

## 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 17 July 2000 at 19.30 hours.

### Present

Councillor Sidney Grey (In the Chair)

Councillors Linda Banks, Karan Bolton, David Burton, Sheila Burton, Eric Carter, Michael Denny, Paul Kane, Reverend Derek Lewis, Kathleen Lewis, Joanna Walker, Geoffrey Williams.

### PUBLIC MINUTES

#### PRESENTATION OF PARISH BADGE

24. Ms V Cusack, on behalf of Quest Millennium, presented the Parish Council Badge which was accepted on behalf of the Council by the Chairperson. Ms Cusack then went on to pay tribute to all those involved in establishing the Parish Council.

On behalf of the Council, the Chairperson thanked Quest Millennium for the Badge and also for its help in bringing the Parish Council to fruition. Without the assistance and funding he was sure that the Parish Council would not be so far forward as it currently was.

He then went on to pay tribute to Ms Caroline Muir of the Frankley Church Community Project and thanked her for her assistance in establishing the Council. Ms Muir was leaving the project in a few weeks time and the Chairperson, on behalf of the Council wished her success in her new venture.

#### MINUTES

25. RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 19 June 2000, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

#### CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### A. Flooding

- 26 The Chairperson advised that Councillor D Burton would be attending a meeting called by Mr Richard Burden, MP, to discuss the recent flooding in the West Northfield/Frankley/Rubery areas. The Council would be kept informed of the outcome of that meeting.

B. Frogmill Community Centre

- 27 The Chairperson informed members that an invitation had been received for all Members to attend the Annual General Meeting of Frogmill Community Centre which was to be held on 11 September 2000 at 19.30 hours.

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 3 JULY 2000

28. RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 3 July 2000 be noted.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DELEGATIONS TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

29. RESOLVED: (i) That the name of the Planning Committee be changed to the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee.

- (ii) That the Committee be empowered to exercise the functions of the Council in respect of the following -

Planning - To consider and, if necessary, to respond on behalf of the Council to Planning Applications affecting the Parish.

To consider and, if necessary, to make representations /submissions on behalf of the Council insofar as the Local Plans and/or the Unitary Development Plan affect the Parish;

To undertake appropriate liaison with the Ward Advisory Board.

Environmental - To monitor the effectiveness or otherwise of the City Council in respect of Grass Cutting, Tree Cutting and Refuse and Rubbish Collections within the Parish and, if necessary, to make representations to the

appropriate City Council  
Department.

Highways -

To monitor the effectiveness  
or otherwise of the City  
Council in respect of the repair  
of Potholes, the maintenance  
of Street Lighting, Street  
Nameplates and Pathways  
within the Parish and, if  
necessary, to make  
representations to the  
appropriate City Council  
Department.

Public Transport -

To consider reports in  
connection with Transport  
2000, Centro and the Cross  
City Line extension insofar as  
they affect the Parish and, if  
necessary, to make  
appropriate  
representations/submissions  
on behalf of the Council

Hereon, the Chairperson withdrew from the Meeting.

COUNCILLOR D. BURTON IN THE CHAIR

CHAIRPERSON'S ALLOWANCE

Following a brief discussion, it was -

30. RESOLVED: That the Chairperson's allowance for the forthcoming year of £200 be approved.

Hereon, Councillor Grey returned to the Meeting and assumed the Chair.

COUNCILLOR GREY IN THE CHAIR

ACCOUNTS

The following Draft Payments list was submitted –

(See interleaved document No 1)

- 31 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the Draft Payments List and as now submitted, be approved.

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN

The following letter and supporting documentation were submitted –

(See interleaved document No. 2)

Hereon, upon the invitation of the Chairperson, Councillors Linda Banks, Karan Bolton and Denny, all of whom served on Governing Bodies of schools in the Frankley area advised that whilst there was an identified need for counselling in schools, currently such provision was not available. Although teachers did what they could to assist those pupils identified as in need of counselling, they were not professional counsellors. Councillor Denny added that he had spoken to the Deputy Head of Frogmill School who fully supported such provision.

Following further brief discussion it was agreed to adopt the draft motion as set out in the document submitted.

Councillor Denny proposed, and it was agreed, that before any consultation took place with the various statutory bodies, a letter be sent to the Chairs of all the Governing Bodies of Frankley Schools requesting their views on the provision of counselling.

32. RESOLVED: (i) That this Council believes that the development of counselling, advice and support services needs to be initiated in all schools. The Council notes that thousands of children suffer abuse and neglect in the UK every year and that often they have nowhere to turn for advice and support. This Council further believes that such advice and support could be provided through the establishment of independent counselling, advisory and support schemes and therefore welcomes the NSPCC's campaign to improve and encourage such services in local schools.
- (ii) That liaison be undertaken with all private, voluntary and statutory organisations that work in the Frankley area including those involved in education and health action zones to determine functions, roles and responsibilities.
- (iii) That, before the liaison set out in (ii) above is undertaken, a letter be sent to the Chairs of Governing Bodies in the Frankley area requesting their views on the provision of counselling, advice and support services.

## CROSS CITY LINE EXTENSION

The following documents containing background information on the extension to the Cross City line were submitted -

(See interleaved document No 3)

Following a brief discussion the Chairperson proposed that the following motion be adopted –

“That this Council supports the reinstatement of the railway to Frankley (Arden Road) as indicated by the people survey carried out in 1998 and 2000 both giving a clear mandate to the Council being mindful of the environmental impact and the effect on parishioners property and to those with disabilities within the Parish.”

It was therefore –

33. RESOLVED: That this Council supports the reinstatement of the railway to Frankley (Arden Road) as indicated by the people in surveys carried out in 1998 and 2000 both giving a clear Mandate to the Council being mindful of the environmental impact and the effect on parishioners' property and to those with disabilities within the Parish.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson both expressed concern that although a Planning Application relating to a property in Charnwood Close had been sent to the Neighbourhood Office, the Parish Council had not received a copy of the Application.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Area Planning Officer requesting that the procedure whereby the Parish Council is consulted on all Planning Applications within the Parish be put in place as soon as possible.

34. RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Area Planning Officer requesting that the procedure whereby the Parish Council is consulted on all Planning Applications within the Parish be put in place as soon as possible.

At 20.06 hours, on the proposition of the Chairperson, the meeting was adjourned in order to allow members of the public to raise local issues.

#### LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A Lyttleton House Elderly Persons Home,  
Ormond Road, Frankley

Mr Rose, a member of Residents Action Group Elderly (RAGE) expressed concern regarding the uncertain future of Lyttleton House. RAGE had submitted a report and evidence to the City Council supporting Lyttleton House's retention as a Local Authority Home for the Elderly. Recently, however, the Chairperson of the City Council's Social Services Committee had proposed that five Elderly Persons Homes in the City be sold to the private sector ahead of a full report into the future of the City Council's provision for the Elderly – Lyttleton House being one of the homes proposed for sell off. However, that proposal had been defeated so Lyttleton House was safe for the time being.

Two of the options that would be considered in the report would be the transfer of the Homes to a Private Trust or the sell off to the private sector. However, given that there was currently a crisis in privately run Elderly Care provision, with a number of homes going out of business, the long-term future of Lyttleton House was far from safe.

Therefore Mr Rose requested that the Council support the retention of Lyttleton House as a Local Authority Elderly Persons Home.

During the ensuing discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Carter, and agreed, that a letter be sent to the Director of Social Services, Birmingham City Council, expressing this Council's support for the retention of Lyttleton House as a Local Authority Elderly Persons Home and requesting up-to-date information as to the current position.

- RESOLVED: (i) That this Council supports the retention of Lyttleton House as a Local Authority Elderly Persons Home and that the Director of Social Services be advised accordingly.
- (ii) That the Director of Social Services, Birmingham City Council, be requested to provide up-to-date information as to the current position of Lyttleton House.

(B) Parish Council Website

35. In a response to a question from Mr Stephenson, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Council, agreed that a statement to the effect that the Council supported the extension of the Cross City Line could be posted on the Website.

(C) Counselling in Schools  
(Minute No 32 refers)

36. Mr Stephenson suggested, and it was agreed, that the Chairs of Governing Bodies of Schools outside the Parish but which accepted pupils from the Parish be approached to ascertain their views on the provision of counselling in schools.

The Meeting re-convened at 20.14 hours.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

37. RESOLVED: That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, which includes the following exempt information, it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and the public be temporarily excluded from the meeting and they are therefore instructed to withdraw.

To consider and fix the remuneration of the Acting Clerk

Exempt information – Information relating to a particular employee.

SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDING HELD IN PRIVATE

(Minute No 38)

REMUNERATION OF ACTING CLERK

Hereon, the Acting Clerk withdrew from the meeting during the discussion of this item. Upon his return he was informed that the Council had agreed to pay 1/12 of the annual salary for the next two months at which time the situation would be reviewed.

The meeting ended at 20.36 hours.

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Chairperson