

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
15 April 2002 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Eric Carter (In the Chair)

Councillors Linda Banks, Ian Bruckshaw, Michael Denny,
Sidney Grey MBE, William Hollis, Paul Kane,
Reverend Derek Lewis, Kathleen Lewis,
Stephen Trefor-Jones, Joanna Walker and
Geoffrey Williams.

There were 7 members of the public present.

PUBLIC MINUTES

APOLOGY

There were none.

MINUTES

It was proposed, seconded and -

- 402 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 March 2002, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

QUESTIONS

A **Repainting of Street Signs**

- 403 In response to a comment from Councillor Reverend Lewis regarding the repainting of street signs, Councillor Grey said that before they could be reported, one needed to know whether the signs were the responsibility of the Housing Department or the Transportation Department.

B Rubbish on Footpath

- 404 Councillor Trefor-Jones complained about the accumulation of rubbish on the footpath from Holly Hill Road at rear of Grizedale Close. Additionally there was a dangerous pothole where a concrete bollard had been removed in the footpath to Wareham Road from the rear of Grizedale Close. The Chairperson said that he would inspect the site and, if necessary, report the matters to Housing.

RECEIPT AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT 2001/2002 AND BUDGET
ANALYSIS 2001/2002

The following report of the Clerk was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 1)

Following a brief discussion, Councillor Denny expressed concern over the amount of money the Parish Council was spending on itself in terms of salaries and office accommodation. The Chairperson responded by saying that a lot of the money spent on the office was a one off and that the Council was now looking to getting other things done. Councillor Grey remarked that through Parish Council representation on the Ward Advisory Board, the Estate was receiving additional funding such as funding for additional bulk collections. Councillor Denny felt that the achievements of the Parish Council should be publicised so that residents were aware of what the Parish Council was doing. The Chairperson said it was intended that an information leaflet setting out the achievements of the Parish Council would be distributed in due course and it was hoped that with the opening of the office, residents would take the opportunity of suggesting what they would like to see the Parish Council carrying out.

It was proposed, seconded and -

- 405 RESOLVED: That the report be noted

APPLICATION FOR GRANT AID

Frankley and Rubery Rednal Credit Union

The following application for grant aid was submitted -

(see interleaved document no. 2)

Ms Irena Wilde, a Board Member of the Frankley and Rubery Rednal Credit Union gave a presentation on the background of the Union and how the Union worked, following which she responded as appropriate to Members' questions.

(see interleaved document no.3)

It was proposed, seconded and -

- 406 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; a grant of £500 towards the cost of a replacement filing cabinet, a cash box for the Frankley Collection point and publicity and printing to promote the work of Frankley and Rubery Rednal Credit Union.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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New Street/Arden Road, Frankley

Construction Of Eight Units (Use Classes B1, B2, B8 And Ancillary A1) And Provision Of Access And 126 Parking Spaces

- 407 The Clerk reported that he had received notification from the City Council's Planning Department that the above application for Site D had been approved. In response to a question from Councillor Williams as to the likely start date, Councillor Grey indicated that the Developer had originally intimated that the date was likely to be approximately 6 weeks after Planning Permission was granted.

OFFICE ACCOMMODATION – 12 ARDEN ROAD, FRANKLEY

The Chairperson reported that the Office was now complete bar the polishing of the floor in the reception area. Councillor Denny offered to lend the buffing machine from the Church Centre together with appropriate polish.

Councillor Grey suggested, and it was agreed, that the Clerk write to the City Council's Property Services Division to complain about the cost of repairing the Roller Shutter Blinds which the Council could not be aware of until the lease had been signed. Councillor Grey then went on to propose a vote of thanks to the Chairperson for all the work he had done in the office.

A discussion then ensued as to the relative merits of either renting or purchasing a photocopier and it was agreed to authorise the Clerk, in

consultation with the Chairperson, to investigate the costs of either purchasing or leasing a photocopy and to place an order accordingly.

The Chairperson advised that he had received a quotation of £73.80 for the provision of vinyl lettering on the Plate Glass Window ("New Frankley in Birmingham Parish Council"). He now sought Council approval for the order to be placed.

- 408 RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairperson, be authorised to arrange for the Telephone Connection and Charge Cards, to obtain the necessary quotations and to place an order for the lease or purchase of a Photocopier and to place an order for the vinyl lettering on the Plate Glass Window.
- (ii) That the Clerk write to the Property Services Division of Birmingham City Council complaining that the cost of the repair of the Roller Shutter could not be known until after the lease was signed but that no allowance was made for that cost in the initial lease.

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

- 409 Councillor Grey reported that discussions were still underway between the Developer and the Planning Department over the siting of the Supermarket proposed for Site A. It was hoped that the discussions would be concluded within a month at the most.

CROSS CITY LINE EXTENSION

- 410 Councillor Grey reported that at the Transport Summit which he had attended, he had spoken to Mr Pywell, Acting Strategic Director (Development and Transportation) regarding the impact studies and the proposed consultation process. At the Ward Committee the previous Saturday Councillor Grey had also spoken to the Member of Parliament who would be contacting the Transportation Department regarding the consultation process. Councillor Grey gave an undertaking that as soon as he received copies of the impact studies he would distribute them to all the interested parties

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

A Dog Litter Bins

- 411 In response to a question from Councillor Reverend Lewis regarding the provision the Dog Litter Bins, the Clerk undertook to write again to the Department concerned

B Merger of Frogmill Junior and Beeches Infant

- 412 Councillor Denny expressed concern that the Parish Council had no input into the consultation process currently being undertaken in respect of the proposed merger of Frogmill Junior and Beeches Infant. The Clerk pointed out that when the Parish Council's position on the Governing Body of Beeches had become vacant just before Christmas no one had offered to fill it. However, at the Annual Meeting of the Council next month, there would be a further an opportunity to fill the position.

PAYMENTS

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(see interleaved document no. 4)

It was proposed, seconded and –

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

REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN ON ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The following report of the Clerk was submitted -

(see interleaved document no.5)

Minute 164

The Clerk reported that the Car park had been resurfaced and that accordingly, the Minute could be discharged.

Minute 361

Councillor Denny reported that he had had a conversation with the Chairperson of the Frankley Parish Council who had agreed to place this Council's concerns regarding signage on the agenda of the next meeting of the Parish Council. On that basis, it was agreed that the Minute could be discharged.

- 414 RESOLVED: That the report be noted and Minutes 164 and 361 be discharged.

LOCAL ISSUED RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A Dangerous Parking – New Inns Lane

Mrs Ridley, Lyall Gardens, complained about the dangerous parking on New Inns Lane on Saturday and Sunday resulting from parents bringing their children to play football. Councillor Grey suggested that the Council write to Reaside School requesting that the school open up its playground so as to allow parents to park off the road. It was also agreed that the matter be referred to Bournville Lane Police Station for investigation.

- 415 RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Headteacher of Reaside School requesting that consideration be given to the opening of the playground on Saturday and Sundays so as to allow parents bringing their children to play football to park off New Inns Lane, and that the matter of dangerous parking be referred to Bournville Police Station for investigation.

B Dumping Rubbish

- 416 Mrs Ridley, Lyall Gardens complained that certain residents of Lyall Gardens were allegedly dumping rubbish in the brook. She had complained to the Housing Department but nothing had been done. The Chairperson undertook to inspect the area and, if the allegations that the brook was being blocked were true, he would ensure that something was done. He added that garden waste was not a problem as it rotted down, but rubbish in black bins could cause problems.

C Casual Vacancies

- 417 In response to a request from Mr G Stephenson, the Clerk undertook to write an explanatory note for the Web Site, giving the reason why three new members had been appointed.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

- 418 RESOLVED: That, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, which includes the following exempted 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.

Review of Clerk's Salary.

Exempt information – information relating to a particular employee.

SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS HELD IN PRIVATE

REVIEW OF CLERK'S SALARY

Hereon, the Clerk withdrew from the meeting during the discussion of this item. Upon his return he was advised that it had been proposed and seconded and agreed that, as from the 1 April 2002, the Salary of the Clerk be increased by one spinal column point

The meeting ended at 2113 hours.

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Chairperson