

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, 15th June 2009 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Ian Bruckshaw

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

Also in Attendance Councillor Sue Barton, Mr John Hanna, Prospero Close

MINUTES

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 2034 An apology for absence was submitted and accepted for the reason given on behalf of Councillor Karan Bolton (Illness).

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

- 2035 Hereon, the under mentioned Member declared his respective interest in the Agenda Item indicated below –

Councillor	Agenda Item	Interest
Bruckshaw	8 – Planning Application	Prejudicial – Consideration of the application submitted by the Councillor

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No representations were made.

MINUTES

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

- 2036 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th May 2009, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

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

- 2037 The Minutes of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 1st June 2009 were noted –

(Interleaved document no. 1)

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Frankley Resilience Team

- 2038 The Chairperson reported that the Resilience Team, which would not only deal with flooding but any kind of emergency, recently purchased, through a grant from the Parish Council, a sandbag filler and a 400 litre grit bin to store sand. This equipment would enable the team to rapidly provide sandbags should they be required if there was flooding. An application submitted by the City Council to Defra for Flood Mitigation equipment for the 22 properties affected by the 2008 floods had been supported and the outcome of the application was awaited. Additionally, the team would organise the evacuation of effected residents in an emergency to the Reaside Centre. The Emergency Plan for Frankley, produced in conjunction with Veronica Coleman of the City's Resilience Team, was virtually finished and would be circulated to all Councillors when completed.

The known 'Hot Spots' on Frankley which exacerbated the flooding problems had been identified by the team and were checked weekly to ensure that there was no build up of debris/rubbish which would cause problems in heavy rain.

Problems with green bags put out in advance of collection

- 2039 The Chairperson reported that a team of Environmental Wardens were currently patrolling Frankley handing out leaflets and advising residents that they should not be putting out their Green/Black bags until the evening prior to the collection day. He added that, if Councillors saw bags which had been put out early then they should inform the Parish Office which would arrange for them to be cleared - if the problem persisted then action could be taken

by the Wardens.

QUESTIONS

Emergency Exercise – Tay Road Industrial Estate

- 2040 Councillor Rogers reported that it had been brought to his attention that the Fire and Rescue Service conducted a major exercise involving 18 Fire Engines on the Tay Road Industrial Estate on Sunday 24th May. He considered that the Service should have advised residents of the exercise as he believed it had caused some anxiety to neighbouring households. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Northfield Fire Station expressing the Council's concern at the lack of publicity of the exercise.

Emergency Lighting – Reaside Community Centre

- 2041 Councillor Stephenson, referring to the Chairperson's earlier remarks regarding the use of the Reaside Centre as an Evacuation Centre, questioned whether a decision had been made regarding the Centre's Emergency Lighting. In his opinion, if the system was not working and unlikely to be repaired, the batteries should be taken out as they could constitute a danger. Councillor Grey suggested that the Councillor take the matter up with the Reaside Management Committee.

At this point in the meeting the Chairperson withdrew and the Vice-Chairperson took the Chair.

COUNCILLOR GREY IN THE CHAIR

PLANNING APPLICATION

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11 Lysander Road, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham B45 0EN

Change of use of land from public open space to domestic garden and erection of boundary fencing

The following Planning Application was submitted –

(Interleaved document no 2)

- 2042 There were no objections to the application.

The Chairperson returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair

COUNCILLOR BRUCKSHAW IN THE CHAIR

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

LONGBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN

There was nothing to report.

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

There was nothing to report.

TRANSPORT MATTERS

Review of 'Bus Services in South Birmingham

- 2043 Councillor Grey reported that he, accompanied by Councillor Carter and the Clerk, attended the Transport Users Forum at Stirchley last week. The meeting was held to announce the review of bus services in the south Birmingham area. The review would be looking at bus services in the south Birmingham with a view to providing a more efficient, user driven service. Although no firm decision on any changes had been made, proposals for alterations to the services would be the subject of public consultation with the revised services being introduced around September. However, one of the proposed changes was to remove the 49 service from Frankley and re-route it to the Great Park with the Holly Hill section of the route being covered by a re-routed 84 service. It was further proposed that the 84 service would go to the new QE Hospital via Weoley Castle.

Simon Mathieson, manager of National Express West Midland's Central Garage had agreed to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to give a presentation on the proposed changes by which time it was hoped that detail of the changes would be known.

So far, although information as to the likely service changes was made available at the meeting, no details as to routes or timetables had been forthcoming. It was important that the Parish Council took every opportunity to make its views known regarding any change to the services effecting Frankley.

Councillor Rogers pointed out that if the re-routed 84 service did not operate an evening and weekend service, then CENTRO would put the weekend/evening service out to tender and if National Express West Midlands did not get the contract then NEWM travel cards would not be

accepted on the service. Additionally, from the proposals published so far, there appeared to be no direct link with Rubery/Longbridge for those residents living at the Frogmill Road end of Holly Hill.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Balaam's Wood Management Committee

- 2044 Councillor Carter reported that he and Councillor Trefor-Jones had attended a meeting of the Balaam's wood Management Committee. At the meeting, it had been agreed that the Local Nature Reserve area be opened up for public access as the Parish Council had originally requested. Councillor Trefor-Jones stated that an undertaking had been given that the grassed area would be mowed prior to the school holidays and that the grass clippings would be shredded to ensure that there was no fire hazard.

Police Liaison Meeting

- 2045 Councillor Trefor-Jones reported that for a variety of reasons the Police Liaison Committee had folded. He added that the model car owners had agreed to postcode their equipment on Saturday.

The Chairperson reported that he had visited the model car club and had been showed around by the Chairman of the Club. Of particular interest was the work undertaken, at his own expense, by the Club Chairman to alleviate the flooding of the club's land after periods of heavy rain. That work would also stop the flooding of Boleyn Road.

Councillor Stephenson suggested that the Parish Council should formally place on record its appreciation of Councillor Trefor-Jones' work for the community with the Police Liaison Committee. This was agreed.

PAYMENTS

Schedule of Payments

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(Interleaved document no 3)

It was proposed by Councillor Grey, seconded by Councillor Trefor-Jones and
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- 2046 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the Schedule now submitted, be approved.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

2047 Mr Hanna suggested that the flooding problems on Frankley were due to the Victorian drains being unable to cope with the surface water resulting from the development of the estate. However, the Chairperson pointed out that Frankley's drains had been built at the same time as the Frankley Estate that the drains on Frankley built in the early 1970's as part of the Frankley development.

Mr Hanna then suggested that it was a waste of time supplying properties without gardens with green bags as they were more likely to be used for general waste and therefore not collected.

At this point the Mr Hanna then started analysing the Agenda for the meeting and was stopped as his comments were not relevant to the content of the meeting.

The meeting ended at 20.21 hours

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Chairperson

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Date