

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,
20th October 2008 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Sid Grey MBE (in the Chair)

Councillors Linda Banks, Karan Bolton, Gareth Griffiths, Bill Hollis, Len Lovett,
Des Rogers and Joanna Walker

Also in Councillor Ken Wood (Longbridge Ward Councillor)

Attendance Dave Grant (Resident of Brightstone Road)

MINUTES

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1872 Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of Councillors Ian Bruckshaw (Holiday), Eric Carter (Holiday), Geoffrey Stephenson (Family Bereavement) and Stephen Trefor-Jones (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 Council or of the Public wished to speak on any Agenda item.

MINUTES

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

- 1873 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th September 2008, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

2009/2010 Budget

- 1874 The Chairperson reminded members that the Council' budget for the next financial year would be presented for consideration and approval to the next meeting. Any member wishing to propose a project for inclusion should therefore contact the Clerk.

Christmas Meal

- 1875 The Chairperson requested that members give some thought to the venue and timing of the Council's Christmas Meal.

QUESTIONS

There were no questions

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

- 1876 The following Minutes of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 29th September 2008 were noted –

(Interleaved document no. 1)

REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS TO WHICH MEMBERS BELONG

The Birmingham Resilience Team

- 1877 The Chairperson reported that he and Councillor Carter had attended a recent meeting organised by the BRT. A further meeting at which more details of BRT's activities would be discussed was scheduled for 30th October. The Chairperson advised that he had raised the matter of the use of the Reaside Centre as an emergency centre for Frankley. Officers of the BRT had thought it to be a good idea and had agreed to give the suggestion further consideration. Councillor Karan Bolton advised that she would raise the matter at the meeting of the Reaside Management Committee on 11th November. Councillor Grey stated that the offer of the Reaside Centre had been discussed before; the owner of the shop next door had indicated his willingness to provide essentials in the event of an emergency (tea/coffee/milk/sugar). However there was a need to ensure that the emergency lighting system was functioning properly.

Police Liaison Committee

- 1878 Councillor Hollis advised that the Police Liaison Annual General Meeting was to be held on Thursday 20th November at 7.00pm at the Reaside Centre.

GRANT APPLICATION

Summer Activities 2008

The following application for funding of £2,700 towards the cost of providing Summer Activities programme during the school summer holidays was submitted -

(Interleaved document no. 2)

In response to a question from Councillor Rogers regarding the lack of bank account information on the form, the Clerk pointed out that the Group had no bank account but that the grant was paid into the school's account and drawn down as required. The Clerk undertook to amend the application form as required.

It was proposed by Councillor Linda Banks, seconded by Councillor Joanna Walker, and –

- 1879 RESOLVED: That, the Council, in accordance with its powers under Sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, agree to incur the following expenditure, which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or of its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure; a contribution of £2,700 towards the cost of the Summer Activities 08.

TOWN AND PARISH STANDARD

- 1880 The following newsletter from the Standards Board for England was noted -

(Interleaved document no. 3)

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

LONGBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN

- 1881 Chairperson reported that he and the Clerk had attended sessions of the LAAP Examination in Public. It had been an opportunity for the Council to air its concerns as part of the Public Examination of the Plan. The issues raised related to insufficient consultation; concerns regarding Transport proposals in particular the decision, apparently made by the developers with no public consultation, not to reinstate the heavy rail link. Both he and the Clerk would be attending a further session the next day relating the plans for a Local Centre and its effect on the existing shopping parades in the area particularly sub-post offices.

It was anticipated that the Inspector would publish her report around Christmas. However, although the Council had voiced its concerns regarding the Plan, he did not feel that there would be any significant changes made to the Plan as a result.

He thanked the Clerk for all his work in compiling the documents for the Examination.

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

- 1882 The Chairperson reported that during the City Council's statement of case, officers of the Planning and Regeneration Department stated that the City had budgeted £1.4 million to be spent on regenerating the Frankley Centre shops. However, the position regarding the proposed redevelopment of the Centre was still uncertain due to the current financial situation.

The Clerk reported that new lighting scheme was currently being installed as part of the £1.4 million regeneration funding. The new lights will illuminate the area in-front of the shops making the area more pedestrian friendly during the darker evenings.

TRANSPORT MATTERS

There was nothing to report.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Removal of Diversion Signs

- 1883 Councillor Wood undertook to contact the appropriate officers in Transportation to arrange for the removal of the diversion signs which, despite several telephone calls from the Council, had not been removed following the last floods.

PAYMENTS

(A) Business Visa Credit Card

- 1884 The following Business Visa Credit Card Statement was noted -

(Interleaved document no. 4)

(B) Schedule of Payments

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(Interleaved document no. 5)

It was proposed by Councillor Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Hollis and –

- 1885 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 1958 hours

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Chairperson