

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, 18th May 2009 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Sid Grey MBE (in the Chair)

Councillors Linda Banks, Karan Bolton, Ian Bruckshaw, Eric Carter, Gareth Griffiths, Bill Hollis, Len Lovett, Des Rogers, Geoffrey Stephenson, Stephen Trefor-Jones and Joanna Walker

Also in Attendance David Grant (Brightstone Road); David Joynes (Brightstone Road); Glyn Morgan (Chairman, Frankley Model Car Club); Andy Owen (Lismore Close; Pauline Quarterman (Secretary, Frankley Model Car Club); Andy Ross (Frankley Church Community Project);)

MINUTES

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

It was proposed by Councillor Stephenson, seconded by Councillor Lovett, that Councillor Bruckshaw be appointed Chairperson of the Council for the forthcoming year.

There being no further nominations, it was, *nem con* –

2000 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2010, Councillor Bruckshaw be appointed Chairperson of the Council.

COUNCILLOR BRUCKSHAW IN THE CHAIR

2001 Hereon, the Chairperson made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairperson of the Parish Council.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

It was proposed by Councillor Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Rogers, that Councillor Grey be appointed Vice-Chairperson of the Council.

There being no further nominations, it was, *nem con* –

2002 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2010, Councillor Grey be appointed Vice-Chairperson of the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

(i) Longbridge Ward Advisory Board

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was -

- 2003 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2010, Councillor Carter be nominated to serve as the Council's representative on the Longbridge Ward Advisory Board.

(ii) Frankley Church Community Project

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was -

- 2004 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2010, Councillor Linda Banks be nominated to serve as the Council's representative on the Management Committee of the Frankley Church Community Project.

(iii) City Council's Standards Committee

Upon receipt of nominations, it was –

- 2005 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2010, Councillors Carter and Bruckshaw be nominated to serve as the Parish Council's representatives on the City Council's Standards Committee.

(iv) Northfield Constituency Committee

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was –

- 2006 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2010, Councillor Trefor-Jones be nominated to serve as the Parish Council's representative on the Northfield Constituency Committee.

(v) Northfield District Strategic Partnership Executive

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was –

- 2007 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2010, Councillor Griffiths be nominated to attend meetings of the Northfield District Strategic Partnership Executive as a representative of the Parish Council.

(vi) Longbridge Consultative Group

Upon receipt of nominations, it was –

- 2008 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2010, Councillors Carter and Grey be nominated to attend meetings of the Longbridge Consultative Group as representatives of the Parish Council

(vii) Association For Neighbourhood Democracy

Upon receipt of nominations, it was –

- 2009 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2010, Councillor Grey together with the Clerk be nominated to serve as representatives of the Council at meetings of the Association.

(viii) Balaam's Wood Management Committee

Upon receipt of nominations, it was –

- 2010 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2010, Councillors Carter and Trefor-Jones be nominated as representatives to serve on the Balaam's Wood Management Committee

(ix) Northfield Constituency Flood and Emergency Planning Committee

Upon receipt of nominations, it was –

- 2011 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2010, Councillor Carter be nominated as the representative of the Parish Council to serve on the Northfield Constituency Flood and Emergency Planning Committee

DATES OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2009/2010

- 2012 RESOLVED: That meetings of the Parish Council for the forthcoming Municipal Year be held on the following Mondays at 1930 hours at the St Christopher's Church Centre –

2009

15th June; 20th July; 17th August;
21st September; 19th October; 16th November;
21st December;

2010

18th January; 15th February; 15th March;
19th April;

with the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Parish Assembly on 17th May 2010.

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Following receipt of nominations, it was -

- 2013 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2010, Councillors Linda Banks, Carter, Hollis, Trefor-Jones and Joanna Walker be appointed to serve on the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee, together with the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the Council as ex officio members of the Committee and that Councillor Carter be appointed Chairperson of the Committee; further that meetings of the Committee be held on the following Mondays –

2009

1st June;	29th June;	3rd August;
5th October;	2nd November;	30th November;

2010

4th January;	1st February;	1st March;
29 th March;	3 rd May	

STAFFING COMMITTEE

Following receipt of nominations, it was -

- 2014 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2010, Councillors Griffiths, Lovett and Trefor-Jones be appointed to serve on the Staffing Committee; further, that meetings of the Committee be convened as and when there is business to transact.

APPEALS COMMITTEE

Following receipt of nominations, it was -

- 2015 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2010, Councillors Linda Banks, Rogers and Stephenson be appointed to serve on the Appeals Committee; further, that meetings of the Committee be convened as and when there is business to transact.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Following receipt of nominations, it was –

- 2016 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2010, Councillors Rogers, Trefor-Jones and Joanna Walker be appointed to serve on the Audit Committee and that Councillor Trefor-Jones be appointed Chairperson; further that meetings of the Committee be held

quarterly at the call of the Chairperson.

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

2017 Hereon, the under mentioned Members declared their respective interests in the Agenda Item indicated below –

Councillor	Agenda Item	Interest
Linda Banks	10 A - Grant Application – Frankley Church Community Project	Prejudicial – member of the management committee
Bruckshaw	18 – Chairperson’s Allowance	Prejudicial – determination of Chairperson’s Allowance for 2009/2010
Bruckshaw	10B – Grant Application – Frankley Neighbourhood Forum	Prejudicial – member of the Forum’s management committee
Grey	10B – Grant Application – Frankley Neighbourhood Forum	Prejudicial – member of the Forum’s management committee
Hollis	10B – Grant Application – Frankley Neighbourhood Forum	Prejudicial – member of the Forum’s management committee
Lovett	10B – Grant Application – Frankley Neighbourhood Forum	Prejudicial – member of the Forum’s management committee
Rogers	10A - Grant Application – Frankley Church Community Project	Prejudicial – employee of Ring and Ride
Trefor-Jones	10A - Grant Application – Frankley Church Community Project	Prejudicial – member of the management committee

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Agenda Item 22A – Frankley Church Community Project – Lunch Club Transport

2018 Councillor Rogers stated that the purpose of him raising the possibility of the Project using the Ring and Ride service for the Lunch Club Transport was that, in his opinion, as

the Ring and Ride Service was free, the funding which Andy proposed to spend on the service provided by Shencare could be used to better effect to fund other activities provided by the Project.

Councillors Linda Banks, Rogers and Trefor-Jones then withdrew from the meeting.

2019 Andy reported that both he and the Clerk had had a meeting with the Manager of the local Ring and Ride service. Although they had received assurances to allay some of the concerns raised by the Lunch Club members, the manager could not give assurance that each group would get same driver each week. As the clients of the two clubs were elderly, Andy considered that they needed continuity regarding drivers and reassurance that drivers would be sympathetic to their needs as Shencare drivers had proved during the time Shencare had provided the service. After the meeting, the Clerk had informally suggested that the Project give Ring and Ride a trial of 3 months. However, subsequently, Andy had been advised by Shencare that the if the funding was withdrawn, even for only three months, that could result in Shencare having to take a vehicle off the road and as a consequence, it might not be available should the Project decide to return to Shencare after the trail period.

Councillors Linda Banks, Rogers and Trefor-Jones then returned to the meeting.

MINUTES

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

2020 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th April 2009, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

Hereon, the Chairperson withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the following item and the Vice-Chairperson took the Chair.

COUNCILLOR GREY IN THE CHAIR

CHAIRPERSON'S ALLOWANCE

The Clerk advised that the Independent Remuneration Panel's (IRP's) report was to be submitted for approval the City Council Meeting on 9th June. Pending the decision of the City Council, the Council had the option to either agree to approve the current Chairperson's Allowance of £689 for the year on the understanding that the Allowance would be revisited once the decision of the City Council was known, or to wait until the report was published and approved and then formally approve the revised allowance.

It was agreed to approve the current allowance of £689 p.a. pending approval of the IRP's report and that the question of the Chairperson's Allowance be revisited once the decision of the City Council regarding the IRP's report was known.

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

- 2021 RESOLVED: That the Chairperson's allowance be set at £689 for the forthcoming Municipal Year and that the payment thereof be in 10 equal monthly instalments commencing at the end of May 2009 and that the question of the Chairperson's Allowance for 2009/2010 be revisited once the City Council has made its decision regarding the Independent Remuneration Panel's report.

Hereon, Councillor Bruckshaw returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

COUNCILLOR BRUCKSHAW IN THE CHAIR

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

QUESTIONS

Memorial Flowers/Football Shirts – Holly Hill Road

- 2022 Councillor Trefor-Jones felt that sufficient time had now elapsed since the tragic death as a result of a Road Traffic Accident of the young boy on Holly Hill Road, and that the football shirts and floral tributes on the lamppost adjacent to the accident site should now be removed. He requested that the Constituency Engineer be approached with the view to their removal. He added that the deterrent effect of the memorial had now declined as children had begun playing 'chicken' across the road. Andy Ross advised that Forestdale School, which the boy had attended, had recently had a memorial service and suggested that the removal of the memorials should be deferred until a later time.

Councillor Carter believed that there was a procedure for dealing with matters such as this and undertook to ask the Constituency Engineer for a copy.

REPORT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

The following report of the Internal Auditor was submitted –

(Interleaved document no 1)

It was proposed by Councillor Joanna Walker, seconded by Councillor Trefor-Jones and -

- 2023 RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Hereon, Councillors Linda Banks, Rogers and Trefor-Jones withdrew from the meeting.

A Frankley Church Community Project – Lunch Club Transport

The following application for funding of £4750 for the Lunch Club Transport was submitted –

(Interleaved document no 2)

It was proposed by Councillor Grey, seconded by Councillor Joanna Walker, and –

- 2024 RESOLVED: That the Council, in accordance with its powers, agrees to incur the following expenditure – a grant of £4750 towards the cost of providing transport for the two Lunch Clubs operated by the Project. (Section 28 of Part III of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997)

Councillors Linda Banks, Rogers and Trefor-Jones returned to the meeting.

B Frankley Neighbourhood Forum

Councillors Bruckshaw, Grey, Hollis and Lovett withdrew from the meeting.

In the absence of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, Councillor Griffiths took the Chair for the duration of the item.

COUNCILLOR GRIFFITHS IN THE CHAIR

The following application for funding to enable the purchase of 2 400 litre grit bins to store sand and a sandbagger was submitted –

(Interleaved document no 3)

The clerk advised that since submitting the application, the Constituency had agreed to provide one 400 litre grit bin and, as a result, the Forum now only required funding for one bin.

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

- 2025 RESOLVED: That, the Council, in accordance with its powers under Sections 137 and 139 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; the purchase of one 400 litre grit bin to store sand and one sandbagger device to fill sand bags.

Councillors Bruckshaw, Grey, Hollis and Lovett returned to the meeting.

COUNCILLOR BRUCKSHAW IN THE CHAIR

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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133 Miranda Close, Frankley, Birmingham B45 0EH

Installation of external passenger lift to front

The following Planning Application was submitted –

(Interleaved document no 4)

2026 There were no objections to the application.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

LONGBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN

Park and Ride Facility – Longbridge Station

2027 Councillor Carter questioned whether the position regarding the provision of a the Park and Ride facility at Longbridge Station had been clarified following the publication of the misleading Press Statement from St Modwen. In response, Councillor Rogers advised that CENTRO had condemned the early release of the Statement as the final details of the scheme had yet to be agreed.

Councillor Grey referred to the Longbridge AAP Newsletter recently distributed to residents and he urged residents to register their interest as there was a need to continue the consultation process.

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

There was nothing to report.

TRANSPORT MATTERS

2028 Councillor Grey stated that as the Longbridge AAP had now been formally approved, a comprehensive review of transport provision in south west Birmingham including full public consultation on the options, as promised by Geoff Inskip, the Chief Executive of CENTRO at the public meeting held last year, needed to be put in place.

Councillor Rogers stated that CENTRO could only undertake a review of the services within the area – the decision as to whether or not to provide 'bus services was one which could only be taken by the commercial operators based on commercial considerations. Therefore, the proposed review would involve both CENTRO and the commercial operators and that to ensure that the Parish Council were involved in the consultation process, it should write to both Geoff Inskip and Tom Mathieson, the manager of National Express/Transport West Midlands, Central Garage.

Councillor Grey suggested that there needed to be a rationalisation of services in south Birmingham as the current proposals outlined in the AAP appeared to assume that everyone would want to go to Longbridge Station. There was a need to discuss provision of services which would enable Frankley residents to access job opportunities across Birmingham without having to rely on the Train for transport. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Geoff Inskip and Simon Mathieson to remind them of the undertaking given at last year's public meeting.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Police Liaison Meeting

- 2029 Councillor Trefor-Jones advised that a meeting of the Frankley Police Liaison meeting was to be held on Thursday at the Frogmill Community Centre at 7.30pm

Pictures of the Frankley Forgotten recording

- 2030 Councillor Stephenson advised that pictures of the recording session were on the Radio WM's website.

Frankley Resilience Team

- 2031 The Chairperson advised that he had been taking photographs of the known flooding 'hotspots' so that they could be monitored and kept clear. The Team had applied for funding from the City to extend the grills on water courses to prevent debris going underneath and blocking the outlets plus protection boards to be made available to those properties susceptible to flooding.

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 Lovett and –

- 2032 **RESOLVED:** That the payments, as set out in the Schedule now submitted, be approved.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Frankly Model Car Club

- 2033 Mr Glyn Morgan, Chairman of the Club which was located in the field at the junction of Boleyn Road and Frankley Hill Lane, wanted to take opportunity on behalf of the Club of introducing himself and Pauline Quarterman, the Club Secretary, to the Parish Council. He explained that it was a non-profit making organisation and had donated approximately £3,500 to various organisations in the area. The club had spent approximately £58,000 developing the site, however, the land drains still required attention. The Club was one of the largest in the Country and he looked forward to the Club being involved in the community and to that end he extended an invitation for anyone who was interested to attend the next race meeting.

Andy Ross felt that the Club had had a positive influence in the area as it had cut down on scrambling. He added that the Club was now looking for funding to enable it to hire a

suitable indoor venue so as to enable it to provide indoor racing.

The Chairperson said that the only complaint he had received was that of parking on the road around the site. He pointed out to Mr Morgan that spaces were available in front of the Health Centre on Saturday morning and he requested that the Club encourage members to use spaces available rather than park on road.

The meeting ended at 20.44 hours

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Chairperson

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Date

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