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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, 20th September 2010 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Ian Bruckshaw (in the Chair)

Councillors Linda Banks, Sue Barton, Eric Carter, Gareth Griffiths, Bill Hollis, Len Lovett, Stephen Trefor-Jones and Joanna Walker

Also in Attendance Ward Councillors Ian Cruise and Ken Wood; Marion Chute, Community Librarian; Mr G Stephenson and Mr D Ward (Local residents)

MINUTES

The Chairperson welcomed Councillor Sue Barton to her first meeting of the Parish Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of the following Councillors for the reasons given:-

Councillor Karan Bolton – Illness

Councillor Des Rogers – Family Illness

The apologies submitted by the above mentioned Councillors were accepted.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST (EXISTENCE AND NATURE) WITH REGARD TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- 2296 Hereon Councillor Trefor-Jones declared a Personal Interest in respect of Agenda Item 10D – Outline Planning Application for the proposed development of the land bordered by Tessall Lane/Egghill Lane/Frogmill Road in that the development would have an adverse effect on his property.

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 Trefor-Jones, seconded by Councillor Carter, and, with none dissenting -

- 2297 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th August 2010, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

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CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Changes to Opening Hours of Frankley Library

Hereon, the Chairperson invited Marion Chute, the Community Librarian, to explain the reasons for the proposal to change the Library's opening hours.

The following briefing note was laid on the table.

(Interleaved document no. 1)

- 2298 Marion explained that the Saturday usage of the Library facilities had decreased over the past few years and it was therefore proposed to open the Library on Wednesdays (9am – 1pm and 2pm – 4pm) rather than continue Saturday openings. The change was scheduled to take place on week commencing 1st November.

The benefits of the change would be an increase in the Library usage; an increase in the access to Library service as Frankley Library would be the only constituency Library open on Wednesdays; alleviate staffing difficulties which sometimes occurred on Saturdays and which occasionally resulted in unscheduled closures; and opening on Wednesdays would allow engagement work with schools, nurseries, playgroups and young families to increase.

The Library was currently undertaking a survey of Library users to the proposal to ascertain the views of users of the service to the change. Marion reported that the feedback so far was positive.

Flood Defences

- 2299 The Chairperson reported that the trials of the flood defences for Frankley had proved to be successful. He added that he was waiting for meeting to be arranged to discuss the installation arrangements for the defences but was concerned that the final arrangements could take some time to be put in place.

QUESTIONS

There were no questions

CASUAL VACANCY

It was agreed that the Vacancy caused by former Councillor Stephenson's resignation be filled by co-option.

It was further proposed that the following Members be appointed to serve on Co-option Working Party; the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson and the Chairperson of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor Bruckshaw, seconded by Councillor Carter and by 6 votes for to 1 vote against –

- 2300 **RESOLVED:** That the current vacancy on the Parish Council be filled by co-option and that Councillors Bruckshaw, Carter and Griffiths be appointed to serve on the Co-option Working Party.

FRANKLEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

The Chairperson announced that he was proposing that the Frankley Christmas Lights Competition be run with appropriate rewards for the successful residents.

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Councillor Trefor-Jones objected to the proposal on the grounds that it encouraged residents to purchase lights which they could not afford because of the credit crunch. Additionally, he felt that the Council should be taking the lead in environmental matters and not encouraging wasteful use of power.

However, the Chairperson indicated that his experience last year would suggest that those residents who partook in the competition, would have displayed lights as they had done in previous years.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor Bruckshaw, seconded by Councillor Carter, and by 6 votes for to 2 votes against –

- 2301 RESOLVED: That approval be given to organising a Frankley Christmas Lights Competition to be published in the forthcoming edition of the Neighbourhood News with the prize fund to be determined at a later date.

REVISED STANDING ORDERS

The following Draft Standing Orders were submitted –

(Interleaved document no. 2)

In introducing the draft document the Clerk sought the Council's approval to the following amendments to the document –

- i). All references to Chairman or Vice-Chairman be replaced by Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson respectively;
- ii). Page 9 – Standing Order 5.1 – The addition of the following sentence; “A Councillor may request, before moving onto the next item of business, that the manner in which he voted be recorded in the Minutes”
- iii). Page 22 Standing Order 18.10 (iv) and (v) – The removal of any reference to the appointment of substitute members;
- iv). Page 25 Standing Orders 25.2, 25.2 and 25.3 – All should be in Bold type;
- v). Page 33 Standing Order 41.2 – suggest reference to Committee be removed and replaced by Council

It was proposed by Councillor Trefor-Jones, seconded by Councillor Bruckshaw and, with none dissenting –

- 2302 RESOLVED: That, subject to the amendments referred to above, the Draft Standing Orders be referred to the next meeting of the Council for adoption.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- A Application No. 2010/04111/PA
Location 77 Miranda Close, Rubery, Birmingham B45 0EH

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Proposal Change of use from public open land to private amenity area and erection of boundary fence

The following Planning Application in respect of 77 Miranda Close, Rubery, was submitted

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(Interleaved document no. 3)

Councillor Bruckshaw welcomed the proposal which would fence off land which was currently blighted.

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

2303 RESOLVED: That the foregoing Application be supported.

B Application No. 2010/04233/PA
Location 6 Lyall Gardens, Rubery Birmingham B45 9YW
Proposal Erection of two storey and single storey side extension

The following Planning Application in respect of 6 Lyall Gardens, Rubery was submitted -

(Interleaved document no. 4)

Councillor Carter reported that he had inspected the site and found no objection.

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

2304 RESOLVED: That there be no objection to the foregoing Application.

C Application No. 2010/03653/PA*
Location Land at Parklands Birmingham Great Park, Rubery, Birmingham
Proposal Reserved Matters application for the erection of 114 dwellings with associated works (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale)

2305 The foregoing Application was noted.

D Application No. 2010/046914/PA*
Location Tessall Lane/Egghill Lane/Frogmill Road – Land at Longbridge Birmingham
Proposal Outline application (all matters reserved) for mixed use development to include a maximum of 450 no. 2, 3, 4 and 5 bedroom dwellings, neighbourhood park, 465sqm retail space and energy centre

2306 The foregoing Application was noted.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A Application No. 2010/02376/PA*
Location A38 (Bristol Road South), Lickey Road and Longbridge Lane, Longbridge, Birmingham
Proposal Application to vary planning conditions to allow phased implementation for the construction of new highway, associated

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service infrastructure, drainage, bridge over culverts, foot and cycle ways, crossing facilities, access points and landscaping following part closure of existing highway

Decision Approved subject to conditions

2307 The decision in respect of the foregoing Application was noted.

B Application No. 2009/06423/PA*
Location Former General Office Block site Lickey Road, Longbridge, Birmingham
Proposal Erection of 115 dwellings, new accesses, parking and landscaping
Decision Approved subject to conditions

2308 The decision in respect of the foregoing Application was noted.

LONGBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN

2309 Councillor Carter reported that a meeting of the Longbridge Consultative Committee was scheduled for 29th September.

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

2310 The Chairperson reported that Wates Contracting staff were currently on site carrying out preparatory work prior to the commencement of the refurbishment work. However, inspections of the buildings had uncovered a number of problems which would need to be attended to before the refurbishment work could begin

TRANSPORT MATTERS

Nothing to report.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Speeding Vehicles – Holly Hill Road, New Street

2311 Councillor Trefor-Jones reported that the local police had advised him that speed checks on vehicles on the above roads had indicated that some were exceeding speeds in excess of 60 mph. Police had now, at long last, accepted that there is a speeding problem on the estate and would carry out random speed checks. Additionally, they would be circulating a letter with the Neighbourhood News advising of the crackdown.

Persistent Drinkers – Arden Road Shops

2312 The Chairperson reported that following conversations with the local police, the police had agreed to take the necessary action against persistent drinkers on the Arden Road shop forecourt. Councillor Trefor-Jones requested that similar action be taken in respect of the Wareham Road shops.

PAYMENTS

Schedule of Payments

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(Interleaved document no.5)

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It was proposed by Councillor Carter, seconded by Councillor Trefor-Jones and, with none dissenting –

- 2313 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the Schedule now submitted, be approved.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Provision of 'Bus Stops – Boleyn Road

- 2314 Ward Councillor Cruise reported that in response to a request for additional bus stops on Boleyn Road, he had received a letter from CENTRO advising that arrangements were in hand to position 2 stops on Boleyn Road: one at Fisher Close and the second adjacent to 100 Boleyn Road. It was hoped that the two new stops would be in place by the end of the month.

The meeting ended at 1955 hours

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Chairperson

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Date