

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,
16th February 2009 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Sid Grey MBE (in the Chair)

Councillors Linda Banks, Ian Bruckshaw, Eric Carter, Bill Hollis, Len Lovett,
Geoff Stephenson, Stephen Trefor-Jones, Des Rogers and Joanna Walker

Also in Attendance Ward Councillors Sue Barton and Ken Wood and David Grant (Local Resident)

MINUTES

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1947 An apology for absence was submitted and accepted for the reason given on behalf of Councillor Griffiths (Illness).

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (EXISTENCE AND NATURE) WITH REGARD TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No member of the public wished to speak on any Agenda item.

MINUTES

Councillor Lovett pointed out an error in the spelling of 'Powers' in the penultimate heading on page 727 of the Minutes. It was agreed that the Minute be amended accordingly.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor Lovett, seconded by Councillor Bruckshaw, and -

- 1948 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, as amended, held on 19th January, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

QUESTIONS

There were no questions

REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS TO WHICH MEMBERS BELONG

Frankley Resilience Team

- 1949 Councillor Bruckshaw reported that the meeting of the Flood Committee scheduled for 29th January had been cancelled due to the inclement weather and had been rescheduled for the 24th February. With regard to the local Resilience Team, he had emailed a number of questions to Veronica Coleman who was the Resilience Team Member responsible for Longbridge, relating to procedures to be implemented on Frankley in the case of an emergency such as the use of the Reaside Centre but was still awaiting a response.

Security Coding

- 1950 Councillor Trefor-Jones reported that the Police Liaison committee was organising sessions for the security coding of bikes, electrical DIY/garden equipment in the area. Successful sessions had already been held at the Reaside Centre and the Toby Jug PH in Rubery and it was hoped to organise further sessions in the coming months. He added that the next meeting of the PLC was scheduled for 19th March at the Reaside Centre.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Details of each of the following planning application had been available for Members' to view at the Parish Office prior to the meeting.

A S/065456/08/FUL

**Longbridge Lane, Site at Longbridge North, Longbridge, Birmingham
Development of college facility (Class D1) with associated landscaping, parking
and access arrangements**

- 1951 The Chairperson commented that the application would be the first of many planning applications to be submitted for the development of the former MG Rover site. There was a lot of detail to consider in the application and he advised that copies of the plans would be available at the parish office if anyone wished to study them.

B S/00221/09/FUL

**20 Arden Road, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham B45 0JA
Retention of 1 no. ATM Machine**

- 1952 It was agreed that the application be supported as the ATM was a much needed community facility.

C S/00222/09/ADV

**20 Arden Road, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham B45 0JA
Retention of display of 1 no. internally illuminated ATM Surround**

1953 Again, it was agreed to support the application on the above grounds.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

LONGBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN

1954 Chairperson reported that the Inspector's report following the Examination in Public had been published and in the opinion of the Inspector, the Plan was 'sound'. The Council's contention that the consultation process had been flawed had been dismissed. Although the Inspector had recommended minor revisions to the plan, the majority of those had been agreed between the parties at the Examination hearings. Approval of the Plan meant that the reinstatement of the heavy rail link between Longbridge and Frankley would not take place. However, now that the Plan had been approved, Councillor Grey suggested that it was time to talk to CENTRO regarding public transport provision in south west Birmingham.

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

The following document detailing the Council's views in response to the consultation proposals recently circulated was submitted for Members' information-

(Interleaved document no. 1)

1955 Following the recent consultation exercise, the South Planning, Development and Regeneration team were now preparing a report taking into account the views expressed during the consultation. It had been accepted that as a result of the economic downturn, the original plans for the development of the Centre would not now take place and as a result initial discussions were taking place with a view to putting together a proposal for social housing. As the proposed retail outlet would not now be built, it had been accepted that of the three options circulated, only option C was now a feasible proposition.

TRANSPORT MATTERS

1956 See under Longbridge Area Action Plan

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Hedge/Bush Cutting on the Estate

1957 Councillor Rogers expressed his concern regarding the recent decimation of the bushes/hedges on Frankley which, in his opinion, had disturbed wildlife living within them and he questioned as to the department responsible. However, Councillor Trefor-Jones welcomed the pruning of the hedges/bushes as a crime prevention measure making it difficult for criminals to hide in the bushes. In response to the comments, Councillor Bruckshaw reported that his wife had telephoned Manor Farm to complain that the hedge at the side of their property had been severely cut back and had subsequently received a letter from Manor Farm advising that her complaint would be investigated and responded to.

Resilience Team

1958 Councillor Bruckshaw reported that he was attempting to obtain from the City Council, details of the programs of work including the scheduled drain cleansing, maintenance of the river banks, culvert monitoring all of which would assist in the alleviated of the risk of flooding.

The Future for Parish and Town Councils – WALC One day seminar, Myton School, Warwick

1959 It was agreed that the following be authorised to attend the aforementioned Seminar – Councillors Bruckshaw, Carter, Grey, Trefor-Jones and Joanna Walker plus the Clerk

PAYMENTS

(A) Business Visa Credit Card

1960 The following Business Visa Credit Card Statement was noted -

(Interleaved document nos. 2)

(B) Schedule of Payments

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(Interleaved document no. 3)

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

1961 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the Schedule now submitted, be approved.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Resilience Team

1962 Councillor Sue Barton advised that she would email the information Cllr Bruckshaw was seeking regarding the drainage cleaning programme on Frankley.

The meeting ended at 2010 hours

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Chairperson

Date