

18th October 2010

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 October 2010 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Ian Bruckshaw (in the Chair)
Councillors Linda Banks, Sue Barton, Eric Carter, Gareth Griffiths, Bill Hollis, Des Rogers and Joanna Walker

Also in Attendance Ward Councillor Keith Barton; Mr G Stephenson (Local resident)

MINUTES

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of the following Councillors for the reasons set out below:-

Councillor Karan Bolton – Babysitting

Councillor Stephen Trefor-Jones – Family Bereavement

2315 The apologies submitted by the above mentioned Councillors were accepted.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST (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 matter on the agenda.

MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Sue Barton, and, with none dissenting -

2316 **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th September 2010, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flooding Mitigation Works

2317 The Chairperson reported that he was still waiting to hear from Clive Wright regarding the arrangements for the meeting to discuss flooding measures. He advised that there was a need for the meeting to take forward the proposals to mitigate flooding.

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QUESTIONS

Forestdale Community Park – MUGA

- 2318 In response to a question from Councillor Rogers regarding the funding of the MUGA on the proposed Forestdale Community Park, he received assurances that the Parish Council would not be required to fund it as funding would be sought from independent organisations as well as Section 106 monies.

Excessive Speed of the 61 Route Buses

- 2319 Councillor Rogers expressed concern over the speed at which the 61 buses were travelling down Boleyn Road. He urged that the Highways Department be requested to consider installing a speed table just before Fabian Close in order to slow the buses down. He considered that given the speed of some of the buses, there was a possibility of an accident occurring with vehicles exiting Fabian Close and the pedestrian crossing from Holly Hill across to the school/medical centre. Ward Councillor Barton stated that the City's current policy was not to install speed tables due to the fact that they slowed emergency vehicles down. However, Councillor Rogers pointed out that a speed table had recently been installed in Vineyard Road to protect the school as part of the bypass development. At the request of Councillor Rogers it was agreed that the Clerk approach the Highways Engineer to ascertain whether a speed table could be installed on Boleyn Road. It was also agreed to request the police to undertake speed checks on the buses.

ADOPTION OF REVISED STANDING ORDERS

The following Standing Orders were submitted –

(Interleaved document no. 1)

It was proposed by Councillor Rogers, seconded by Councillor Carter, and with none dissenting -

- 2320 RESOLVED: That the Standing Orders, as now submitted, be adopted and that a copy thereof be provided to each Member.

FINANCIAL OUTTURN AT AS 30TH SEPTEMBER 2010

- 2321 The following report setting out the Outturn of the Council as at 30th September 2010 was noted –

(Interleaved document no. 2)

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The following schedule of draft payments was submitted –

(Interleaved document no. 3)

It was proposed by Councillor Rogers, seconded by Councillor Joanna Walker, and, with none dissenting -

- 2322 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out on the attached schedule be approved

FRANKLEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION PRIZE FUND

The Chairperson proposed that the prize fund for the 2010 Christmas Lights Competition be set at £200 (1st Prize £100, 2nd Prize £60 and 3rd Prize £40)

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It was therefore proposed by Councillor Sue Barton, seconded by Councillor Griffiths, and, with none dissenting, -

- 2323 RESOLVED: That the prize fund for the 2010 Christmas Lights Competition be set at £200 ; the fund to be distributed as follows – 1st Prize £100, 2nd Prize £60 and 3rd Prize £40.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- A Application No. 2010/05556/PA
Location Arden Road – Land adjacent to highway, Rubery, Birmingham B45 0JA
Proposal Erection of a 14.8m high telecommunications mast and associated cabinet equipment

The following Planning Application in respect of Telecommunications Mast on land adjacent to Highway, Arden Road, Rubery, was submitted -

(Interleaved document no. 4)

It was proposed by Councillor Bruckshaw, seconded by Councillor Carter and, with none dissenting -

- 2324 RESOLVED: That the foregoing Application be objected to on the grounds of the proximity of the residential maisonettes above the adjacent shops and the proximity of a similar mast on the lay-by on Arden Road.

- B Application No. 2010/05203/PA*
Location Vehicle development centre, Lowhill Lane, Longbridge, Birmingham B31 2BQ
Proposal Retention of 2.85 metre high fencing and gate

- 2325 The foregoing Application was noted

- C Application No. 2010/05485/PA*
Location Former General Office Block Site, Lickey Road, Longbridge, Birmingham B45 8TE
Proposal Non-Material amendment to approval 2009/06423/PA to include amended site layout and house type designs

- 2326 The foregoing Application was noted.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- A Application No. 2010/04233/PA
Location 6 Lyall Gardens, Rubery, Birmingham B45 9YW
Proposal Erection of two storey and single storey side
Decision Approved subject to conditions

The following conditions were submitted –

(Interleaved document no. 5)

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2327 The decision in respect of the foregoing Application was noted.

B Application No.	2010/04111/PA
Location	Adjacent 77 Miranda Close, Rubery
Proposal	Change of use from existing amenity land to private garden, erection of boundary fence and installation of hardstanding
Decision	Approved subject to conditions

The following conditions were submitted –

(Interleaved document no. 6)

2328 The decision in respect of the foregoing Application was noted.

LONGBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN

2329 Councillor Carter reported that he had attended a meeting of the Longbridge Consultative Committee on 30th September. No firm decision had been taken regarding the provision of the Park and Ride Car Parking although the matter was still being considered. The 'My Place' project had received planning approval and its 5 year management plan had also been approved by the lottery Building was anticipated to commence early in the new year. The alterations to the highways had commenced with an anticipated conclusion in November 2011. With regard to the proposed Superstore which was supposed to be built on the site, no planning application had been submitted to date and therefore it was still a mystery as to the identity of the Superstore. He confirmed that the new unit on the former Engine Works site had taken by a automotive company.

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

2330 The Chairperson reported that Wates Construction were now on site and had commenced the refurbishment work. The construction of the MUGA was scheduled for the 2nd week of November. He added the refurbishment of the area to the rear of the shops would be dependant on the amount of funding remaining after the main works had been completed.

TRANSPORT MATTERS

2331 Chairperson reported that 2 bus stops had been installed on Boleyn Road. He added that the area had far better coverage since the last Bus Review and that according to the feedback the Council had received, the majority of people seemed happy with services available.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Frankley and Cockhill Housing Liaison Board

2332 The following project proposals and the work carried out by the Frankley and Cockhill HLB were noted-

(Interleaved document no. 7)

With regard to the Frankley Environmental Project – River Rea Watercourse, Councillor Carter maintained that the £3,000 referred to in the notes had actually been approved by

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the Ward Advisory Board to clear out the watercourse around Fisher Close back to the local authority boundary. Councillor Sue Barton said that it was her understanding that Clive Wright had agreed to clear the Fisher Close watercourse and that pressure need to be brought to bear to ensure that the work was carried out.

With regard to the work at Grizedale Close Sheltered Housing Scheme (Item 9) Councillor Sue Barton reported that the residents welcomed the work carried out on the hedge.

Police Presence – Holly Hill Shops

- 2333 The Chairperson reported that recently the police presence around the holly Hill Shops had increased with a view of identifying individuals drinking in public. It was hoped that once the persistent drinker had been identified then the Police would take action to prevent them causing a nuisance in front of the shops.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Bus Shelters

- 2334 Ward Councillor Barton reported that he had received a number of requests for bus shelters on Boleyn Road. However, given the fact that bus shelters were targets for Anti-Social Behaviour he indicated that he would approach CENTRO for shelters if the residents was supported by Parish Council.

Council Carter advised had spoken to residents around Fisher Close – the general view was that they did not want shelters in their vicinity.

The meeting ended at 1959 hours

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Chairperson

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Date