

**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, 17<sup>th</sup> August 2009 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Ian Bruckshaw

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

Also in Attendance Ward Councillor Ken Wood, David Grant, Mandy Hollis

**MINUTES**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2066 Apologies were submitted and accepted for the reasons given on behalf of Councillors Karan Bolton (Personal), Sid Grey MBE (Personal), Gareth Griffiths (Illness) and Des Rogers (Holiday).

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

2067 Hereon, the under mentioned Members declared their respective interests in the Agenda Item indicated below –

Councillors	Agenda Item	Interest
Bruckshaw Hollis	9 – Application for Funding	Prejudicial – Members of the Forum's Management Committee

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

**Frankley Neighbourhood Forum – Application for Funding**

2068 The Chairperson explained that the reason why the Forum was making an application for funding was that, approximately 18 months ago, the Forum

had received a cheque from Birmingham City Council in the amount of £3781.15. At that time the Forum was also in receipt of cheques from the City as payments relating to applications made to the Community Chest and it was therefore assumed that the cheque was part of those payments. The cheque was banked and the proceeds used over the intervening period to pay for the printing of the Neighbourhood News – exactly what the grant from the Community Chest was supposed to be used for.

However, he had recently received a demand from Birmingham City Council explaining that the cheque for £3781.15 had been sent to the Forum in error and therefore the City was now requesting repayment of the amount. As the proceeds had been used for the printing of the Neighbourhood News during the intervening period the Forum now had insufficient funds to make the requested repayment. He was therefore communicating with the City Council explaining the position regarding the Forum's balances with a view to seeking to stagger the repayment.

The Chairperson stressed that had the Forum not received the cheque, then an application for funding for the printing of the Neighbourhood News would have been made to the Council during last year. He emphasised that the funding received from the City Council in error had been used to support the Neighbourhood News and for no other purpose.

The Chairperson then responded the Members' questions as appropriate.

## **MINUTES**

Referring to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Paragraph of the South Birmingham Bus Network Review (Minute No. 2049), Councillor Stephenson pointed out that in error Cross Farms Lane and Callowbrook Lane had been referred to as Cross Farms Road and Callowbrook Road.

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

- 2069 RESOLVED: That the Minutes, as amended, of the meeting of the Parish Council, held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009, having previously been circulated and were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

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

- 2070 The Minutes of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 were noted –

(Interleaved document no. 1)

## **CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Regeneration of the Holly Hill Shopping Centre**

- 2071 The Chairperson reported that during a conversation with City Council Regeneration officers, he had been told that due to problems regarding the layout of the services for the shops under the parade and the condition of the roofs of the parade, it appeared that it would be no longer possible to carry out the refurbishment as originally proposed. Therefore, officers of the Regeneration team were currently producing revised refurbishment proposals.

### **Public Exhibition – CENTRO/National Express**

- 2072 The Chairperson announced that CENTRO/National Express would be holding public exhibitions to explain and give details of the changes in the bus services on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October between 10.00am and 3.00pm in the Holly Hill Shopping Centre car park.

### **“Get to know you” Event**

- 2073 The Chairperson advised that the PCSO's had reported that the Police were hoping to hold a “Getting to know you” event at the Holly Hill Shopping Centre on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Once the details of the event had been finalised, the date/time would be publicised.

## **QUESTIONS**

There were none.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Annual Return – Completion of Audit**

- 2074 The following letter from the Council's Auditor, Clement Keys advising of the completion of the Audit and that an unqualified audit opinion had been given was noted –

(interleaved document no.2)

**At this point in the meeting the Chairperson and Councillor Hollis withdrew from the meeting pending determination of the following application for funding.**

**It was agreed that Councillor Carter take the Chair *pro tempore*.**

### **COUNCILLOR CARTER IN THE CHAIR**

#### **APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – FRANKLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM**

The following application from the Neighbourhood Forum requesting funding in the sum of £3781.15 was submitted –

(Interleaved document no. 3)

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

- 2075 RESOLVED: That, on the basis that the amount requested to repay the payment made in error by the City Council had been used solely to pay for the publication of the Neighbourhood News and that the payment of the approved grant to the Forum be deferred until the situation with Birmingham City Council has been resolved, the Council, in accordance with its powers under Section 142 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; to enable the Forum to repay £3781.15 paid in error by the City Council and used by the Forum to fund the printing of Frankley Neighbourhood News.

**Hereon, the Chairperson and Councillor Hollis returned to the meeting and the Chairperson took the Chair.**

### **COUNCILLOR BRUCKSHAW IN THE CHAIR**

#### **PLANNING APPLICATION**

**S/02787/08/FUL**

**A38 (Bristol Road South), Lickey Road, and Longbridge Lane, Longbridge, Birmingham**

**Construction of new highway, associated service infrastructure, drainage, bridge over river, culverts, foot and cycle ways, crossing facilities, access points and landscaping following part closure of existing highway**

The Clerk reported that the above mentioned application had been amended from the application previously considered by the Council. The changes from the original application were amendments to the proposals for Lickey Road – retention of existing dual carriageway arrangement and minor changes to proposed junctions on the West Spine Road.

2076 It was agreed that there be no objection to the revised application.

**S/02876/09/FUL**

**New Street, Holly Hill Methodist C of E First School, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham, B45 0EU**

**Erection of 3.5 metre high sports net enclosure**

Councillor Trefor-Jones felt that the application was yet another example of unsightly fencing being erected to the detriment of the surroundings. However, it was pointed out that the application referred to an area of school grounds which was not visible from the road. Additionally, it was pointed out that the reason for application was to enclose the existing kick around area with netting to avoid balls escaping from the area.

2077 Upon being put to the vote, it was, upon a show of hands, by three votes in favour to two votes against, agreed that there should be no objection to the application.

**DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**S/02819/09/BCC**

**140 & 142 Holly Hill Road, 17 – 29 (odds), 61 – 71 (odds), 83, 93, 95 & 99 Miranda Close, 50, 52, 84, 86, 90, 92, 137 & 139 Lysander Road, Frankley, Birmingham, B45**

**External refurbishment of Existing dwellings**

2078 It was noted that the development set out in the forgoing planning application had been granted subject to the following conditions

**Condition(s) Which Apply To The Development/Use**

- C1 The development hereby permitted must be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.  
REASON: To comply with Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, (this section limits the duration of the planning approval).

- C2 This permission relates to the details shown on Drawing Numbers 70298\A\003, 70298\A\004, 70298\A\005, 70298\A\006, 70298\A\007, 70298\A\008, 70298\A\009, 70298\A\010 & 70298\S\011 and shall not be altered unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.  
REASON: In order to define the permission.

### **LONGBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN**

- 2079 Councillor Carter reported that at the recent meeting of the Longbridge Consultative Forum the following information was given -

- That currently no planning applications for any development on the site had been submitted by commercial developers;
- That there had been no expressions of interest from any supermarket;
- That the funding for the new Bournville College had not been confirmed;
- That the Youth Centre was to be built on that part of the site originally earmarked for the Park and Ride;
- That the submission of the proposals for the modification/realignment of the highway network around the site would be delayed until the future of the Bournville College had been clarified.

Councillor Wood advised that the proposed Youth Centre would not be a traditional Youth Centre but would provide assistance to job seekers in skills training and producing their CV's. It would be built on the site originally earmarked for the Park and Ride facility as a result of a temporary agreement with CENTRO and would fall in line with Planning Regulations.

### **FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT**

- 2080 See statement earlier in meeting.

### **TRANSPORT MATTERS**

- 2081 The Chairperson reminded Members that the consultation period for the public to make their views known on the proposal had ended and that the Council was now waiting for CENTRO/National Express to finalise the proposals for the changes to the bus routes

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

### **Housing Liaison Board**

2082 The following report presented to the HLB Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009 setting out project proposals was submitted –

(Interleaved document no. 4)

Councillor Hollis advised that the meeting had agreed the following options from the report –

- Project 1** Bute Close – To supply and install steel bow tipped chicanes to reduce access at either end of the passageway.
- Project 2** Radnor Close – Remove existing timber fencing, remove tree and debris, repair brick work and fix steel bow topped fencing 1.8m high, galvanised and power coated green add gate to match, padlock and keys, relay slabs after other works.
- Project 3** 61 – 67 Oberon Close – Take down existing fencing and replace with 2m high steel bow topped fence, green finish.
- Project 4** 118 Holly Hill Road/1 Titania Close – Replace existing wooden gate with 1.8m high steel bow topped gate on steel posts add for padlock and 16 keys.
- Project 5** Wyre Close – Decision deferred.
- Project 6** 100 Boleyn Road – Decision deferred.

### **Environmental Enforcement Officer**

2083 The Chairperson reported that an Environmental Enforcement Officer was currently undertaking inspections of the fly tipping ‘hot-spots’ on Frankley. Warning signs had been erected in two of the worst sites and they would appear to be having the desired effect.

### **Bourlay Close**

2084 Councillor Hollis advised that he had spoken to the Housing officers requesting that the rubbish in Bourlay Wood be cleared.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

There were none.

**PAYMENTS**

**Schedule of Payments**

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(Interleaved document no. 5)

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

- 2085 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 2015 hours

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Chairperson

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Date