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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, 21st March 2011 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Ian Bruckshaw (in the Chair)

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

Also in Ward Councillor Keith Barton;

Attendance Dave Grant, Bruce Pitt (Local residents)

MINUTES

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2388 An apology for non-attendance for the reason stated was submitted on behalf of Councillor Stephen Trefor-Jones (Voluntary Church Work in Uganda).

Hereon, Councillor Rogers reported that, due to illness, he had submitted his apology to the last meeting but had, in attempting to convey his apology to the Clerk, unfortunately used the incorrect email address. It was agreed that Councillor Roger's apology for the last meeting be accepted.

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

2389 There were no declarations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

2390 No Member of the Public wished to speak.

MINUTES

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

2391 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st February 2011, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

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

2392 The Minutes of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 7th March 2011 were noted.

(Interleaved document no. 1)

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CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flood Mitigation Work

- 2393 The Chairperson reported that the flood mitigation work currently being undertaken to properties in Miranda and Oberon Closes was proceeding satisfactorily.

Bromsgrove District Council Core Strategy

- 2394 The Chairperson gave notice that Bromsgrove District Council was currently undertaking a public consultation on the proposals contained in the Council's Draft Core Strategy. One of the proposals contained in the document related to the possible development of the 'Bandstand' site at the top of Holly Hill Road with the building of 66 houses.

Ward Councillor Barton indicated he had received a draft of the City Council's response to the Strategy. He confirmed the proposal to build 66 houses which it was anticipated would become part of Frankley when built. Referring to the Planning Gain arising from the development he was of the opinion that those funds should be invested in the Forestdale Park project rather than fund play facilities within the development. He also was concerned that, should the development go ahead, then local amenities and services would be put under pressure and that traffic congestion around the area would increase.

Frankley Carnival

- 2395 The Chairman stated that he had been approached by the local neighbourhood police requesting that, in his capacity as Chairperson of the Parish Council, he apply for a application for a revived Frankley Carnival. However, he wanted to discuss the proposal with interested parties before committing himself.

Councillor Sue Baron suggested that, in view of the shortness of time to organise a carnival this year, consideration should be given to holding a fun day in the current year and then build on experience for future years.

Green Waste/Black Rubbish Sacks

- 2396 Chairperson advised that the delivery of the black/green sacks commence on 25th March.

QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The following schedule of draft payments was submitted –

(Interleaved document no. 2)

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

- 2397 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out on the attached schedule, be approved

REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENES OF INTERNAL AUDIT

The following report of the Clerk was submitted –

(Interleaved document no. 3)

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- 2398 RESOLVED: That the report as now submitted setting out the effectiveness of the Council's Internal Audit regime be approved.

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – WEST MIDLANDS POLICE – LONGBRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

The following application for grant funding of £3,140 to fund weekly football coaching sessions in the school term and twice weekly sessions during the school holidays was submitted by the West Midlands Police Longbridge Neighbourhood Team-

(Interleaved document no. 4)

It was proposed by Councillor Rogers, seconded by Councillor Carter, and -

- 2399 RESOLVED: That, the Council in accordance with its powers under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, 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 –

A grant of £3,140 to provide Football Coaching sessions weekly during school term and twice weekly during school holidays

Councillors Linda Banks and Griffiths requested that their names be recorded as having abstained from voting on the foregoing resolution.

PURCHASE OF LITTER BINS FOR THE MUGA

It was proposed by Councillor Sue Barton, seconded by Councillor Linda Banks, and –

- 2400 RESOLVED: That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the purchase of two litter bins at a total cost of £885.48 be approved.

PURCHASE OF DOGGY POOP SCOOPS

It was proposed by Councillor Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Sue Barton, and –

- 2401 RESOLVED: That, the Council in accordance with its powers under Sections 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 –

The purchase of 50,000 poop scoops at a cost of £520.80 including delivery and VAT

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no applications

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application Number: 2010/07063/PA

Site Address: The Cock Inn Public House Rubery Lane Rednal Birmingham B45 9SL

Proposal: Retention of Children's equipment play area

- 2402 It was noted that the above Application had been approved subject to the attached conditions

LONGBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN

- 2403 Councillor Carter referred to the Minutes of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee submitted earlier in the meeting.

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

- 2404 Chairperson reported that apart from some minor works the refurbishment of the Centre was complete. He felt that the refurbishment was a vast improvement.

TRANSPORT MATTERS

Bus Stop – Boleyn Road

- 2405 It was noted that the hard standing at the bus stop on Boleyn Road had still to be completed. The reason for the continuing delay was the fact that Centro had not sought permission for the work from the City's Highways department whose responsibility it was to approve the installation of street furniture.

[Subsequently, the Clerk was advised that Centro had made an application to the City Council's Highways Department for permission to install 2 bus stops plus hard standing which had been passed to Amey for determination. It was hoped that the matter would be resolved shortly]

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Ring'n'Ride Staff Car Park

- 2406 Councillor Rogers announced that the recent difficulties with the City Council's Property Services division and the WMSNT regarding negotiations with respect of the extension of the lease of the land used as the staff car park adjacent to the Ring'n'Ride depot had now been resolved thanks to local Councillors. The City had now agreed to extend the current lease at the current rental until 2014 which had enabled WMSNT to increase the number of drivers employed at the Arden Road WMSNT Depot.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS FOR THE LONGBRIDGE WARD

North Worcestershire Golf Course

- 2407 Councillor Barton announced that the City Council had recently published its Draft Core Strategy, a presentation of which was given at the last Constituency Committee. Amongst the proposals for south west of the City was the development of North Worcestershire Golf Course by the building of 800 houses on the site. Councillor Barton felt that, should that proposal be accepted, then it would become very difficult to prevent the development of the Course at a later date.

The main objections to the proposal were the pressure such a development would put on local amenities and services and concerns over the possible increase in traffic congestion arising from the development.

He advised that Ward Councillors Wood and Delaney and himself had requested that the proposal be removed from the Draft Core Strategy as, proposals to develop in the future

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by way of a planning application would be easier to block and to that end the three Ward Councillors would be moving an amendment at the next meeting of the City Council for the proposal to be withdrawn.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were none.

The meeting ended at 2005 hours

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Chairperson

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Date