

NEW FRANKLEY IN BIRMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the New Frankley in Birmingham Parish Council held at St Christopher's Church Centre, Holly Hill, Frankley on Monday, 18 September 2006 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Gareth Griffiths (in the Chair)

Councillors Linda Banks, Michael Denny, Sid Grey MBE, Bill Hollis, Len Lovett, Geoffrey Stephenson and Geoffrey Williams

There were no members of the public present.

MINUTES

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for their inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bruckshaw (Personal), Carter (Holiday), Trefor-Jones (Holiday) and Joanna Walker (Holiday).

MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Lovett, seconded by Councillor Williams, and -

- 1404 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21 August 2006, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 1405 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	Personal and Prejudicial - Member of the Project's Management Committee – Member left the room during determination of the application.
Michael Denny	Applications for Funding – Frankley Church Community Project	Personal and Prejudicial - Member of the Project's Management Committee – Member left the room during determination of the application.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

QUESTIONS

Green Recycling Bags

- 1406 Councillor Linda Banks expressed concern regarding the number of Green Recycling Bags which residents had put out but which had not been collected. In response the Chairperson stated that according to his investigations some of the bags had been put out for collection in the wrong week and therefore were not collected whilst others contained materials other than garden waste and were also not collected. He intended to include in his report in the forthcoming edition of the Neighbourhood News an item specifying the collection dates and materials which could be put in the bags.

Grass Cutting

- 1407 Councillor Hollis requested and it was agreed that the Clerk write to Tim Oates at Manor Farm regarding the mess left following the recent grass cutting in the area.

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

- 1408 The Minutes of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 5 September 2006 were noted.

(Interleaved document no. 1)

REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Frankley Police Meeting

- 1409 Councillor Stephenson reported that the following items which were of interest to the Parish Council were raised at the Police Liaison Meeting on 14 September.
- A progress report on the plans for the community use of the Forestdale school playing field was given;
 - All interested parties were to be invited to a site meeting to discuss the possibility of introducing traffic calming measures on Ormond Road following the recent fatal motor vehicle accident. Councillor Stephenson added that the bus operators should be consulted on any traffic calming proposals so as to ensure that, if traffic calming measures were introduced, the buses could still use Ormond Road.
 - The possibility of moving the speed visor, currently sited on Ormond Road, to Frogmill Road was agreed.
 - Following the discovery of used syringes in Oberon Close and the Holly

Hill shopping centre, the police undertook to arrange for their collection from a resident of Oberon Close.

Northfield Strategic Partnership

- 1410 The Chairperson reported that at a recent meeting of the NSP, the problems caused to early shift workers by the non-arrival of some of the early morning 'bus services was raised. It had been agreed that Ian Ellis would take it up with the 'bus companies concerned.

COMMUNICATIONS

A Toucan Crossing – New Inns Lane

- 1411 The following letter from the Highways Department was noted –
(Interleaved documents no. 2)

B Ormond Road, Frankley

- 1412 The following letter from the District Engineer was noted –
(Interleaved document no.3)

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Frankley Church Community Project

The following application for £1245.28 to cover the editorial costs provided by the Project in producing the next three editions of the Neighbourhood News was submitted –

(Interleaved document no. 4)

The Clerk explained that because changes to the funding of the Project and cessation of the NRF grant which previously covered the Editorial costs, the Project could not continue to bear the productions costs of the News without external funding assistance. However, this grant, if approved, could only be a short term measure and it was his intention that, when Andy Ross returned from Australia, to organise a meeting with Andy Ross, Councillors Bruckshaw and Grey and himself to discuss the options for the future funding of the News.

Following some further brief discussion it was proposed by Councillor Grey, seconded by Councillor Hollis and -

- 1413 **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 £1245.28 to cover the editorial costs incurred by the Frankley Church Community Project in producing the next three editions

of the Frankley Neighbourhood News, the grant to be paid in three equal instalments upon publication of the each of the next three editions of the Neighbourhood News.

PLANNING APPLICATION

S/05560/06/NOT

Holly Hill Road, Land adjacent to playing fields, Frankley, Birmingham Installation of 10m street works monopole, with three antennae within plastic shroud and equipment cabinets

The following planning application for a telecommunications mast on Holly Hill Road was submitted –

(Interleaved documents no.5)

Following a brief discussion it was –

- 1414 RESOLVED: That the Planning Committee be advised that the Parish Council objects to the installation of a telecommunication mast and equipment cabinets, as more particularly referred to in Planning Application S/05560/06/NOT for the following reasons –
- The proximity of the installation to the Forestdale School bearing in mind the findings of the Stewart Report;
 - The proposed installation would be a visual intrusion on the street scene.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

The Longbridge Area Plan

Councillor Grey referred to Spring 2006 edition of Future 4 Longbridge newsletter entitled Moving Forward which made several references to a Longbridge Area Action Plan.

(Interleaved document no.6)

- 1415 He went on to express concern that the Plan appeared to only be applicable to the actual site of the former MG Rover works and did not include the Great Park or Frankley areas. Additionally, the City Council had actively promoted the A38 Technology Corridor and had given the impression that the proposed technology park on the former Rover site would cover a substantial area but, according to the map in the Newsletter, the Longbridge Technology Park constituted a very small area on the North side of Longbridge Lane. Councillor Grey was also concerned that the City Council, when it published the Outline Planning Brief for the Longbridge Site, had determined that there would be no large supermarkets built on the site but that the aim was to build community

based facilities to serve the local community. Whilst the Newsletter echoed the Brief in that the Plan would provide a town heart for Longbridge, he had been told that Tesco would be making an application for a major store when the land became available and, should that application be successful, that decision could adversely impact on the development of the Frankley centre. The Newsletter also made reference to the provision of a rapid transport link to Frankley but did not specify how such a link could be achieved although he was aware that there was a suggestion to open up the Rover road as a bus lane.

Given the omission of the Frankley plans and the Great Park from the Newsletter, Councillor Grey suggested that the Council carefully scrutinise future editions of the Newsletter to ensure that VisionTWENTYONE, the publishers of the newsletter, recognised the existence of Frankley and that the development of the Longbridge site did not adversely impact on the Great Park or Frankley.

CROSS CITY LINE EXTENSION

There was nothing to report

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Car Park, New Inns Lane

- 1416 In response to Councillor Hollis' concern as to the time taken to complete the car park on the site of the former underpass on New Inns Lane, the Chairperson reported that he had been advised that the site was very near completion and would be open either on the coming weekend or the next weekend.

PAYMENTS

(i) Business Visa Credit Card

The following Business Visa Credit Card Statement was submitted -

(Interleaved document no 7)

It was proposed by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Linda Banks, and –

- 1417 RESOLVED: That the VISA Credit Card Statement, as now submitted, be approved.

(ii) Schedule of Payments

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(Interleaved document no 8)

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

- 1418 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the Schedule now submitted, be approved.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

At 2034 hours, the meeting adjourned to enable the Members of the Public to raise issues of concern.

There being no issues to be raised by the public the meeting was reconvened at 2034 hours

The meeting ended at 2034 hours

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Chairperson