

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, 19th January 2009 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Sid Grey MBE (in the Chair)

Councillors Ian Bruckshaw, Gareth Griffiths, Bill Hollis, Len Lovett, Geoff Stephenson, Des Rogers and Joanna Walker

Also in Attendance
Ward Councillor Keith Barton

MINUTES

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1929 Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted for the reasons given on behalf of Councillors Linda Banks (Family commitment), Carter (Illness) and Trefor-Jones (Family 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

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

1930 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th December 2008, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

Planning Application – Telecommunications Mast

1931 Councillor Roger expressed concern that, at the last meeting, although it was not recorded in the Minutes, Councillor Trefor-Jones had appeared to indicate that the Council always objected to Telecommunication Mast Planning Applications irrespective of

the circumstances. In response, the Chairperson stated that despite Government assurances regarding the radiation emitted from the masts, the community still had concerns as to the long term effects of the pulsed radiation emitted. The Council had therefore, bearing in mind residents' concerns, when considering previous applications, objected to the application only after careful consideration but particularly if the mast was to be sited close to residential properties or schools. He gave an assurance that all planning applications, including those for Telecommunication Masts, received full consideration before any decision was made.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

QUESTIONS

There were no questions

COMMUNICATIONS

The Power of the Promotion of Economic, Social or Environmental Well Being – Legal Briefing from NALC regarding guidance on the Draft Order

- 1932 The following briefing document from NALC providing guidance on the draft order was noted –
(Interleaved document no. 1)

REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS TO WHICH MEMBERS BELONG

Police Liaison Committee Meeting 15th January 2009

- 1933 Councillor Hollis reported that at the last Police Liaison Committee, the Police had advised of two tranches of funding which had been secured to (i) provide training in the use of laser speed guns and (ii) £1000 for the purchase of fluorescence jackets for 10 schools in the area.

Chairman stated that although action could not be taken against drivers caught speeding by a civilian using a laser gun, the information would be passed on to the Traffic Division who would write to the driver concerned warning that if they were caught speeding again within the next twelve months, they would be prosecuted.

Frankley Resilience Team

- 1934 Councillor Bruckshaw advised that a meeting of the Frankley Resilience Team was to take place in the Parish Office on Tuesday 20th January at 7.30pm.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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45 Thurloe Crescent, Rubery, Birmingham B45 9YN Erection of conservatory

- 1935 The Conditions and Reasons relating to the approval for the development were noted –

(Interleaved document no.2)

LONGBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN

- 1936 The Chairperson advised that it was hoped that the outcome of the Examination in Public would be available at the Longbridge Consultation Meeting on 29th January.

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

- 1937 Chairperson reported that the City Council's Planning and Regeneration Team had published a consultative document of draft proposals for the refurbishment of the Holly Hill shopping parade.

He considered that, of the three options proposed, only the third was feasible. However, he had concerns regarding the placement of a youth shelter on the land between the school and the centre due to the proximity of residential properties. Additionally, the report blamed the Housing Department for a lack of maintenance which had resulted in the current poor state of the shops, and he questioned whether, if refurbished, the City Council would ensure that the units were properly maintained.

Following brief discussion it was agreed to produce a corporate response which would be circulated to all members for approval.

TRANSPORT MATTERS

- 1938 Councillor Bruckshaw reported that at a recent Forum meeting, concerns had been raised regarding the possibility of the Halesowen bus depot closing down.

Councillor Stephenson reported that the firm which operated the 202 service, Ludlow's, had been bought out by Central Connect. He was concerned that this could have an adverse effect on the provision of the 202 service and that there was a need to keep an eye on situation.

USE OF DELEGATED POWERS BY THE CLERK

- 1939 The action of the Clerk in ordering 30,000 'poop scoops' at a cost of £7.63 per thousand was noted.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Frankley High School Technology Unit

- 1940 Councillor Bruckshaw reported that the previous Thursday, he had attended the opening of the wind turbine. During his visit to the school he had looked round the Advanced Technology Unit and had been pleased to learn that the Unit was held in such high regard across the country. Diploma courses in Technology were offered by the unit which were tailored to the need of employers and which would assist school leavers to get a job when they left school.

BT Junction Box – Ormond Road

- 1941 Councillor Stephenson was pleased to note that the BT junction box on Ormond Road had been repaired following damage as a result of a RTA

PAYMENTS

(A) Business Visa Credit Card

- 1942 The following Business Visa Credit Card Statement was noted -

(Interleaved documents nos. 3)

(B) Schedule of Payments

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(Interleaved document no. 4)

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

- 1943 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the Schedule now submitted, be approved.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Application for Telecommunication Mast – New Street, Frankley

- 1944 Councillor Barton referred to the application for the installation of a telecommunication mast which was considered at the last meeting of the Council. He had since been advised that the Planning Committee, at its meeting on 15th January, had, on the recommendation of the officers, granted planning consent on the grounds that it was likely that should the applicant go to appeal, then that appeal would be successful.

Frankley Centre Development

- 1945 Councillor Barton felt that the proposed youth shelter on the land between the school and the shopping centre would be of benefit to the area; located as it would be in a

central location, in plain view, and would enable youth workers to make contact.

Councillor Grey replied by pointing out that the Council had to bear in mind the needs of all residents, and that if the shelter was located between the school and the shops, the noise would disturb residents in the flats above the shops. He went on to subject that consideration be given to locating the shelter and the MUGA on the site of the former Railway Station which had the advantages of being centrally located but isolated from residential properties.

Changes to 61, 62 and 63 Timetable

- 1946 Councillor Barton advised that, as a result of gas pipe replacement works at the Priory Road, Bristol Road Junction, the times of the 61, 62 and 63 buses had been amended to allow for increased journey times. Additionally, there would be substitute buses at Oak Tree Lane which could be used if required.

The meeting ended at 2015hours

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Chairperson

Date