

## 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 19 June 2000  
at 1930 hours.

### Present

Councillor 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

### MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Williams, seconded and -

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

### DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

11. RESOLVED: That the meetings of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year be held on the following Mondays at 1930 hours at the St. Christopher's Church Centre:-

17 July 2000, 21 August 2000,  
18 September 2000, 16 October 2000,  
20 November 2000, 18 December 2000,  
15 January 2001, 19 February 2001,  
19 March 2001 and 16 April 2001.

### APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Following a brief discussion it was proposed by Councillor Kane, seconded, and -

12. RESOLVED: That the Parish Council appoint a Vice-Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Reverend Lewis, and seconded, that Councillor Denny be elected Vice-Chairperson of the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Carter, and seconded, that Councillor D Burton be elected Vice- Chairperson of the Council.

The nominations were put to the meeting and it was, on a show of hands, by 7 votes to 3 -

13. RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May 2001, Councillor D Burton be elected Vice-Chairperson of the Parish Council.

#### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(i) Notification of Planning Applications

On the proposition of the Chairperson, it was -

14. RESOLVED: That the Acting Clerk write to the Planning Authority, Birmingham City Council, requesting that the Parish Council be consulted on all Planning Applications in the Parish.

(ii) Consideration of Planning Applications

The Chairperson suggested that, as the consultation period for Planning Applications was 21 days from receipt by the Council of the application, in order for any comments the Council may have on a Planning Application to be taken into account by the Planning Authority, it would be necessary to establish a Planning Committee. Such a Committee would have delegated powers to consider and respond to Planning Applications on behalf of the Council and would be able to meet at short notice when necessary in order to fit in with the consultation period. In response to a question from Councillor Carter, the Chairperson advised that, if necessary, the Planning Committee could invite the Area Planning Officer of the City Council to attend the meeting to give advice to members on Planning Matters.

Following further brief discussion it was agreed that the Council should establish a Planning Committee comprising of 6 members (the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson being ex-officio members) with full delegated powers to consider and respond to all Planning Applications on behalf of the Council.

It was also suggested that the Planning Committee should meet on a regular basis (2 weeks after the full Council Meeting). The Committee would also have additional meetings where it was necessary in order to respond to a Planning Application within the consultation period.

15. RESOLVED: (i) That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May 2001, a Planning Committee be established with the power to consider and, if necessary, to respond to Planning Applications affecting the Parish.

- (ii) That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting Of the Parish Council in May 2001, Councillors Carter, Kane, Joanne Walker and Williams be appointed to serve on the Planning Committee with the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Council being ex-officio members of the Committee

### STANDING ORDERS

The following draft Standing Orders were submitted:-

(See interleaved document No. 1)

- 16. RESOLVED: That the Standing Orders, as now submitted, be adopted.

### FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The following draft Financial Regulations were submitted:-

(See interleaved document No. 2)

- 17. RESOLVED That the Financial Regulations, as now submitted, be adopted.

### APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

The following report of the Acting Clerk was submitted:-

(See interleaved document No. 3)

With regard to the draft advertisement (Appendix 2), it was suggested by Councillor Denny that the words "Do you want to" in the 6<sup>th</sup> line be replaced by "We are looking for someone to".

Additionally, Councillor Joanna Walker suggested that the hours the Council expected the Clerk to work (76¼ hours per month) should be included in the Advertisement.

With regard to the arrangements for the advertising of the post, the Chairperson suggested that the advertisement also appear in the City Council's 'Voice' Newspaper, the Birmingham Evening Mail and the Local Job Centre.

The above suggestions were agreed.

Upon receipt of nominations to serve on the Appointment Panel, it was

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18. RESOLVED: (i) That an Appointment Panel be established and be authorised to undertake the shortlisting and interviewing of potential candidates and to appoint, on behalf of the Council, a Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer.
- (ii) That Councillors Karan Bolton, D Burton, Carter, Grey and the Reverend Lewis be appointed to serve on the Appointment Panel and that Councillor Grey be appointed Chairperson.
- (iii) That the Salary Scale for the post of Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer be between Spinal Column Points 22-27 (Scale L2 of the National Association of Local Councils Salary Scale) and based on 76¼ hours worked per month (currently £7018 to £8217p.a.)
- (iv) That the Job Description, as now submitted, be approved.
- (v) That the advertisement, as amended and the arrangements for advertising the post, as amended, be approved.

### ACCOUNTS

The following Draft Payments list was submitted:-

(See interleaved document No. 4)

In response to a question from Councillor Denny, the Acting Clerk advised that, currently, the NALC recommended mileage rate for a 1600cc vehicle was 44.8 pence per mile.

19. RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out on the Draft Payments list, as now submitted, be approved.

At 20.22 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) Possible Acquisition of Land

20. In response to a question from Mr Stephenson, the Chairperson advised that, whilst in the longer term, it might be a good idea for the Parish Council to acquire spare parcels of land around the Parish, the Council would need to take a lot of advice before it undertook the responsibilities of land ownership. Whilst he accepted that the Council,

as owners of land, would have more control over its development, he felt that as the Parish Council had just been established, it was not in a position to take on board the acquisition of land – that would be an issue to be discussed at a later date.

(B) Parish Councillor Surgeries

21. In response to a question from a member of the public as to whether the Parish Councillors would be holding surgeries at which the public could raise issues of concern, the Chairperson said that it was unlikely but that the Councillors would be available during reasonable hours to deal with problems. He then referred to a pre-printed form which members of the public could use to bring issues of concern to the attention of the Parish Council. These forms would be available from Parish Councillors, St. Christopher's Church Centre, Frankley Neighbourhood Office and Frankley Library. Using the form, the public would give written details of the problem and, if appropriate, the matter would then be forwarded to the appropriate City Council Department for a written response. The City Council would be obliged to respond in writing and the response would then be brought to the attention of the Parish Council for consideration. He gave an assurance that all matters raised in this manner would receive a written reply. Additionally, officers at the Neighbourhood Office were prepared to help those people who experienced difficulties in completing the form.

(C) Parish Council Website

22. Mr Stephenson sought the Council's permission to place the Agenda of meetings of the Parish Council on a Website. On behalf of the Council, the Chairperson said that there appeared to be no problem – in fact the more publicity for meetings of the Parish Council, the better. He added that, perhaps at a later stage, copies of the Minutes and Reports could also appear in the Neighbourhood Newsletter.

The Meeting re-convened at 20.42 hours.

FRANKLEY CENTRE PLAN

23. The Chairperson advised members of the Council of the up-to-date position regarding the Frankley Centre. He reported that, having seen a copy of the latest Ward Plan, he felt that it should be re-written because it was so out of date. He would, therefore, be attending the City Council's Longbridge Ward Committee on Saturday and would be requesting a rethink of the Ward Plan in so far as it referred to Frankley. He was aware that there was a developer interested in developing both the Arden Road site and the Frankley Centre. Unfortunately the developer was in Spain for 3 months on another project. However he assured the Council that, before plans were finalised, the Parish Council would be fully consulted on any proposals. With regard to the land off Arden Road, although in the City Council's

Unitary Plan it was classified for Light Industrial use, he suggested that representations should be made to get the land re-classified for Light Industrial/Retail use. With the probable slimming down of the Rover operation at Longbridge, it was likely that there would be land available on that site for industrial development rather than use land in a residential area.

With regard to the proposal to extend the cross-city line into Frankley or the Great Park, he had heard that the Great Park option was unviable so it would be Frankley or nothing. Again, he hoped that the Council would be fully consulted on any proposals regarding the extension of the Cross-City line into Frankley.

The meeting ended at 20.56 hours.

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Chairperson