

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, New Street, Frankley on 18 September 2000 at 19.30 hours.

Present

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

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

Hereon, in the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, Councillor David Burton took the Chair.

COUNCILLOR DAVID BURTON IN THE CHAIR.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology was received on behalf of Councillor Sidney Grey.

MINUTES

- 53 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 21 August 2000, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 54 The Chairperson submitted the following documents for the information of members –
- i) Councillor Sidney Grey's comments concerning the proposed Cross City Rail Extension to Serve Frankley and the Frankley Centre Plan Update together with the relevant correspondence and plan;
 - ii) A Copy of the Chairperson's proposed report for publication in the Frankley Neighbourhood News;

(see interleaved document No. 1)

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING ENVIRONMENTAL, HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

The following Minutes of the Planning Environmental Highways and Public Transport Committee were submitted –

(see interleaved document No. 2)

- 55 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 4 September 2000, be noted.

ACCOUNTS

The following draft payment list was submitted –

(see interleaved document No. 3)

A query was raised concerning the purchase of a duplicate set of keys. The Chairperson explained that some keys had been mislaid and it had been necessary to cut a new set.

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications to consider.

At 19.37 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) Bush in Holly Hill Road

- 57 A member of the public expressed concern at the state of the large prickly bush on Holly Hill Road between Windsor Close and Garden Close.

The Chairperson undertook to look into the problem and contact the City Council's Leisure Services Department.

(B)

Path to Beeches School

- 58 Councillor Linda Banks enquired whether repairs to that footpath had now been carried out.

The Chairperson said that the problem had already been referred to the City Council's Leisure Services Department, but he undertook to contact the Department again.

(C) Dog Excrement Bins

- 59 Councillor Reverend Derek Lewis asked if it was possible to install dog excrement bins in the area.

The Chairperson undertook to speak to the City Council's Environmental Services Department on this matter.

(D) Closing Off of Alleyways

- 60 A member of the public raised, on behalf of herself and her neighbours, the question of closing off back alleys by the City Council Housing Department, with particular reference to the alley behind nos. 43-47 Crychan Close.

The Chairperson explained that the Housing Department would be consulting with the Police and this Council about closures. There was a need to follow statutory procedures for closing Rights of Way, which included consulting adjoining occupiers who would be affected by the closure. He suggested that a site meeting with residents and Councillors might be helpful.

(E) Paving Slabs – Holly Hill Shopping Centre

- 61 A member of the public expressed thanks for the repair of the paving slabs by the former Coldstream public house (see Minute no. 51 of the meeting of 21 August 2000).

The Chairperson explained that he had raised the issue of the slabs with Councillor Andrew Coulson, the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, and Mr. Les Collins of the City's Economic Development Department when they had visited the area, and, following that visit, the repairs had been carried out.

(F) Parish Website

- 62 Mr. Stephenson made a further request for Councillors' information for the website.

There was a brief discussion during which it was pointed out that it was the right of individual Councillors to decide what personal details were

placed on the Website. However, it was generally accepted that it would be helpful to include individual Councillors' telephone numbers so that they could be contacted if needed.

The Meeting reconvened at 19.50 hours

EXTENSION OF ACTING CLERK'S CONTRACT

- 63 RESOLVED: That the contract of the Acting Clerk be extended until 31 October 2000.

The meeting ended at 19.52 hours.

Signed

Chairperson