

**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, 15 August 2005 at 1930  
hours.

Present

Councillor Gareth Griffiths (In the Chair)

Councillors Linda Banks, Ian Bruckshaw, Eric Carter, Bill Hollis, Len  
Lovett, Geoffrey Stephenson, and Joanna Walker

Also in Mr Martin Packer – Resident, Lickey Park Estate  
attendance Mr Sid Grey  
Mr Andy Robson - Resident, Lickey Park Estate

There was 1 other member of the public in attendance

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for their inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of  
Councillors Denny (Holiday), Trefor-Jones (Holiday) and Williams (Holiday).

**MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Carter, seconded by Councillor Joanna Walker and  
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- 1191 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 18  
July 2005, having been previously circulated, were taken as read,  
confirmed and signed.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Bulk Collections**

- 1192 The Chairperson reported that the annual collections of Bulky items were due to  
commence in the Frankley area on 14th September. Leaflets giving details of the  
collection dates and items which would and would not be collected would be  
circulated to the collection areas approximately a week prior to the collection date.  
The Chairperson hoped that Members would undertake the distribution of the  
leaflets.

**QUESTIONS**

There were none.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL,  
HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMMITTEE – 1 AUGUST 2005**

- 1193 The following Minutes of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 1 August 2005 were noted.

(see interleaved document no. 1)

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**A Traffic Calming – New Inns Lane, Frankley**

- 1194 The following letter from Councillor Gregory, Cabinet Member for Transportation and Street services was noted.

(see interleaved document no 2)

**B Frankley Neighbourhood Office**

The following letter from Ian Ellis, Senior Manger, Northfield District was submitted –

(see interleaved document no 3)

The Chairperson reported that although Mr Ellis had been invited to attend the meeting, due to other commitments he was unable to do so. However, he had agreed to meet the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson and the Clerk on 16 September to discuss the issue of the delivery of the information and advice service at the Frankley Neighbourhood Office. In the meantime, he had given an assurance that the Office would continue to open on a Tuesday afternoon and that the surgeries would continue to be held each Wednesday afternoon, at the Frankley Library and Leisure Centre on an appointment basis for the over 60's, those residents with disabilities and carers.

- 1195 RESOLVED: That the communication be noted.

**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005**

The following letter from the External Auditor advising that he had given an unqualified opinion in relation to the Council's 2004/2005 Accounts and that there were no matters which he wished to be brought to the attention of the Council was submitted. Additionally, the letter from Mr D Hale, the Internal Auditor advising that he had nothing to bring to the Council's attention was also submitted -

(see interleaved documents 4 and 5)

- 1196 RESOLVED: That the communications from the External and Internal Auditors be noted.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were none.

## **DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 1197 The Clerk reported that the Planning Department had advised that the two applications for the installation of payphones/vending machines on New Street and Holly Hill Road had been refused. He added that the reasons given for refusal were similar in content to those advanced by the Council in support of its objection to the applications.

## **FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT**

- 1198 The Clerk reported that the South West Regeneration Team had recently advised that meetings of the Frankley Regeneration Group would be re-commencing starting on 16 August 2005.

## **CROSS CITY LINE EXTENSION**

There was nothing to report.

## **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

### **Pothole Repairs**

- 1199 Councillor Stevenson reported that officers of the City's Transportation Department had undertaken a Highways Inspection on the roads on Frankley and had, as had happened in previous years, marked those sections of highway in need of repair. Councillor Stevenson requested that the Parish Council ensured that the potholes and other repairs identified in the survey were actually carried out this year.

## **PAYMENTS**

### **A Business Visa Credit Card**

- 1200 The following Business Visa Credit Card Statement was noted -

(see interleaved document no. 6)

### **B Schedule of Payments**

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(see interleaved document no. 7)

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

- 1201 **RESOLVED:** That the payments, as set out in the Schedule now submitted, be approved.

## **LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

At 1937 hours, the meeting adjourned to enable the Members of the Public to raise issues of concern.

### **Parking – New Inns Lane**

Mr Packer circulated a copy of the Letters Page from the previous week's Bromsgrove Standard newspaper which contained a letter from him expressing, *inter alia*, his continuing concern regarding the dangers faced by residents exiting Lickey Park Estate onto New Inns Lane during the weekend due to the large number of vehicles parked on New Inns Lane by people attending the football matches/training sessions on the playing field/meadow. In particular he referred to the distress caused to one elderly resident whose son was unable to see the approaching traffic when exiting Thurloe Crescent due to the number and positioning of the parked vehicles.

The Chairperson pointed out that until the Highways engineers produced a revised Traffic management Scheme for the road, there was not much that the Parish Council was able to do.

Mr Robson, a resident of Thurloe Crescent, pointed out whilst the problem occurred on most weekend during the football season, the extent of the problem varied from weekend to weekend. On occasions it was really bad with drivers parking on New Inns Road with little regard to the problems caused to local residents and often the problem split over into Thurloe Crescent.

### **Garden Refuse – Collection of Green Bags**

Mr Grey reported that in the area in which he lived, the Green Bags had not been collected for at least two weeks. The problem had arisen in his opinion because residents had placed non-garden rubbish such as soil and bricks in the green refuse sacks which were not collected by the recycling crews but left for collection by the normal refuse crews. However, the normal crews did not collect them either – assuming that they would be collected by the recycling crews. What was required was for the recycling crews to undertake the green sack collection on the day prior to the normal refuse collection and that the normal refuse crews to be instructed to pick up any green sacks that remained uncollected from the day before. He added that before the green recycling scheme was introduced across Frankley the problem of the non-collection of green sacks needed to be addressed.

Councillor Carter indicated that the problem had been discussed at a previous meeting of the Environmental Services Review Team which was examining the effectiveness of the current Service Level Agreements across Frankley. He added that, as part of a new initiative, it was proposed to base an Environmental Services manager on Frankley so that if problems occurred there would be senior office on hand locally to deal with it. That was due to start in October.

There being no more matters to be raised, at 1954 hours the Chairperson reconvened the meeting.

**EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

- 1202 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 -

**Provision of CCTV System for the Parish Office**

**SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDING HELD IN PRIVATE**

**Minute No. 1203**

Approval given to the purchase of a CCTV system for the Parish Office together with two normal colour television sets and wall brackets so as to monitor the system.

The meeting ended at 1959 hours