

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, 18th August 2008 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Sid Grey MBE (in the Chair)

Councillors Linda Banks, Karan Bolton, Eric Carter, Gareth Griffiths, Bill Hollis, Len Lovett, Des Rogers, Geoffrey Stephenson, Stephen Trefor-Jones and Joanna Walker

Also in Attendance David Joynes (Resident of Brightstone Road)

MINUTES

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1829 An apology for absence because of ongoing recovery from an operation was received from Councillor Bruckshaw. The apology was accepted.

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

There were no statements.

MINUTES

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

1830 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st July 2008, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE

CENTRO – Response to matters raised at the public meeting

1831 The following letter from Geoff Inskip, Chief Executive of CENTRO was noted –

(Interleaved document no. 1)

QUESTIONS

Change to the Membership of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee

Councillor Stephenson stated that, due to personal reasons, he wished to resign from the membership of the above Committee with immediate effect. Accordingly, upon receipt of a nomination it was –

1832 RESOLVED: That, for the remainder of the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2009, Councillor Joanna Walker be appointed to serve on the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee in the place of Councillor Stephenson who has resigned.

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

1833 The following Minutes of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 4th August 2008 were noted –

(Interleaved document no. 2)

REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS TO WHICH MEMBERS BELONG

Balaam's Wood LNR Management Committee

1834 Councillor Carter reported that he and Councillor Trefor Jones had attended the inaugural meeting of the above Committee. There was to a further meeting sometime in September at which the various officers of the Committee were to be appointed.

City Council Standards Committee

1835 Councillor Carter reported that he had attended a meeting of the above Committee at which 3 cases of alleged misconduct had been considered.

Longbridge Consultative Committee

1836 Councillor Carter stated that he and Councillor Grey had attended a meeting of the above Committee. Councillor Grey stated that it was apparent at the meeting that many of the

group were now realising that the concerns articulated by the Parish Council actually had substance.

Gating of Rear Access Ways

- 1837 Councillor Hollis reported that at a recent HLB meeting, Ms Kate Anderson had stated that the proposal to provide gates to secure the pathways between Bute Close and Princess Diane Walk and Lismore Close and Skomer Close would not be installed as the pathways were Public Right of Ways which could only be blocked off by lengthy legal process.

Plodcast

- 1838 Councillor Trefor-Jones reported that, after consultation with the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson and the Clerk, at the invitation of the local police he had recorded a piece about the Parish Council which would be appearing on the WM Police website.

PARISH OFFICE – RENEWAL OF LEASE

The following terms of the new lease for the parish office were submitted -

(Interleaved document no. 3)

Following a brief discussion, it was –

- 1839 RESOLVED: That the new lease for the Parish Office on the terms set out the Landlord's Proposals for a New Tenancy be approved and the Clerk be authorised to sign the new lease on behalf of the Council.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – 30TH JUNE 2008

- 1840 The following report of the Clerk setting out the Receipts and Payments for the period ending 30th June 2008 was noted.

(Interleaved document no. 4)

ANNUAL RETURN 2007/2008

The following letter from Clement Keys, the External Auditor regarding matters to be addressed was submitted –

(Interleaved document no. 5)

The Clerk reported that having addressed the matters referred to in the foregoing correspondence, the Council had received an unqualified audit opinion.

- 1841 RESOLVED: That the content of the forgoing correspondence and the receipt of an unqualified audit opinion be noted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- A S/04213/08/FUL**
45 Thurloe Crescent, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham B45 9YN
Erection of conservatory

1842 There was no objection to the aforementioned application.

- B S/03829/08/FUL**
77 Miranda Close, Rubery Rednal, Birmingham B45 0EH
Erection of two storey side extension, single- storey rear extension with balcony over, conservatory and retention of detached garage to rear

1843 There was no objection to the aforementioned application.

- C S/04203/08/NOT**
The Dingle Social Club, New Street, Rubery, Birmingham B45 0BP
Installation of 12m mast supporting 3 antennas (total height 14.4m) with single equipment cabinet

That the Planning Department be advised that the Parish Council objects to the application for a telecommunication mast on Arden Road on the following grounds –

- That the long term health risks of the pulsed radiation emitted by the antennae were not known - this was of particular concern given the close proximity of residential properties to the proposed development;
- The proposed mast, due to its siting in a prominent position would have an unacceptable visual impact on the area.

1844 RESOLVED: That the Planning Department be advised of the above objections.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- A S/02920/08/FUL**
Frankley High School, New Street, Rednal, Birmingham B45 0EU
Installation of two, 25 metre high wind turbines

The Conditions and Reasons relating to the approval for the development were submitted –

(Interleaved document no. 6)

1845 It was noted that the Clerk had written to the District Planning Officer expressing the Council's disappointment that, given the scale of the proposed development, which it was felt would have a visual impact on the surrounding area, the Planning Department had not taken the opportunity of widening the area of consultation so as to include more residents effected by the proposed development. Councillor Rogers, referring to the

conditions attached to the approval of the development pointed out one of the conditions required the school, should the turbines become obsolete or disused, then the columns and the turbines should be dismantled and removed from the site in order to safeguard the local tenant's visual amenities. He suggested that the Planning Department had effectively ignored residents' visual amenities in granting approval for the development.

B S/01886/08/FUL
First Floor, 19-21 Ormond Road, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham B45 0JD
Retention of canopy at first floor

1846 The Conditions and Reasons relating to the approval for the development were noted –

(Interleaved document no. 7)

C S/00895/08/FUL
14 Queen Elizabeth Road, Rubery, Birmingham B45 0NE
Erection of single storey garage extension to side

1847 The Conditions and Reasons relating to the approval for the development were noted –

(Interleaved document no. 8)

D S/01129/08/FUL
Frankley Community Centre, New Street, Frankley, Birmingham B45 0EU
Erection of extension to create additional classroom

1848 The Conditions and Reasons relating to the approval for the development were noted -

(Interleaved document no. 9)

LONGBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN

1849 The Chairperson reported that he, Councillor Carter and the Clerk had attended a Pre-Examination meeting on 5th August, at which the Planning Inspector appointed to examine the LAAP had set out the procedures to be followed at the Examination. Since that meeting the Inspector had circulated a list of questions seeking further information regarding points raised in the Council's and the other parties' submissions. In connection with the Examination, he, Councillor Trefor-Jones and the Clerk had met various officers of the City Council to discuss whether there were any areas of common ground which the Inspector did not need to examine. Those areas were set out in the letter which he now submitted –

(Interleaved document no. 10)

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

There was nothing to report.

TRANSPORT MATTERS

There was nothing to report.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Alternations to Parking Provision in the front of Gannow Manor Shops.

- 1850 Councillor Carter reported that the work to remove the refuges in front of the shops and the resurfacing work had started.

Former Neighbourhood Office, Holly Hill Shops

- 1851 Councillor Carter commented that the former Neighbourhood Office on the parade had recently been taken over and was currently being converted into a delicatessen

Excessive Parking – New Inns Lane

- 1852 Councillor Linda Banks reported that due to the large number of vehicles parked on the Worcestershire side of New Inns Lane, cars travelling from the direction of Rubery towards the Boleyn Road junction were forced to travel along the middle of the road thus causing possible dangers to oncoming traffic. Additionally, cars were parked on the double yellow lines at the junction of New Inns Lane/Thurloe Crescent. Although the club provided a car parking area, this apparently was locked so that it was not available. Councillor Trefor-Jones stated that the situation was similar on the following Sunday.

The Clerk advised that he was aware that the situation had been reported to the Police regarding the instances of illegal parking and that the Football Club had been urged to remind its members of the need to park considerately.

Speed Checks

- 1853 Councillor Trefor-Jones reported that, following on from recent Police Liaison Meeting, the Police were carrying out speed checks on Holly Hill Road.

PAYMENTS

(A) Business Visa Credit Card

- 1854 The following Business Visa Credit Card Statement was noted -

(Interleaved document no. 11)

(B) Schedule of Payments

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(Interleaved document no. 12)

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

1855 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the Schedule now submitted, be approved.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were none.

The meeting ended at 2025 hours

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Chairperson