

**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, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillors Linda Banks, Eric Carter, Bill Hollis, Len Lovett, Des Rogers, Geoffrey Stephenson and Joanna Walker

Also in Attendance Ward Councillor Sue Barton and Dave Grant (local resident)

**MINUTES**

**APOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

In the absence of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, it was proposed by Councillor Hollis, seconded by Councillor Lovett and –

- 2180 RESOLVED: That Councillor Carter be appointed Chairperson of the Council *pro tempore*.

**COUNCILLOR CARTER IN THE CHAIR**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 2181 Apologies for absence for the reasons given were submitted on behalf of Councillors Karan Bolton (Police meeting at Reaside Centre), Ian Bruckshaw (Illness), Sid Grey, Gareth Griffiths (Illness) and Stephen Trefor-Jones (medical appointment). The absences were noted.

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

- 2182 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 Linda Banks, seconded by Councillor Rogers and –

- 2183 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010, having previously been circulated and were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

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

- 2184 The following minutes of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 were noted –

(Interleaved document no. 1)

#### **CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

#### **QUESTIONS**

There were none.

#### **REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS TO WHICH MEMBERS BELONG**

##### **Annual WALC Briefing Seminar**

- 2185 The Chairperson report that he, Councillor Bruckshaw and the Clerk had attended the WALC Annual Briefing Seminar on 6<sup>th</sup> March at Myton School, Warwick – the theme of which was Community Engagement. The various activities undertaken during the day had proved to be extremely instructive.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **Email from Mr W L Gibbs, 10 Mitten Avenue – Complaint re Lack of Waste Bins for Dog Mess**

- 2186 The Chairperson sympathised with the problems raised by Mr Gibbs regarding the lack of litter/dog bins on the estate. In the past, the Parish Council had approached the City, albeit unsuccessfully, requesting an increase the number of bins. Unfortunately the provision of sufficient bins would be too large a task for the Parish Council to undertake.

Councillor Sue Barton pointed out that the cause of the problem was irresponsible dog owners who didn't clear up after their dogs and it was

unlikely that those owners would use the additional bins even if they were provided. Unfortunately, in order to prosecute those irresponsible owners, they had to be caught not clearing up after their dogs and with only 3 wardens to police the whole City, that was unlikely.

With regard to Mr Gibbs' suggestion of additional bins in Balaam's Wood, the Chairperson undertook to raise the matter during the forthcoming meeting of the Management Committee. In meantime, the Clerk was requested to write to Mr Gibbs with an explanation of the current situation as well as an explanation of the Poop Scoops provided by the Parish Council free of charge.

### **PROVISION OF MULTI USE GAMES AREA (MUGA)**

The following plans for the proposed MUGA were submitted –

(Interleaved document no. 2)

The Clerk explained that the budget for the refurbishment of the Centre included provision for a MUGA which the Planners suggested be located between the sports centre and the shops. However, due to the credit crunch, the City Council, while able to provide the capital funds for the MUGA, was unable to commit to the revenue costs of its ongoing maintenance and therefore had asked the Parish Council whether it would agree to taking on those costs. Clerk had undertaken some research and estimated that the maintenance figure would be in the order of £4,500 (£1,300 for the daily sweep, visual inspection, £900 for 3 quarterly operational inspections(carried out by the City)and £500 for an annual ROSPA inspection £500 together with additional insurance premium of £1250).

Following some discussion during which the Clerk responded as appropriate to Members questions and comments, it was proposed by Councillor Rogers, seconded by Councillor Hollis and –

- 2187 RESOLVED: That the Parish Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, approve in principle to assume the maintenance costs for the proposed Multi Use Games Area.

### **PROVISION OF CHRISTMAS TREE IN FRONT OF THE HOLLY HILL SHOPS**

The Chairperson stated that the provision of a Christmas Tree in front of the Shops had been an aspiration for many years but had previously cost too

much.

The Clerk explained that it was proposed to purchase a 4 metre Abies Pinsapo Spanish Fir at a cost of £3,504.80 which would include planting and two years' maintenance. An application to the Ward Advisory Board had been made for £2,250 and therefore the balance to be paid by the Parish Council would be £1254.80 plus the annual cost of decorating the tree which was estimated at £450. It was the hope that the Tree provide a focus for the community around Christmas and that carol services be held around the tree at which all residents of Frankley would be invited irrespective of religion.

Councillor Rogers suggested and it was agreed that the shops could be requested to contribute towards the annual cost of decorating the tree.

It was proposed by Councillor Linda Banks, seconded by Councillor Jo Walker and -

- 2188 RESOLVED: That the Parish Council, in accordance with the provisions of S144 of the Local Government Act 1972 approve the expenditure of £1254.80 being its contribution towards the cost of providing a 4 metre Abies Pinsapo Spanish Fir and the annual cost of £450 for the decoration of the tree..

#### **PROVISION OF LITTER BIN – SERVICE 63 TERMINUS, ARDEN ROAD**

Following the use of the lay-by in Arden Road as for the terminus of the 63 service, it had been noted that litter was accumulating in the area of the bus stop. An approach to the City Council for a litter bin had been unsuccessful as it was no longer providing bins, and therefore Parish Council was arranging for a litter bin to be provided to be paid for by the Parish Council.

Councillor Sue Barton suggested that the Council approach Jackie Easthope, Frankley Housing, for help as she was currently arranging for litter bins to be placed to be placed in Cofton Park paid for by the HLB.

It was proposed by Councillor Banks, seconded by Councillor Hollis and -

- 2189 REOLVED: That the Parish Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 6(2)(a) of the Litter Act 1983, arrange for the provision of a litter bin to be placed within the lay-by in Arden Road, Frankley.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were none

## **DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- A Application No: 2009/06226/PA  
Site Frankley Shopping Centre, Ormond Road, New Frankley,  
Birmingham  
Proposal: Environmental improvements including new entrances  
to first floor flats, rear canopy in service yard, lighting  
scheme, elevational treatments, amendments to car  
parks layouts and landscaping.

The following letter advising of the approval of the application referred to  
above and the conditions attached thereto was submitted –

(Interleaved document no. 3)

- 2190 The decision of the Planning Committee in relation to the development  
refurbishment of the centre was noted.

## **LONGBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN**

The Chairperson reported that he was still waiting to be advised of a revised  
date for the next meeting of the Longbridge Consultative Committee  
following the cancellation of the last meeting due to adverse weather.

## **FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT**

See Minute Number 2190.

## **TRANSPORT MATTERS**

Nothing to report

## **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

There were no items for information.

## **PAYMENTS**

### **Schedule of Payments**

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(Interleaved document no. 4)

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

- 2191 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the Schedule now submitted, be approved.

**LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no issues raised

The meeting ended at 2010 hours

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Chairperson

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Date