

**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, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Ian Bruckshaw (in the Chair)

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

Also in Attendance Ward Councillors Sue Barton and Ken Wood  
David Grant and three members of the public

**MINUTES**

**APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

2148 An apology for absence for the reason given was submitted on behalf of Councillor Karan Bolton (Holiday)

The apology was accepted

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

2149 Hereon, the under mentioned Member declared his respective interest in the Agenda Item indicated below –

Councillor	Agenda Item	Interest
Rogers	Agenda Item 9 – Planning Application 2009//06167/PA – Arden Business Park	Personal – Operations Manager of the Ring and Ride Service which operate from two of the units

**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 –

- 2150 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, held on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2009, having previously been circulated and were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

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

- 2151 The following minutes of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010 were noted –

(Interleaved document no. 1)

## **CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Flooding**

- 2152 The Chairperson reported that the City Council's Main Drainage Team had agreed to undertake the survey of those properties affected by flooding which was required by the Environment Agency as a condition of grant. Veronica Coleman was keen to keep the cost of the property survey to £500 or less to enable the maximum to be spent on any remedial work which was identified by the survey.

### **Refurbishment of Holly Hill Shopping Parade**

- 2153 The Chairperson reported that the Planning Application for the refurbishment of the Holly Hill shopping parade had been submitted for consideration by the City's Planning Department. Subject to the plans being approved, it was hoped the refurbishment would commence in April.

### **No. 20 Bus Service**

- 2154 Councillor Bruckshaw reported that he, Councillor Sue Barton and the clerk had met representatives of National Express West Midlands (NXWM) and Centro on New Year's Eve to discuss NXWM's proposal to amend the route of the service No. 20. Due to City Centre congestion and road works at Vincent Drive, NXWM was currently experiencing problems in maintaining the reliability of the service and wanted to foreshorten the route by the removal of the Ormond Road, Boleyn Road, New Inns Lane, Callowbrook

Lane, Callow Bridge Road, New Road, Bristol Road South and Park Way (Great Park) part of the route and its replacement by Ormond Road, Rubery Lane and Park Way (Great Park). However, it had been pointed out to the NXWM representative that the service represented to many Frankley residents the only means of direct access to the Rubery shopping centre. After some discussion NXWM agreed to re-route the service as follows – Ormond Road, Rubery Lane, Callowbrook Lane, Callow Bridge Road, New Road, Bristol Road South and Park Way (Great Park) with the changes in the service being introduced on 17<sup>th</sup> January.

## **QUESTIONS**

### **Discharge of Shotguns on land to the rear of Fabian and Mowbray Closes**

- 2155 Councillor Rogers requested that a strongly worded letter be sent to the Chief Constable of the West Midlands Police regarding the lack of Police action in relation to the discharge of shotguns in close proximity to properties in Fabian and Mowbray Closes the previous Sunday which had caused the residents great concern. Councillor Rogers advised that he had telephoned 999 on two occasions but no action had been taken by the police. He had to go out in the afternoon and, while he was out, a note from a PCSO had been pushed through his door advising that the problem was not the responsibility of WMP but that of West Mercia – an explanation he found to be unacceptable. In the evening, he did receive an apology from three WMP officers for the delay in responding to the 999 calls, but given the fact that the shotguns were being illegally discharged close to residential properties and that this was not the first occasion that this had happened, he felt that the Parish Council should complain to the Chief Constable regarding the unacceptable delay in responding to a legitimate complaint.

It was agreed that a letter of complaint be sent to the Chief Constable.

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

There were none

## **PLANNING APPLICATION**

Application No.: 2009/06167/PA

Site: Units 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Arden Business Park, Arden Road,  
Frankley, Birmingham B45 0JA

Proposal: Variation of condition C11 attached to previously approved

application 2000/06139/PA to allow retail sales.

The following Planning Application was submitted –

(Interleaved document No. 2)

Councillor Trefor-Jones objected to the application on the grounds of the possible effect the retail outlets could have on the Holly Hill shops.

However, Councillor Grey stated that the developer of the Business Park had originally proposed that the units be permitted limited retail sales but had been refused by the Planning Committee. The retail proposed in the current application would not be normally shops but ancillary to the main use of the premises.

- 2156 It was generally agreed that the proposed retail provision on the Business Park would not affect the Holly Hill Shops but would allow the sale of manufactured goods over the counter and as such would increase sales from the units as well as attracting custom – proposals which Members felt should be supported.

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

Application No.: 2008/02787/PA

Site A38 (Bristol Road South) Lickey Road, Longbridge Lane,  
Longbridge Birmingham

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

- 2157 The Council were advised that, subject to the attached conditions, the above application has been approved.

(Interleaved document no. 3)

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

There was nothing to report.

#### **FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT**

- 2158 The Chairperson advised that the plans for the refurbishment of the Centre

could be viewed on-line at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/planningonline](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/planningonline)  
[Application Number 2009/06226/PA], at Frankley Library and the Parish  
Office.

## **TRANSPORT MATTERS**

2159 The Chairperson referred to his statement earlier in the meeting.

## **PAYMENTS**

### **Schedule of Payments**

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(Interleaved document no. 4)

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

2160 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the Schedule now submitted,  
be approved.

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

### **Bus Services on Frankley**

2160 Miss Whitehouse complained regarding the unreliability of the Service No.  
20 which, although scheduled to run at 30 minute intervals, actually ran  
closer to 60 minutes. She questioned why it was being proposed to take the  
service off Holly Hill Road which would disadvantage those residents living at  
the top of Holly Hill. Additionally, she was aware that a number of parents  
had bought bus passes for their children who attended Reaside School to be  
used on the service and now, because of the change in the route, the 20 no  
longer went past Reaside School. She also complained regarding the lack of  
publicity regarding the changes.

The Chairperson explained that just before Christmas, National Express West  
Midland (NXWM) had announced that, due to low passenger numbers on  
that part of the route between Arden Road and the Great Park, it was  
considering amending the route to exclude Ormond Road, Boleyn Road, New  
Inns Lane, Callowbrook Lane, Callowbridge Road, New Road, Bristol Road  
South and Park Way to be replaced by a shortened route Ormond Road,  
Rubery Lane and Park Way. NXWM and CENTRO agreed to meet with  
Councillor Sue Barton, the Parish Clerk and himself on New Years Eve, at

which meeting NXWM was persuaded of the need for the route of the 20 to include the bottom section of New Road in Rubery so as to permit Frankley Residents to get into Rubery. After considerable discussion, NXWM agreed to amend the 20 route to include Rubery. CENTRO undertook to provide the Parish Council with appropriate notices and timetables. However, at the time of the route change, 17<sup>th</sup> January, CENTRO had neither provided timetables nor posters and therefore the only publicity was notices on the buses. The Chairperson concluded by stressing that currently there was no proposal to exclude Holly Hill Road for the 20 route.

Councillor Sue Barton gave an undertaking that if the revised route proved unsatisfactory, she would have a public meeting to which NXWM and Centro would be invited and the public allowed to put their views.

The meeting ended at 2014 hours

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Chairperson

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Date