

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 June 2010 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Councillor Ian Bruckshaw (in the Chair)

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

Also in Attendance Judith Hinton, Community Leisure Centre Manager, Ward Councillor Keith Barton and David Grant

MINUTES

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Trefor-Jones (Holiday). The reason for the absence was accepted.

APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

- 2247 RESOLVED: That Councillor Rogers be appointed to serve on the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee for the duration of the Bus Service Review currently being undertaken by National Express West Midlands and Centro.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST (EXISTANCE AND NATURE) WITH REGARD TO IETEMS ON THE AGENDA

No declarations were made.

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 Carter, and -

- 2248 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th May 2010, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

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

- 2249 The following Minutes of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 1st June 2010 were noted -

(Interleaved document no. 1)

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

QUESTIONS

Delivery of Black Rubbish Sacks

- 2250 In response to a complaint from Councillor Joanna Walker that she had run out of black rubbish sacks and, upon calling the City's call centre to ascertain the likely delivery date for fresh supply, had been advised that the delivery was not scheduled until the end of July. That meant that she would be without rubbish bags for the next 4 to 5 weeks and she was sure that other residents were in the same position. The Chairperson undertook to contact the Environmental Health Department to ascertain as to when residents could expect a new delivery.

CASUAL VACANCY

- 2251 It was noted that former Councillor Sid Grey had tendered his resignation from the Council following the last Council Meeting. Accordingly, as required by legislation, the Clerk had immediately publicised the vacancy advising applicants that, subject to a request by 10 electors of the Parish, an election to fill the vacancy would be held. As no such request had been made it was therefore recommended that the vacancy be filled by co-option.

On the proposition of Councillor Stephenson, it was agreed to place on record the Council's appreciation of the work undertaken by former Councillor Grey, both for the Parish Council and the Frankley Community.

GRANT APPLICATION

Frankley Community Leisure Centre – Ugly Bugs

The following application for funding of £4,000 towards the cost of providing summer holiday activities for Frankley children was submitted –

(Interleaved document no. 2)

Following an explanatory commentary from Judith Hinton regarding details of the grant application, it was proposed by Councillor Bruckshaw, seconded by Councillor Carter, and –

- 2252 **RESOLVED:** That, in accordance with its powers under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the Parish Council approves a grant of £4,000 to Frankley Leisure Centre as a contribution towards the cost of providing for summer activities for Frankley school

children.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- A** Application No: 2010/02959/PA
Site: New Street, Outside Dingle Social Club, Frankley, Birmingham B45 0BP
Proposal: To replace a 14.4 metre high street pole with a 13.8 metre high street pole that will accommodate both Vodafone's and O2's antennas. The existing cabinet will also be replaced to allow it to accommodate O2's equipment.

The following planning application relating to the above development was submitted –

(Interleaved document No. 3)

2253 The above application was noted.

- B** Application No: 2010/02205/PA
Site: 38 Thurloe Crescent, Frankley, Birmingham B45 9YN
Proposal: Erection of a single storey side and rear extension

The following planning application relating to the above development was submitted –

(Interleaved document No. 4)

2254 The above application was noted.

- C** Application No: 2010/02243/PA
Site: 8 Arden Road, Frankley, Birmingham B45 0JA
Proposal: Retention of use as a Deli/Café (Use Class A1/A3)

The following planning application relating to the above development was submitted –

(Interleaved document No. 5)

2255 The above application was supported.

- D** Application No: 2010/02576/PA
Site: 40 Fabian Close, Frankley, Birmingham B45 0ET
Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a detached two storey, 3 bedroom residential dwelling

The following planning application relating to the above development was submitted –

(Interleaved document No. 6)

2256 The above application was welcomed.

- E** Application No: 2010/02376/PA
Site: A38 (Bristol Road South), Lickey Road and Longbridge Lane, Longbridge, Birmingham

Proposal: Longbridge Lane Longbridge Birmingham Application to vary planning conditions and allow phased implementation for the construction of new highway, associated service infrastructure, drainage, bridge over river culverts, foot and cycle ways, crossing facilities, access points and landscaping following part closure of existing highway.

The following planning application relating to the above development was submitted –

(Interleaved document No. 7)

2257 The above application was noted.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none

LONGBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN

2258 Councillor Carter reported that the next meeting of the Consultative Committee was to be held on June 24th.

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

2259 The Clerk reported that the planning applications for the refurbishment of the Centre had now been approved and that it was anticipated that work on the Centre and the MUGA would commence in August.

TRANSPORT MATTERS

2260 The Clerk reported that he and the Chairperson would be attending a meeting with Centro and National Express West Midlands on Wednesday to scrutinise the proposed changes to the bus routes serving the Frankley area.

Councillor Barton indicated that he had already attended such a meeting and felt that the Parish Council would be pleased with what was being proposed.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Death of former Councillor Kathleen Lewis

2261 Councillor Linda Banks informed the meeting that former Parish Councillor Kathleen Lewis had recently passed away. It was agreed that the Parish Council extend its condolences to former Parish Councillor Reverend Lewis.

FCCP Grant Application

2262 Councillor Rogers, referring to the consideration of the grant application at the last meeting reminded Members that Andy Ross had alleged during the meeting that he had been informed by telephone the morning before the meeting that the grant would be unsuccessful and that as a result of that allegation Councillor Bruckshaw had agreed to speak to Andy after the meeting. Councillor Rogers questioned whether the Chairperson had spoken to Andy and if so, what was the outcome.

Chairperson reported that he had assured Andy that the decision on the grant had not been made until the meeting and that prior to the meeting no-one could have been sure of the outcome. In response to a further question from Councillor Rogers, Chairperson gave an assurance that the information had not come from any Parish Councillor.

Wind Turbine – Frankley High School

2263 In response to a question as to why the Wind Turbine at Frankley High School was not working and had not been for some time, the Chairperson reported that he had been advised the turbine’s gearbox had failed. Judith, as a member of the school’s Governing Body, advised that was not the case. The reason was that a blade of a similar turbine had fallen off and as safety precaution the manufacturers had recommended that all similar turbines be shut down pending an investigation as to the cause of the failure. The Governing Body were pushing hard to get the turbine operational.

Councillor Stephenson pointed out that during the planning process, assurances had been given that this type of fault could not happen.

PAYMENTS

Schedule of Payments

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(Interleaved document no. 8)

It was proposed by Councillor Carter, seconded by Councillor Linda Banks and –

2264 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the Schedule now submitted, be approved.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Bus Services Review Information

2265 In response to a question from Mr Grant, the Clerk advised that CENTRO/National Express West Midlands would be outside the Parish Office on Thursday 23rd July between 1000 hours and 1500 hours to give out details of the revised routes as well as time tables.

The meeting ended at 2000 hours

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Chairperson

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Date