

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 February 2003 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Eric Carter in the Chair

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

There were 3 members of the public present.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Denny and Kane.

MINUTES

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

- 592 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20 January 2003, having been previously circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

QUESTIONS

There were none.

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, HIGHWAYS
AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMMITTEE – 3 FEBRUARY 2003**

The following Minutes of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 3 February 2003 were submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 1)

- 593 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 3 February 2003 be noted.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT AID

At this point in the meeting, as officers of the Neighbourhood Forum, Councillors Bruckshaw and Grey declared a prejudicial interest in the matter under consideration and left the meeting.

Frankley Neighbourhood News

The following application for Grant Aid was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 2)

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Trefor-Jones, seconded by Councillor Linda Banks and –

- 594 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 £342.64 towards the cost of materials in connection with the production of the production of the Frankley Neighbourhood News.

Councillors Bruckshaw and Grey returned to the meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/00651/03/FUL

Change of use from retail premises to A3 (hot food takeaway) at 33 Wareham Road, Frankley, Birmingham B45 0JS

The following Planning Application was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 3)

Following some discussion, during which the Clerk advised that any objections to the proposal by the Council would have to be on planning grounds although that would not prevent individual Councillors objecting to the proposals as residents of the area, it was –

- 595 RESOLVED: That Birmingham City Council's Planning Department be advised that the Parish Council objects to the

proposed change of use on the grounds that there already is a hot food take away in the immediate vicinity.

S/00192/03/FUL

Enclosure of 1 metre wide strip of land with a fence at 36 Hereford Close, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham, B45 0BG

The following Planning Application was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 4)

Following a brief discussion, it was –

- 596 RESOLVED: That Birmingham City Council's Planning Department be advised that the Parish Council have no objection to Planning Application S/00192/03/FUL

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

- 597 Councillor Grey reported that, as most people were aware, the building of the Industrial Units in the centre had now commenced. It was hoped that the leader of Birmingham City Council, Councillor Sir Albert Bore, would attend the launch of the Development scheduled to take place on 4th April.

He then went on to express his concern regarding the proposals relating to the Rover car park on the Bristol Road. Originally, in the draft development plan, the area had been allocated for Retail, Hotel or Leisure Use. However, he had recently become aware that the Developers had submitted a Planning Application for a change of use to Industrial Units. If granted, not only would those proposed units be in competition to those currently being built in Frankley, it would appear that the Developer of the Rover site was able to get Planning Permission for a change of use fairly easily whereas there was a reluctance by the City Council to agree a change of use from Industrial to Retail for the Frankley Centre Site.

CROSS CITY LINE EXTENSION

- 598 Councillor Grey said that at a meeting of the Passenger Transport Authority held in January, the £400,000 funding to finance the production of the detailed plans for the Cross City Line Extension which were required by the Strategic Rail Authority had been approved. However, it was unlikely the SRA would approve funding for the extension for at least a further 18 to 24 months. Additionally,

the PTA had also be agreed to fund a £100,000 survey into a Bus/Rail link between Frankley and Longbridge.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Tree Pruning Programme

- 599 Councillor Grey reported that the Contractors had now been appointed and should be starting work shortly.

Special Collections

- 600 Councillor Grey advised that there would be Special Bulk Collections in Frankley on 8th and 15th March. He had yet to receive the leaflets giving the details of the collections but once the Council had received them, he would arrange for their delivery to every household. He added that the Parish Council were funding this Collection and it was hoped to obtain NRF funding for a further collection in October.

Awards Night

- 601 Councillor Grey advised that the Awards Night would be held on 6th July. Residents wishing to nominate anyone for an award could obtain a form from him.

Boleyn Road Underpass

- 602 The Chairperson reported that the work on the Boleyn Road underpass had commenced and that Bollards and a pedestrian refuge had been constructed on Boleyn Road prior to the underpass being blocked off.

PAYMENTS

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(see interleaved document no.5)

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

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

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Development off New Inns Lane

- 604 Mr Robson of Thurloe Close asked whether the Council had information relating to the up-to-date position with regard to the

Development off New Inns Lane. He was aware that Planning Permission for the development had been granted by Bromsgrove Council in October 2002 but to date no building work had taken place. He referred to the parking problems which occurred in New Inns Lane and the surrounding roads whenever there was a football match or training session on the Playing Field which he suggested may be alleviated by the provision of the Car Parking spaces included in the development. He, and other residents, were therefore eager for the development to commence.

In response, Councillor Grey suggested that the Council write to the Headteacher of Reaside School in order to ascertain the up-to-date position regarding the development.

Footpath Across the High School Playing Field.

- 605 Mr Stephenson asked whether the Council was aware of new legislation which, he believed, would allow the High School to close the public right of way across the playing field. The Clerk confirmed that it was his understanding that the legislation referred to would, in the future, permit schools to close rights of way which went across the school grounds on the grounds of pupil safety. Therefore, it was possible that the High School could make an application for the path across the playing field to be closed.

The meeting ended at 2021 hours

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Chairperson