

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, 21st December 2009 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Ian Bruckshaw (in the Chair)

Councillors Karan Bolton, Sid Grey, Gareth Griffiths, Bill Hollis, Len Lovett, Des Rogers, Geoffrey Stephenson and Joanna Walker

Also in Attendance Ward Councillors Sue Barton and Ken Wood ,
David Joynes

MINUTES

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

- 2132 Apologies for absence for the reasons given were submitted on behalf of Councillors Linda Banks (Family Illness), Carter (Holiday) and Trefor-Jones (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 –

- 2133 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, held on 16th November 2009, having previously been circulated and were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

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

- 2134 The following minutes of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 30th November 2009 were noted –

(Interleaved document no. 1)

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

i) Frankley Flood Plan

- 2135 The Chairperson circulated an amended page of final version of the Frankley Flood Plan adding that further copies of the Plan were available from the Parish Office to those who wanted it.

ii) Street Lighting – Ormond Road

- 2136 In response to questions raised regarding the numbering of street lights on Ormond Road, the Chairperson reported that the engineers were aware that some of the numbers on the lighting columns had faded but that it required mild dry weather conditions to replace them. It was hoped that the work could be completed next year when the weather improves. However, as the lighting columns were numbered in sequence, it should be possible, by reference to the un-faded columns, to identify the numbers of the faded columns. Regarding the problems with the lighting which had been installed as part of the recent traffic calming project, the engineer had advised that the responsibility for their maintenance was that of the contractor for 12 months after project completed and therefore complaints regarding faulty lights would be referred to the contractor for rectification.

QUESTIONS

There were none.

AGE DISCRIMINATION: THE HIGH COURT'S DECISION IN 'HEYDAY'

- 2137 The following Employment Briefing issued by NALC was noted –

(Interleaved document no. 2)

TRAINING COURSES

i) Responding to Planning Applications – Understanding Plans and Design Principles – Saturday 13th February 2010

2138 RESOLVED: That Councillors Carter and Joanna Walker, plus the clerk, be authorised to attend the above training course.

ii) End of Year Accounts and Preparing for Audit - Tuesday 19th January 2010

2139 RESOLVED: That the clerk be authorised to attend the above training course.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

It was proposed by Councillor Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Rogers and

2140 RESOLVED: That the Council, in accordance with its powers under section 144 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; a contribution of a maximum £200 towards the prize fund of the Frankley Christmas Lights competition.

REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS TO WHICH MEMBERS BELONG

2141 The Clerk reported that Councillor Carter had attended the last Longbridge Consultative Committee – a brief summary of the meeting was set out in the minutes of the Planning, Environmental, Public Health and Transport Committee submitted earlier in the meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATION

There were none.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

LONGBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN

Minute Number 2141 refers.

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

- 2142 The Chairperson reported that the planning application for the refurbishment of the Centre had now been submitted to the Planning Department for determination. As it had been registered after the Agenda for this meeting had been circulated, consideration of the application had been deferred to the meeting of the Planning Committee on 4th January 2010. A copy of the application (No. 2009/06226/PA) was available for inspection at the Library and Parish Office as well as electronically at www.birmingham.gov.uk/planningonline .

TRANSPORT MATTERS

- 2143 Chairperson stated that he had received a lot of complaints regarding lack of reliability of the service No. 20. Additionally, Councillor Sue Barton was aware that NXWM were considering making changes to the routing of the No. 20 service. Although at this point in time she had not been made aware of what those changes would entail, she would be contacting City Councillor Timothy Huxtable, the Chairperson of CENTRO's Longbridge/Frankley Area Members' Working Group, to ascertain what changes were being proposed. She undertook to keep the Parish Council informed of developments.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

DEFRA Grant

- 2144 The Chairperson reported that the City had received 4 quotations for the survey work required as a condition of the Grant – the amounts varying from £17K to £43K. Veronica Coleman was concerned that it appeared that the City would be required to expend a large proportion of the Grant just to get survey work completed.

Councillor Des Rogers

- 2145 Councillor Rogers thanked those members who had contributed towards the collection for his granddaughter – it was very much appreciated. For those members who were interested, the details of his Granddaughter's illness and treatment were on the web at www.justgiving.co.uk/magsrogers1.

86 Crychan Close – Planning Application

- 2146 Councillor Grey reported that he had received notification from Planning that the application in respect of 86 Crychan Close which had been considered by the Planning Committee at its meeting on 30th November 2009, had been approved.

PAYMENTS

Schedule of Payments

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(Interleaved document no. 3)

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

2147 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 1949 hours

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Chairperson

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Date