

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, 15 October 2007 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Gareth Griffiths (In the Chair)

Councillors Linda Banks, Sid Grey MBE, Bill Hollis, Len Lovett, Des Rogers, Geoff Stephenson, Stephen Trefor-Jones, Joanna Walker and Geoff Williams

There was 1 Member of the Public in attendance.

PUBLIC MINUTES

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1632 An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor Bruckshaw (Work Commitments).

MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Trefor-Jones, and -

- 1633 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20 August 2007, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quality Parish Council Status

- 1634 The Chairperson reported that he and the Clerk would be attending the Quality Parish Council Accreditation Panel meeting at the offices of WALC the next morning.

QUESTIONS

Land at Gannow Manor Farm

- 1635 Councillor Joanna Walker, referring to the agriculture land at the rear of Romany Road which was currently for sale, questioned whether any

development application had been submitted. The Clerk advised that Bromsgrove District Council had not advised of any application but that he would contact the Council to clarify the situation.

COMMUNICATION

CENTRO – Graffiti on Bus Shelters in Ormond Road, Frankley

The following letter from CENTRO advising of the action taken regarding the graffiti on the bus shelters was submitted -

(Interleaved document no. 1)

It was reported that the incidence of graffiti on the shelters had reduced in recent weeks and that the shelters were being cleaned regularly.

In response to a question from Councillor Grey regarding the bus shelters on Arden Road which had recently been removed, the Chairperson advised that new shelters with electronic destination boards would be installed in the near future to replace those recently removed.

Councillor Stephenson referred to the lack of seats in one of the shelters on Ormond Road which he had raised with Councillor Sue Barton.

1636 RESOLVED: That the content of the letter be noted.

REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS TO WHICH MEMBERS BELONG

There were none.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS – PERIOD ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2007

1637 The following analysis of the Income and Expenditure for the period ending 30 September 2007 was noted –

(Interleaved document no. 2)

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

1638 The Clerk reported that, as advised at the previous Council meeting, potential developers had submitted draft proposals for the development of the Centre. Those proposals had been assessed by the City's planning officers with

reference to the project's planning guidance and developers advised of any changes the planners considered necessary in order to meet the guidance requirements. All developers had now resubmitted amended proposals which were currently being evaluated by a panel consisting of City Council officers and Grimley's with a view to preparing a report for submission to the November meeting of the Cabinet. Regarding the area of land currently used as a car park by WMSNT, although the preferred option was for the City to lease the land to WMSNT, as the land was originally part of the package offered to developers, the proposal to remove the land from the package and lease it to WMSNT was subject to Cabinet approval.

TRANSPORT ISSUES

- 1639 Regarding the decision on the possible reinstatement of heavy rail link, Members were reminded that at the last meeting, Councillor Bedser had undertaken to ensure that the decision as to whether or not the heavy rail link was to be reinstated would be communicated to the Parish Council without further delay. Councillor Trefor-Jones agreed to take the matter up with the Councillor with a view to communicating the decision to the next meeting.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Frankley Health Centre

- 1640 Councillor Rogers expressed concern regarding the Frankley Health Centre and in particular the need for patients to go to St Heliers in Northfield for some minor procedures, such as removal of stitches and renewal of dressings, which were undertaken in other surgeries but not at the Frankley Health Centre. Additionally, it was his opinion that the number of patients registered at the Centre was declining and he was concerned that unless action was taken to arrest that decline there was a possibility of losing the Centre. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the South Birmingham PCT advising of the above concerns.

Police Liaison Committee – Annual General Meeting

- 1641 Councillor Trefor-Jones reminded Members that the Annual General Meeting of the Police Liaison Committee would be held on Thursday 15 November 2007 at 7.00 pm at the Reaside Centre.

PAYMENTS

(i) Business Visa Credit Card

The following Business Visa Credit Card Statement was submitted -

(Interleaved document no. 3)

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

- 1642 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. 4)

It was proposed by Councillor Trefor-Jones, seconded by Councillor Lovett,
and -

1643 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the Schedule now submitted,
be approved.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

**At 1959 hours, it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to enable
the Members of the Public to raise issues of concern.**

**There being no issues to be raised by the public, Standing Orders
were reinstated at 1959 hours**

The meeting ended at 1959 hours.

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Chairperson