

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 October 2009 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Ian Bruckshaw (in the Chair)

Councillors Linda Banks, Eric Carter, Sid Grey MBE, Gareth Griffiths, Bill Hollis, Len Lovett, Des Rogers, Geoffrey Stephenson and Joanna Walker

Also in Attendance Ward Councillor Sue Barton, David Grant

MINUTES

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

- 2101 An apology for absence for the reason given was submitted on behalf of Councillor Trefor-Jones (Holiday). The apology was accepted.

PERSISTENT ABSENCE – COUNCILLOR KARAN BOLTON

The Clerk reported that, as a result of Councillor Karan Bolton's absence from meetings of the Council since June 2009, in accordance with the procedure recommended by the Society of Local Council Clerks, he had written to the Councillor advising of that should she not attend this meeting then the Council would be required to consider whether or not the two apologies she had submitted were sufficient to warrant the approval by the Council of her absences during the last 5 months. If the Council considered that there was insufficient reason for her continued absence then should she not attend the November meeting of the Council, then she would automatically cease to be a Member of the Council.

Following consideration, the Council agreed that the reason submitted were not sufficient to warrant approval of Council Karan Bolton's continued absence and it was therefore proposed by Councillor Rogers, seconded by Councillor Carter and –

- 2102 RESOLVED: That the Clerk be instructed to write to Councillor Karan Bolton to advise that should the Councillor fail to attend the Council meeting in November, in accordance with sections 85(1) and (2) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Councillor would automatically cease to be a Member of the Council.

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

- 2103 There were none.

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 Carter, seconded by Councillor Lovett, and –

- 2104 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, held on 21st September 2009, having previously been circulated and were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

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

- 2105 The following minutes of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 5th October 2009 were noted –

(Interleaved document no. 1)

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Frankley Neighbourhood Flood Plan

- 2106 The Chairperson circulated copies of the plan to each member for information. He stated that the Plan contained information which would be of use in the case of a flood although it would also be applicable in the case of other emergencies.

Bus Changes in South Birmingham

- 2107 The Chairperson reported that CENTRO and NXWM officers would be in attendance on Saturday 24th October outside the Parish Offices during which the officers would be available to answer residents' questions and to hand out timetables for the new services.

Ministerial Visit

- 2108 The Chairperson reported that on Monday 5th October, Mr Hilary Benn, Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, had visited Frankley. During his visit he had been shown the areas which had been subject to flooding last year, had visited one of the affected properties and had attended the Parish Office where he viewed the arrangements to protect vulnerable properties from future floods. The Chairperson added that Grant Funding from the Environmental Agency was now available for the mitigation of flooded properties and that the City Council was currently arranging for an independent survey to be undertaken.

QUESTIONS

There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Parish and Town Council as an Employer and the Importance of Proper Line Management

- 2109 The topic note issued by the Secretary of the Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Council relating to the Council as an employer and the Council's management of the Clerk was noted.

(Interleaved document no. 2)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ANALYSIS FOR THE PERIOD 30TH SEPTEMBER 2009

- 2110 The following analysis of the Council's Receipts and Payments for the period ended 30th September 2009 was noted –

(Interleaved document no. 3)

REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS TO WHICH MEMBERS BELONG

Frankley and Cockhill Housing Liaison Board

2111 Councillor Hollis submitted a schedule of works approved by the HLB.

(Interleaved document no. 4)

Frankley Neighbourhood Forum

2112 Councillor Hollis reported that at the last meeting the main item of discussion had been the proposed changes to the bus services. Although a petition relating to the retention of the 49 service had been submitted, the petitioner had been advised that all the changes had been registered with the Traffic Commissioner and therefore there could be no changes to the proposals at this time.

PLANNING APPLICATION

There were none.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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10 Arden Road, Frankley, Birmingham B45 0JA

Change of use of ground floor premises from retail (class use A1) to hot food take-away (class use A5)

2113 It was noted that the application for the above mentioned development had been refused for the following reasons –

The proposed use, including the proposed extraction facilities, would adversely affect the amenities of residents by virtue of noise and disturbance. The proposal is therefore contrary to policies 3.8, 8.6 and 8.7 of the Birmingham Unitary Development Plan (2005) and guidance contained within Supplementary Planning Guidance: Hot Food Shops, Restaurants/Cafes.

Councillor Sue Barton pointed out that as the decision had been made by a planning officer rather than the Planning Committee meant that no objections to the proposed development had been received. It was pointed out that the Chip shop at the end of the parade also had similar extraction facilities but had been granted permission. Councillor Sue Barton agreed to speak to the Planning Officer concerned to clarify the position.

LONGBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN

2114 Councillor Carter reported that he had attended the last meeting of the Longbridge Consultative Committee at which the following information had been made available –

- The contract for the construction of the new Bournville College had been let and building was scheduled to start in November. It was anticipated that the construction of the college would be complete in 12 months;
- There still had been no expressions of interest from any developers for further buildings on the site;
- It was announced that the Youth Centre was to be built on that part of the site originally earmarked for the Park and Ride facility. CENTRO had objected to the proposal as it would adversely affect the proposed Park and Ride development

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

There was nothing to report.

TRANSPORT MATTERS

There was nothing further to report.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Shopping Parade Lights

2115 In response to a question from Councillor Linda Banks, the Chairperson reported that the timing mechanism for the lights had been repaired and that the lights were now functioning properly. Councillor Grey pointed out that the lights outside the Delicatessen and on the corner of Cost Cutters were not working. The Clerk undertook to report the lamps to Property Services.

PAYMENTS

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 –

- 2116 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.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

- 2117 RESOLVED: In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, which includes the following exempted information, it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and the public be temporarily excluded from the meeting and they are therefore instructed to withdraw.

Agenda Item	Exempt Information
Review of the Remuneration of the Salary of the Clerk	Confidential Information relating to an employee of the Council

REVIEW OF THE REMUNERATION OF THE SALARY OF THE CLERK

The Clerk advised Members that it had been agreed that an increase of 1.25% be applied to SCPs 4 to 10 inclusive and 1.00% to SCPs 11 to 40.

It was proposed by Councillor Linda Banks, seconded by Councillor Carter, and –

- 2118 RESOLVED: That the cost of living increase, as recommended for approval by the National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks, of 1% be applied to the Clerk's salary with effect from 1st April 2009.

The meeting ended at 1955 hours

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Chairperson

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Date