

**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, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2009 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Ian Bruckshaw (in the Chair)

Councillors Linda Banks, Eric Carter, Gareth Griffiths, Bill Hollis, Len Lovett, Des Rogers, Geoffrey Stephenson and Joanna Walker

Also in Attendance Councillor Ken Wood, David Grant, Judith Hinton and Margaret Wilson (Frankley Community Leisure Centre)

**MINUTES**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2086 Apologies were submitted and accepted for the reasons given on behalf of Sid Grey MBE (Family Illness) and Stephen Trefor-Jones (Family Illness)

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

2087 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 Joanna Walker, and -

2088 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, held on 17th August 2009, having previously been circulated and were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

## **MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009 together with a revised Risk Review agreed at that meeting were submitted –

(Interleaved document no. 1)

It was proposed by Councillor Joanna Walker, seconded by Councillor Carter, and -

- 2089 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009 be noted and that the amended Risk Review be adopted.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

## **QUESTIONS**

There were none.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils Annual General Meeting**

- 2090 It was noted that the Annual General Meeting of the Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils was to be held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 7.30pm in the Shire Hall, Warwick.

### **More Powers to Parish and Town Councils: Including Local Councils in the Sustainable Communities Act**

Referring to the Sustainable Communities Act which was enacted in 2007, the Chairperson explained that under the 2007 Act, a principal authority was required to establish "a panel of representatives of local persons" with whom it must consult and try to reach agreement with in respect of any proposals which are later submitted to the LGA. Unfortunately, neither the Act nor the associated regulations required a principal authority to include in their panel any representatives of parish councils in their area. Statutory guidance issued pursuant to s. 5(5) of the Act merely provides that "local authorities will also want to consult parish councils in their area."

The Sustainable Communities Act 2007(Amendment) Bill addresses some weaknesses in the 2007 Act, subsequent regulations and statutory guidance. In relation to the parish council sector, the Bill was seeking to:

- require a principal authority to include in their panel of representatives of local persons, representatives from parish councils in its area (unless there are no parish councils in the area);
- enable a County Association to also submit proposals for promoting the sustainability of local communities in its area to the Secretary of State via the LGA. Before submitting such proposals, a county association is required to try and reach agreement with parish councils in its area about those proposals.

It was proposed by Councillor Stephenson, seconded by Councillor Carter, and –

- 2091 RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Richard Burden MP requesting that he sign Early Day Motion No. 1545 in support of the Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill

#### **APPLICATION FOR FUNDING - SUMMER PLAYScheme**

The following application from the Frankley Community Leisure Centre towards the cost of running the Summer Playscheme during the school summer holidays in the sum of £3000 was submitted –

(Interleaved document no. 2)

Judith explained that the Playscheme supported by the Parish Council was run for local Frankley Children during the school summer holidays. During the summer the PlayScheme had been the subject of an Ofsted report. The PlayScheme had received an excellent report and the support received from the Parish Council had been commended.

The Chairperson expressed his appreciation of the good work done by the Judith and her colleagues in organising activities for Frankley children during the summer holidays – an opinion echoed by Councillor Rogers.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Carter, and –

- 2092 RESOLVED: That, the Council, in accordance with its powers under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, agree to make the following grant, 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; a grant of £3,000 towards the cost of running the Summer Playscheme during the summer school holidays.

### **RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ANALYSIS (2009/2010)**

- 2093 The following analysis of the Receipts and Payments of the Council for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009 was noted –

(Interleaved document no. 3)

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

#### **Balaam's Wood Management Committee**

- 2094 Councillor Carter reported that he had attended a meeting of the Management Committee and was able to report that things were going in the manner suggested by the Parish Council in that the area was being opened up to the public, the central grassed area mowed and benches were to be installed.

#### **Police Tasking Committee**

- 2095 Councillor Stephenson reported that he had attended the Police Tasking Meeting at Colmers School. With regards to Frankley, two matters had been identified requiring action by the police –

- Criminality in the area behind the Arden Road shops and flats;
- Cars using Ormond Road as a racetrack late at night.

The Police had undertaken to investigate both concerns and to report to the next Tasking meeting.

#### **Frankley Neighbourhood Forum**

2096 Chairperson referred to a recent meeting of the forum at which two issues had come up –

- Questions as to the up to date position regarding the changes to the buses (He indicated that the matter would be raised later in the meeting)
- Fly-tipping – Action was being taken in an attempt to stop the anti-social practice of fly-tipping. Notices had been posted in the identified ‘hotspots’ which seemed to have had a beneficial effect.

### **PLANNING APPLICATION**

**2009/03555/PA**

**10 Arden Road, Frankley, Birmingham B45 0JA**

**Change of use of ground floor premises from retail (class use A1) to hot food take-away (class use A5)**

A copy of the aforementioned Planning Application was submitted.

(Interleaved document no. 4)

2097 RESOLVED: That the City Council’s Planning Department be advised that the Parish Council has no objection to the development as set out in Planning Application No. 2009/03555/PA.

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

There were none.

### **LONGBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN**

2098 Councillor Carter indicated that a meeting of the Longbridge Consultative Committee was to be held on the coming Thursday at which a representative of Bournville College would be making a statement.

### **FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT**

There was nothing to report.

## **TRANSPORT MATTERS**

- 2099 The Chairperson and Clerk reported that the latest information from CENTRO regarding the proposed changes to the bus service in south Birmingham would appear to indicate that the Service no. 63 was to be withdrawn with effect from 25<sup>th</sup> October 2009. Several members expressed their concern at this action as it would leave the stretch of the Bristol Road between south Northfield and Rubery without a bus service.

Regarding Nos 61 and 49 services, it would appear that they had been registered in accordance with the comments received during the consultation. Unfortunately, the papers contained no reference to the No. 20 service and Councillor Rogers undertook to contact CENTRO officers to ascertain the position.

[Subsequently, following receipt of further information, it was confirmed that the National Express West Midlands No. 63 service was not to be withdrawn, but that operated by Travel Express was to be withdrawn. Additionally, Councillor Rogers reported that the No 20 service had been registered but the timetable for the service had not yet been published. ]

## **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 Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Carter and –

- 2100 **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 1957 hours

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Chairperson

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