

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, 19 June 2006 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Gareth Griffiths (in the Chair)

Councillors Linda Banks, Eric Carter, Michael Denny, Bill Hollis, Len Lovett, Geoffrey Stephenson, Joanna Walker and Geoffrey Williams

Also in Attendance Mr D Grant, 65 Brightstone Road

MINUTES

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for their inability to attend the meeting were received from Councillors Bruckshaw (Illness), Grey (Work commitments) and Trefor-Jones (Holiday).

MINUTES

Councillor Stephenson pointed out that in the 9th line of the second paragraph of Minute no. 1350, in error, the word senor had been used instead of sensor.

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

- 1353 RESOLVED: That, subject to the amendment referred to above, the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15 May 2006, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(i) Visit by Members of the City Council's Local Services and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee

- 1354 The Chairperson announced that the Members of the above Scrutiny Committee were proposing to visit Frankley to talk to Members and attend a Parish Council meeting on 17 July. Although the meeting would commence as scheduled at 1930 hours, he requested that Members make themselves

available from 1830 hours – further details of the visit would be sent to Members prior to the next meeting.

(ii) Presentation by Mr Mirza Ahmad, the City Council's Chief Legal Officer.

1355 The Chairperson announced that Mirza Ahmad would be attending the September meeting of the Council in order to give a presentation on Ethical Standards and Community Government.

(iii) Sale of Parish Vehicle.

1356 The Chairperson advised Members that the Parish Vehicle had recently been sold.

QUESTIONS

Timing of Toucan Crossing, New Inns Lane

1357 Councillor Joanna Walker requested that the Highways Department be approached with a view to amending the timing on the Toucan Crossing on New Inns Lane which, currently, required the pedestrian wishing to use the crossing to wait an inordinate amount of time after pressing the button.

FIFTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES – 16 AND 17 OCTOBER 2006 – ICC BIRMINGHAM

It was proposed by Councillor Joanna Walker, seconded by Councillor Carter, and –

1358 RESOLVED: That the attendance of the Chairperson at the Fifth Annual Assembly of Standards Committees to be held at the ICC Birmingham on 16th and 17th October be approved.

ANNUAL RETURN AND AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006

(i) Statement of Accounts and Statement of Assurance

The following Statement of Accounts and Statement of Assurance were submitted –

(Interleaved document no 1)

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

1359 RESOLVED: That the Statement of Accounts and the Statement of Assurance, as now submitted, be approved.

(ii) Report of the Internal Auditor

The following report of the internal Auditor in connection with the Council's

Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2006 was submitted –

(Interleaved documents no 2)

The Clerk advised Members that, in the light of the comments of the Internal Auditor regarding the payment of goods/services with the Council's Credit Card, he would be submitting revised Financial Regulations/Standing Orders to the next meeting for consideration.

- 1360 RESOLVED: That the Internal Auditor's report be noted and that, in the light of the Internal Auditor's comments regarding payment for goods/services with the Council's Credit Card, it be noted that the Clerk will be submitting revised Financial Regulations/Standing Orders to the next meeting for consideration

NJC CAR ALLOWANCES 2006/2007

The following schedule of car allowances agreed by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services with effect from 1 April 2006 were submitted –

(Interleaved document no 3)

- 1361 RESOLVED: That the mileage rates, as set out in the document now submitted, be approved and adopted as the basis for the payment of vehicle allowances for the Members Allowance Scheme and the Clerk.

LONGBRIDGE STRATEGIC RAIL PARK AND RIDE – PUBLIC CONSULTATION.

- 1362 The following letter from Mr Tom Magrath, Projects Director, CENTRO, advising of a public consultation exercise to be undertaken in June was noted –

(Interleaved document no 4)

PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF PLANS AND PROGRAMMES REGULATIONS 2004 LONGBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN – DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT – CONSULTATION ON THE SCOPE AND LEVEL OF DETAIL TO BE INCLUDED IN SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL/SEA REPORT

The following letter from the Local Planning Department of the City Council was submitted –

(Interleaved document no 5)

- 1363 It was agreed that, in view of the technical nature of the documents referred to in the letter that the Parish Council would not, at this juncture, submit any views. However, it was agreed that the scoping report be made available for inspection by Members.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**(i) Erection of 12 metre high telecommunication mast with three antennae and equipment cabinet
Arden Road, Nr Holly Hill, Frankley, Birmingham**

1364 Members were advised that the above mentioned application had been refused for the reasons set out in the attached document –

(Interleaved document no 6)

**(ii) Creation of additional office accommodation at first floor unit 2,
Arden Business Park, Arden Road, Frankley, Birmingham**

1365 Members were advised that the above mentioned application had been approved subject to the conditions set out in the attached document –

(Interleaved document no 7)

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

There was nothing to report

CROSS CITY LINE EXTENSION

There was nothing to report

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

(i) Safety Inspection – Pavements in the Frankley Area

1366 Councillor Stephenson referred to the letter the Clerk had received from the City's Highways Maintenance – South Division regarding the repairs to pavements raised at the last meeting.

(Interleaved document no 8)

The letter referred to safety inspections being carried out at six monthly intervals with the next inspection due in August 2006. He requested that the Council write to the Technical Officer requesting that he be permitted to accompany the officer on the next inspection of the Highways and Pavements in the Frankley area as he did not believe that all the faults/potholes were being picked up.

(ii) FCCP Annual General Meeting

1367 Councillor Denny reminded Members that the Annual General Meeting of the Project was to be held at the new St Leonard's Church Hall on Thursday 29 June commencing at 7.30pm. He hoped that as many as were able would

attend the meeting and enjoy the beef supper.

PAYMENTS

(i) Business Visa Credit Card

The following Business Visa Credit Card Statement was submitted -

(Interleaved document no 9)

It was proposed by Councillor Carter, seconded by Councillor Hollis, and -

1368 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 10)

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

1369 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the Schedule now submitted, be approved.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

At 1952 hours, the meeting adjourned to enable the Members of the Public to raise issues of concern.

Lack of Street Lighting 61 – 71 Brightstone Road

Mr Grant, 65 Brightstone Road referred to the lack of street lighting in the vicinity of 61 to 71 Brightstone Road. He informed Members that because of the lack of adequate lighting, three cars were broken into on the previous Saturday night.

Councillor Carter stated that he had been attempting to sort out the problem with the Ward Support Officer but because some of the land was owned by a private company which appeared to be reluctant to contribute funding towards the cost of providing lights, the situation had reached a stalemate. However, he undertook to take up the matter with the Ward Support Officer again.

There being no further issues to be raised by the public the meeting was reconvened at 1957 hours

The meeting ended at 1957 hours

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Chairperson