

**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, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Ian Bruckshaw (in the Chair)

Councillors Karan Bolton, Eric Carter, Bill Hollis, Len Lovett, Geoffrey Stephenson, Stephen Trefor-Jones and Joanna Walker

Also in Attendance Ward Councillor Sue Barton, David Grant, David Joynes

**MINUTES**

**APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

- 2119 Apologies for absence for the reasons given were submitted on behalf of Councillors Linda Banks (Recovering from Car Accident), Grey (Family Illness) and Rogers (Family Illness).

The apologies were accepted

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

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 Lovett, seconded by Councillor Hollis, and –

- 2120 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009, having previously been circulated and were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

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

- 2121 The following minutes of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 were noted –

(Interleaved document no. 1)

### **CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Frankley Flood Plan – Amendments**

- 2122 The Chairperson circulated copies of a number of amendments to the Frankley Flood Plan, copies of which had been circulated at the last meeting.

The Clerk undertook to provide Councillor Sue Barton with a copy of the Plan.

#### **Christmas Lights Competition**

- 2123 The Chairperson announced that he was proposing that the Parish Council run a Christmas Lights Competition for the best decorated house in the Parish. He was still finalising the arrangements for the competition and would submit a full report to the December meeting.

Councillor Trefor-Jones strongly objected to the proposal which he felt, given the current economic conditions, would encourage residents to spend money on Christmas Lights which they did not have. Additionally, there was the question of the effect on the Carbon Footprint of the competition to be considered.

However, the Chairperson pointed out that the competition had not been run for the last 2 years, yet the number of residents decorating their properties had not decreased. He considered that the competition was a way of rewarding those householders who decorated their properties as part of the Christmas celebrations and that the decision as to whether or not householders wished to participate in the competition was one to be taken by householders depending upon their individual circumstances.

#### **Flooding Survey**

- 2124 The Chairperson reported that he had been advised by Birmingham's

Resilience Team that the Flooding Survey, which was a condition of the DEFRA grant, would commence in approximately 6 weeks time.

Additionally, Veronica Coleman was arranging for the removal of the build up of silt on the grids on the Bund and Fisher Close.

### **Refurbishment of the Shopping Parade.**

- 2125 The Chairperson reported that he had been advised that the development proposals for the refurbishment of the shops would be made public in January 2011.

### **Year 7 Pupils – Frankley Community High School**

- 2126 The Chairperson stated that the Year 7 pupils had given of their free time during the recent half-term holidays to paint over the graffiti on the gym block of the school. Those children now want to be involved in further community work and it was hoped that they could join in the Good Neighbour Scheme.

The City was also undertaking a project, part of which would be based in the Royals, offering a six month job placement opportunity for 18 to 24 year olds or 25+ who had been unemployed for 10 months; all applicants must have been in receipt of Job Seekers Allowance for between 38 to 50 weeks. There were still vacancies on the scheme and it was hoped that those could be filled by Frankley residents. The successful applicants would undertake neighbourhood improvement work in the area and would receive appropriate training which could lead to receipt of a NVQ level 2 in environmental services.

### **QUESTIONS**

There were none.

### **DRAFT BUDGET 2010/2011**

The following report of the Clerk setting out a draft budget for the 2010/2011 Financial Year was submitted –

(Interleaved document no. 2)

It was proposed by Councillor Trefor- Jones, seconded by Councillor Carter, and -

- 2127 RESOLVED: That the budgeted expenditure for the 2010/2011 Financial Year of £90,670 funded by a precept of £90,370 and £300 other income be approved and that, accordingly, a precept of £90,670 be issued to Birmingham City Council as the Billing Authority.

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

There were none

#### **PLANNING APPLICATION**

There were none.

#### **DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were none.

#### **LONGBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN**

- 2128 The Clerk referred to the Minutes of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee (Minutes 221 Refers).

#### **FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT**

- 2129 As reported earlier, development proposals for the refurbishment of the shopping parade would be announced in January.

#### **TRANSPORT MATTERS**

- 2130 The Chairperson reported that he had received complaints regarding the unreliability of the new 20 service, the confusion as to which travel pass would be accepted by both operators (National Express West Midlands during the day, Diamond in the evening), and the different fares charged by the two operators. The Chairperson agreed to refer the complaints to CENTRO.

#### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

There were none.

#### **PAYMENTS**

##### **Schedule of Payments**

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(Interleaved document no. 3)

It was proposed by Councillor Trefor-Jones, seconded by Councillor Carter and –

- 2131 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 1947 hours

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Chairperson

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Date