

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, 17th May 2010 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Councillor Ian Bruckshaw (in the Chair)

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

Also in Attendance Andy Ross (Frankley Church Community Project), David Grant (Resident) and two employees of the Ring and Ride Service

MINUTES

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

It was proposed by Councillor Carter, seconded by Councillor Trefor-Jones, that Councillor Bruckshaw be appointed Chairperson of the Council for the forthcoming year.

There being no further nominations, it was, with none dissenting –

2207 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2011, Councillor Bruckshaw be appointed Chairperson of the Council.

COUNCILLOR BRUCKSHAW IN THE CHAIR

2208 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 Stephenson that Councillor Trefor-Jones be appointed Vice-Chairperson of the Council.

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

It was proposed by Councillor Bruckshaw that Councillor Carter be appointed Vice-Chairperson of the Council.

The propositions were put to the vote and on a show of hands the votes cast for each nominee were as follows –

Councillor Trefor-Jones – 1 vote
Councillor Griffiths – 3 votes
Councillor Carter – 1 vote

It was therefore -

- 2209 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2010, Councillor Griffiths 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 -

- 2210 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2011, 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 -

- 2211 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2011, 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 –

- 2212 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2011, 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 –

- 2213 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2011, 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 –

- 2214 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2011, 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 –

- 2215 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2011, Councillors Bruckshaw and Carter 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 –

- 2216 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2011, 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 –

- 2217 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2011, Councillors Trefor-Jones and Walker 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 –

- 2218 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2010, Councillor Bruckshaw 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

- 2219 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 –

2010

21st June; 19th July; 16th August; 20th September;
18th October; 15th November; 20th December;

2011

17th January; 21st February; 21st March; 18th April;

with the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Parish Assembly on 16th May 2010.

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Following receipt of nominations, it was -

- 2220 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 –

2010

1st June (Tues); 5th July; 2nd August; 4th October;
1st November; 29th November;

2011

5th January; 2nd February; 2nd March; 30th March;
4th May

STAFFING COMMITTEE

Following receipt of nominations, it was -

- 2221 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2011, 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 -

- 2222 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2011, 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 –

- 2223 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2011, Councillors Linda Banks, 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

- 2224 Hereon, the under mentioned Members declared their respective interests in the Agenda Item indicated below –

| Councillor | Agenda Item | Interest |
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| Linda Banks | 23 - Grant Application – Frankley Church Community Project | Prejudicial – member of the management committee |
| Ian Bruckshaw | 19 – Chairperson’s Allowance | Prejudicial – determination of Chairperson’s Allowance for 2009/2010 |
| Des Rogers | 23 Grant Application – Frankley Church Community Project | Personal – employee of Ring and Ride |

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillors Linda Banks and Rogers, not wishing to make a statement, withdrew from the meeting.

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Upon being invited by the Chairperson to present his application Andy briefly outlined the main points of his application following which he responded as appropriate to Members’ questions.

Hereon, Councillors Linda Banks and Rogers returned to the meeting.

MINUTES

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

- 2225 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th April

2010, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

- 2226 The following Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 14th April 2010 were noted -

(Interleaved document no. 1)

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

COUNCILLOR GRIFFITHS IN THE CHAIR

CHAIRPERSON'S ALLOWANCE

The Clerk advised that the Independent Remuneration Panel's (IRP's) report relating to the City Council Allowances recommended that the Consumer Price Index be not applied for the 2010/2011 Allowances. As the original IRP report required that the Parish Council, in setting the Chairperson's allowance, have regard to the IRP's recommendations for the City Council allowances, it was recommended that there be no increase in the allowance paid to the Chairperson during 2010/2011.

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

- 2227 RESOLVED: That the Chairperson's allowance be set at £703 for the forthcoming Municipal Year and that the payment thereof be in 10 equal monthly instalments commencing at the end of May 2010.

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

COUNCILLOR BRUCKSHAW IN THE CHAIR

MEMBER'S CAR ALLOWANCE

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

- 2228 RESOLVED: That a mileage allowances for authorised travel for 2010/2011 be set at 40p per mile.

NEIGHBOURHOOD CARETAKERS

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

- 2229 RESOLVED: That, the Council in accordance with its powers under Section 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 –

Expenditure of £26,000 towards the cost of providing a Neighbourhood Caretakers Scheme for Frankley.

PURCHASE OF POOP SCOOPS

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

- 2230 RESOLVED: That, the Council in accordance with its powers under Section 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 –

Expenditure of £395.85 plus VAT to purchase 45,000 poop scoops

GRANT APPLICATION

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

Frankley Church Community Project – Lunch Club Transport

The following application for funding of £1350 for the Lunch Club Transport was submitted –

(Interleaved document no. 2)

Following some further discussion during which it was proposed that the application be not approved on the grounds that it was felt to be an inexpedient use of limited Council funding which could be used to better effect elsewhere in the community given the availability of the Ring and Ride Service, and it was therefore proposed by Councillor Bruckshaw, seconded by Councillor Trefor-Jones, and –

- 2231 RESOLVED: That the application for funding submitted by the Frankley Church Community Project be not approved.

Councillors Linda Banks and Rogers returned to the meeting.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

A Accounts for the Year Ending 31st March 2010

The Council's Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2010 were submitted –

(Interleaved document no. 3)

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

- 2232 RESOLVED: That the Accounts for the Year Ending 31st March 2010 be approved.

B Risk Review Log for the Year Ending 31st March 2010

The Risk Review Log for the Year Ending 31st March 2010 was submitted –

(Interleaved document no. 4)

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

- 2233 RESOLVED: That the Risk Review Log for the Year Ended 31st March 2010 be approved.

C Annual Return for the Year Ending 31st March 2010

(i) Statement of Accounts

(ii) Annual Governance Statement

The Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement were submitted –

(Interleaved document no. 5)

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

- 2234 RESOLVED: That the Annual Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement be approved.

REPORT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

The following report of the Internal Auditor was submitted –

(Interleaved document no. 6)

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

- 2235 RESOLVED: That the report be approved and the recommendation contained therein be adopted.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

QUESTIONS

There were none.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- A Application No: 2010/01750/PA

Site: 1, 5 and 6 Arden Business Park, Arden Road, Frankley,
Birmingham B45 0JA
Proposal: Change of use of Units 5 and 6 to retail, storage and offices
ancillary to manufacturing taking place in Unit 1 Arden Business
Park

B Application No: 2010/01751/PA
Site: 3 and 4 Arden Business Park, Arden Road, Frankley,
Birmingham B45 0JA
Proposal: Variation of condition C11 attached to approved application
2000/06139/PA to allow ancillary retail use in units 3 & 4

Councillor Trefor-Jones reiterated his concerns expressed at an earlier meeting in relation to the possible adverse effect on the local shops of allowing the factory units to offer retail services. However, it was pointed out the applications, if approved, would allow, in the case of Units 5 & 6, retail storage and auxiliary offices as ancillary to manufacturing in Unit 1 and, in the cases of Units 3 and 4, the removal of the condition preventing the retail sales of more than 33% of the goods manufactured therein. Indeed, the removal of these conditions could attract business to the area to the benefit of the local shops.

2236 It was therefore agreed to support the applications.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application No: 2010/00762/PA
Site: 41 Gannow Manor Crescent, Rubery, Birmingham, B45
OLP
Proposal: Erection of a two storey side Extension

2237 It was noted that the above application had been approved subject to the following conditions –

- 1 The development hereby approved shall be implemented in accordance with the details submitted with the application and shown on drawing number 01 Rev A, 1.1250 Location Plan (the amended plans') unless otherwise agreed by the Local Planning Authority in writing. Reason: In order to define the permission in accordance with Paragraphs 38 and 3.10 of the Birmingham UDP 2005.
- 2 The materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the extension/building/development hereby permitted shall match those used in the existing building. Reason: In order to secure the satisfactory development of the application site in accordance with Paragraphs 3.8 and 3.10 of the Birmingham UDP 2005.
- 3 The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of

(3) years from the date of this permission. Reason: In order to comply with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

LONGBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN

- 2238 Councillor Carter reported that the next meeting of the Consultative Committee was to be held on June 24th.

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

- 2239 The Clerk reported that he had been advised by the South Development, Planning and Regeneration Team that it was hoped that the refurbishment work on the shops would commence in August and that it was hoped that the MUGA would be constructed in the early building phase.

TRANSPORT MATTERS

- 2240 The Clerk reported that National Express/CENTRO were proposing to review the bus services on Frankley and were proposing to hold a 'Meet the Public' session on 22nd July to present their new proposals. The Clerk, on behalf of the Parish Council, had requested an early sight of the revisions to the services.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Councillor Ian Cruise, Ward Councillor - Longbridge

- 2241 Councillor Carter, on behalf of the Council welcomed newly elected Councillor Ian Cruise to his first Parish Council meeting.

Former Councillor Sue Barton

- 2242 It was agreed to formally place on record the Council's appreciation of the work undertaken by the former Ward Councillor Sue Barton on behalf of the residents of Frankley.

PAYMENTS

Schedule of Payments

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(Interleaved document no. 7)

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

- 2243 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the Schedule now submitted, be approved.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Predetermination of Funding Applications

- 2244 Andy Ross expressed his concern at the fact that he had been telephoned that morning and advised that the Project's funding application would be turned down at this meeting. He questioned whether decisions on grant applications were being made prior to the Council meetings at which the grant applications was to be considered. The Chairperson assured Andy that no decision on the application had been made prior to the meeting and he requested that Andy speak to him after the meeting.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

- 2245 RESOLVED: That the public and press be excluded from the meeting as, in the view of the Council publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution and arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings –

Appointment of Internal Auditor

PRIVATE MINUTES

APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

Following consideration of the terms proposed by Ms Diane Malley, it was

- 2246 RESOLVED: That the appointment of Ms Diane Malley as Internal Auditor on the terms and conditions set out in her letter dated 12th February 2010 be approved.

The meeting ended at 2019 hours

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Chairperson

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Date