
Stephen Trefor-Jones	Applications for Funding – Frankley Church Community Project	Prejudicial - Member of the Project's Management Committee – Member left the room during determination of the applications.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

QUESTIONS

Council Tax Bills

- 1306 Councillor Hollis referred to the City's Council Tax bills which had recently been sent to each household and which appeared to infer that the Parish Council precept was part of the Northfield District funding. In response, the Chairperson advised that he was aware of the error but that the City Council would not reissue corrected bills because of the cost.

FUNDING APPLICATIONS

At this point of the meeting the Chairperson proposed, and it was agreed, to vary the order of consideration of the applications and to consider the two applications submitted by the Library.

A Frankley Community Library – Large Print and Talking Books

The following application for funding towards the cost the repair/replacement of Large Print and Audio books was submitted-

(see Interleaved Document no.1)

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Linda Banks,

seconded by Councillor Williams and –

- 1307 RESOLVED: That the Council, in accordance with its powers under Sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, agree to incur the following expenditure, which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or of its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure; a grant of £400 towards the costs of repairing/replacing Large Print/Audio books.

B Frankley Community Library – Talkabout Mornings

The following application for funding towards the providing fees/expenses to speakers at the Library's Talkabout Mornings was submitted-

(see Interleaved Document no.2)

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Trefor-Jones, seconded by Councillor Joanne Walker and –

- 1308 RESOLVED: That the Council, in accordance with its powers under Sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, agree to incur the following expenditure, which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or of its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure; a grant of £150 towards the costs of the speakers' fees and/or expenses at the Library's Talkabout Mornings.

C Frankley Neighbourhood Forum - Neighbourhood News

The following funding application for £2910 was submitted –

(see Interleaved Document no.3)

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Trefor-Jones and –

- 1309 RESOLVED: That the Council, in accordance with its powers under Sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, agree to incur the following expenditure, which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or of its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure; a grant of £2910 to pay for the printing costs of 6 editions of the Frankley Neighbourhood News; further that the Clerk be authorised to arrange for the payment of the printing invoices up to a maximum of £2910 without further application.

D Frankley Play Scheme – Summer 2006

The following application for funding towards the cost of the Summer Play Scheme was submitted-

(see Interleaved Document no.4)

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Grey, seconded by Councillor Williams and –

- 1310 RESOLVED: That the Council, in accordance with its powers under Sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, agree to incur the following expenditure, which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or of its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure; a grant of £2250 towards the costs of running the annual summer play scheme.

E Frankley Church Community Project – Lunch Club Transport

The following application for funding towards the cost of providing transport for the members of the lunch club was submitted-

(see Interleaved Document no. 5)

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Bruckshaw, seconded by Councillor Joanne Walker and –

- 1311 RESOLVED: That the Council, in accordance with its powers under Sections 22 to 23 and 106A of the Transport Act 1985 (as amended by the Local Government and Rating Act 1997), agree to incur the following expenditure, which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or of its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure; a grant of £2600 towards the costs of providing transport for members of the Lunch Club.

F Frankley Church Community Project – Summer Camp Transport

The following application for funding towards the cost of providing transport for the two summer camps was submitted -

(see Interleaved Document no. 6)

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Grey, seconded by Councillor Linda Banks and –

- 1312 RESOLVED: That the Council, in accordance with its powers under Sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, agree to incur the following expenditure, which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or of its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure; a grant of £200 towards the costs of providing transport for two groups of young people and leaders to two summer camps in the Peak District.

RISK ASSESSMENTS

The following report of the Clerk was submitted –

(see Interleaved Document no.7)

The Chairperson reported that he had spoken to Jason Radford, Project Manager, Frankley Resolve, who had indicated that a concrete ramp suitable for a wheelchair could be provided for approximately £20.

- 1313 RESOLVED: That the actions outlined in the report now submitted be implemented with immediate effect.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – 31 MARCH 2006

The following report of the Clerk was submitted –

(see Interleaved Document no. 8)

- 1314 RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A S/01689/06/FUL

**Creation of additional office space accommodation at first floor;
Unit 2, Arden Business Park, Arden Road, Frankley, Birmingham**

The following Planning Application was submitted –

(see Interleaved Document no. 9)

- 1315 RESOLVED: That the Planning Department be advised that the Parish Council has no objection to Planning Application S/01689/06/FUL

B S/02139/06/NOT

**Erection of 12 metre high telecommunications mast with three antennae and equipment cabinet;
Arden Road, nr Holly Hill, Frankley, Birmingham**

The following Planning Application was submitted –

(see Interleaved Document no. 10)

During the ensuing discussion Councillor Grey pointed out that in addition the objections made previously on the applications in Frogmill Road, determination of the current application should be deferred until such time as the future of the adjacent development site was known.

- 1316 RESOLVED: That the Planning Department be advised that the Parish Council objects to the application for a telecommunication mast on Arden Road on the following grounds –

- That the long term effects of the pulsed radiation emitted by the antennae were not known;
- The proposed mast, due its design and siting in a prominent

position on the pavement would have an unacceptable visual impact on the area;

- The proposal for the maintenance of the mast requires that a vehicle is parked on a bend on Arden Road which was thought to present a danger to traffic;
- That determination of the application should be deferred until such time as the proposals for the development of the adjacent development site have been approved by the City Council.

Great Park – Planning Applications

Hereon, Councillor Grey reported that planning application for 2 no. three storey office blocks had been submitted for land at the great Park. He assumed that the applications related to the area around the old chapel.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Amendment to planning application S/01310/05/FUL involving amended layout and house types in respect of plots 12 and 37-43 to provide 8 revised houses (revised total of 43 dwellings); Land at Rubery Lane, Rubery, Birmingham

- 1317 Members were advised that the above application had been approved subject to the attached conditions –

(see Interleaved Document no 11)

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

There was nothing to report.

CROSS CITY LINE EXTENSION

There was nothing to report.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were none.

PAYMENTS

A Business Visa Credit Card

- 1318 The following Business Visa Credit Card Statement was noted -

(see Interleaved Document no.12)

B Schedule of Payments

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(see Interleaved Document no. 13)

It was proposed by Councillor Hollis, seconded by Councillor Williams and –

- 1319 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the Schedule now submitted, be approved.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

At 1955 hours, the meeting adjourned to enable the Members of the Public to raise issues of concern.

There being no issues to be raised the meeting was reconvened at 1955 hours.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

- 1320 RESOLVED: That, pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press be excluded for the meeting during the consideration of the following -

Private Minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2006

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It was proposed by Councillor Hollis, seconded by Councillor Bruckshaw and –

- 1321 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of that part of the meeting held in Private on 20 March 2006, together with the Minutes of the Public part submitted earlier in the meeting, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed and signed.

The meeting ended at 1956 hours.

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Chairperson