

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
16 December 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 was 1 member of the public present.

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Trefor-Jones, seconded by Councillor
Hollis and -

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

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 565 The Chairperson thanked members for their concern during his recent
illness. He went on to thank those Councillors and in particular
Councillor Grey, who took on extra responsibilities during his illness.

QUESTIONS

There were none.

SPECIAL STREET COLLECTION PURCHASE

Following a brief discussion it was proposed by Councillor Denny,
seconded by Councillor Trefor-Jones and

- 566 RESOLVED: That approval be given to the purchase of Special Street Collections on Saturday 8th March and Saturday 15th March 2003 at a cost of £4770.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT AID

Learning Support Centre, Frankley Community High School

The following application for Grant Aid was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 1)

- 567 Members were advised that the budget for miscellaneous grants had been already been spent. Councillor Grey suggested that the Clerk write to Mr Duffy explaining that the budget was already committed and suggesting that he resubmit his application in the new financial year. Councillor Trefor-Jones suggested that the school raise some of the required funds themselves and Councillor Denny would like to have had sight of the full budget as applicants for grants were required to submit the latest set of audited accounts with the application. It was therefore proposed by Councillor Denny and agreed that the Clerk write to Mr Duffy explaining that the budget for grants in 2002/2003 had been committed and inviting him to resubmit his application to the April 2003 meeting. Additionally that he be invited to attend that meeting and to submit the school budget.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

The following letters from Clement Keys, the Auditor, were submitted –

(see interleaved document no.2)

- 568 RESOLVED: That the letter from Clement Keys, the Auditor, advising of an Unqualified Audit Opinion be noted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/05189/02/FUL

33 Hayling Close, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham, B45 0HG
Erection of garage

Following a brief discussion it was –

- 569 RESOLVED: That Birmingham City Council's Planning Department be advised that the Parish Council has no objection to Planning Application S/05189/02/FUL

Boleyn Road Underpass

- 570 Councillor Grey advised that the Housing Department had submitted plans for the blocking off of the underpass under Boleyn Road. When the plan had first been proposed the Parish Council had expressed its reservation regarding the possibility of flooding if the underpass was blocked off. However it appeared that the scheme was going to go ahead although there were still reservations regarding flooding.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/02714/02/FUL

Change of use to residential and the construction of 13 No 2 and 3 storey houses, parking spaces, sewers and associated works Boleyn Road/Gannow Meadow Crescent, Frankley, Birmingham

- 571 Members were advised that the developer had withdrawn the Planning Application

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

- 572 Councillor Grey advised that the developer was trying to arrange a meeting with representatives of local residents in order to discuss the perimeter fencing. He was also trying to organise a ceremony of the cutting of the first sod.

CROSS CITY LINE EXTENSION

- 573 Councillor Grey advised that the Strategic Rail Authority had asked CENTRO and the Passenger Transport Authority to submit detailed plans for the proposed Cross City Line Extension. The plans would have to be submitted by July 2003

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Noise Nuisance from Motorcycles land rear of Bourlay Close & The Royals, Frankley
Section 80 Environmental Protection Act 1980

- 574 Councillor Grey submitted the following letter from the Regulation Division of the Environmental and Consumer Services Department of the City Council.

“ I have contacted the owners of this land and can confirm that they have not given permission for anyone to use motorbikes on this land.

In addition, under the above legislation it is an offence to cause a noise nuisance to nearby residents. Current fines are £5,000 and this Department may seize any nuisance causing motorbike and ask the courts to grant a forfeiture order to permanently confiscate the motorbike.

I understand that there is a place where scrambling is permitted located near Junction 6 of the M5.”

Councillor Grey indicated that the letter gave a definitive answer to the question as to whether or not the motorcyclists had permission to use the fields.

C M S Investigations Ltd

- 575 Councillor Reverend Lewis expressed concern that a private firm, C M S Investigations, was approaching tenants on the Estate offering to get outstanding repairs carried out and purporting to be representing the Housing Department.

Councillor Grey said that they were a Private firm who would arrange for a Solicitor to pursue a tenant's claim for compensation for outstanding repairs under Section 11 of the Landlords and Tenants Act 1985. Tenants were obliged to sign a contract and should the claim be successful then the tenant would be required to pay part of any compensation received to C M S or their agents. With respect to the allegation that the representatives were purporting to be from the Housing Department if that was so then the matter should be reported to the Management of C M S who would take the necessary action. Councillor Grey advised that should any tenant be in doubt then they should not sign the contract.

Community Task Force Flood Management Committee

- 576 The Chairperson reported that he had attended a meeting of the Community Task Force Flood Management Committee held on 12 December.

He reported that there were still some outstanding work to be carried out in the following areas of Frankley.

Crychan Close

Site investigations were complete and negotiations underway with the land management departments so that an order could be placed. The work consists of adding new gullies, cleaning out blocked drainage ditches – evidently a large ditch had been filled in for some years and now required reopening and perhaps some extra ditches being dug out to help with the drainage.

Oberon Close/Miranda Close

Design complete and scheme to be awarded. Work includes improved highway drains and additional gullies with the work to start next year.

Fisher Close

Design complete and scheme to be awarded

Work includes widening brook and increasing bank heights plus the holding tank or pond and grill.

Blackdown Close/Cotswold Close/Brightstone Road/Coney Green Drive.

Design not approved and to be redone.

24 Prospect Close

The Chairperson had no knowledge of this drainage problem but the matter was to be followed up by Vicky Smith the Flood Co-ordinator.

9 Regina Close

The Chairperson reported that he had checked this drain over the past few weeks and it seemed that it had been cleared – further checks would be carried out.

The Chairperson reported that it would appear that the post of Flood Co-ordinator was soon to come to an end as the Housing Department could no longer afford the cost. The meeting called for the post to be funded for at least a further six months to enable the outstanding work to be completed. The Chairperson of the Task Force Committee stated that as the members knew all the City Officers concerned with flooding it would be easy for members to chase outstanding work. The Chairperson of the Council reported that he did not think that would work as the Parish Council found it very hard to get City Officers to answer any telephone calls and without the Flood Co-ordinator being in post the Community Task Force Flood Management Committee would collapse.

The Chairperson therefore suggested, and it was agreed, that the Community Task Force Flood Management Committee be advised of the Parish Council's support for the continuation of the post of Flood Co-ordinator.

PAYMENTS

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(see interleaved document no.3)

It was proposed by Councillor Grey, seconded by Councillor Hollis and

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

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Parish Council's E-mail Address

Mr G Stephenson advised that the Parish Council's e-mail address
was as follows –

frankleyparish@btopenworld.com

The meeting ended at 2025 hours

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Chairperson