

**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  
18 November 2002 at 1930 hours.

Present

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

There were 5 members of the public present.

**PUBLIC MINUTES**

- 550 In the Absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson took the  
Chair.

COUNCILLOR GREY IN THE CHAIR

APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Carter (Illness) and  
Councillors Reverend Lewis and Kathleen Lewis (Holiday).

MINUTES

It was proposed, seconded and -

- 551 **RESOLVED:** That the Public Minute of the meeting of the Parish  
Council held on 21 October 2002, were noted.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none

QUESTIONS

There were none.

APPLICATION FOR THE TRANSFER OF A JUSTICES OFF  
LICENCE

The following application for the transfer of a Justices off Licence was  
submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 1)

Following a brief discussion it was –

- 552 RESOLVED: That the Licensing Justices be advised that the Parish Council has no objection to the transfer of a Justices Off Licence from Pal Singh Kang (Current licensee) to Harjinder Kaur.

#### PROVISIONAL BUDGET 2003/2004

The following report of the Clerk was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 2)

Following some discussion it was, as an amendment to the report, proposed by Councillor Denny, that the budgeted amount in respect of Frankley Neighbourhood News be increased from £900 to £1500. The amendment, upon being put to the meeting was carried.

It was therefore

- 553 RESOLVED: (i) That a Budget of £59,215 for the financial year 2003 – 2004, as detailed in Annex A to the report now submitted and as amended, be approved and that it be noted that a precept of £52,915 is required to fund the above budget.
- (ii) That the Director of Resources, Birmingham City Council, be advised of the approval of the budget and that, accordingly, a precept be issued to Birmingham City Council as the Billing Authority for the sum of £52,915.

#### APPLICATION FOR GRANT AID

##### Holly Hill Playgroup

The following application for Grant Aid was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 3)

Following an explanatory commentary from Councillor Denny during which he responded appropriately to Members' questions, it was proposed, seconded and

- 554 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 £600 towards the outstanding rent arrears.

#### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

#### DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

#### FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

- 555 The Chairperson said that he had received a telephone call from the Developer who had advised him that he expected to start the development in December. He also wanted Councillor Grey to arrange a meeting with local residents in order to discuss the type of fencing to be used around the site – he wanted it to blend into the surroundings.

#### CROSS CITY LINE EXTENSION

- 556 The Chairperson reported that he had been approached by CENTRO regarding the distribution of a newsletter. He hoped to use those people who normally distributed the Frankley Neighbourhood Newsletter to distribute the CENTRO newsletter.

He continued that Chris Haynes from the City Council's Transportation Department had attended the Ward Committee meeting on Saturday and had informed the meeting that the bid for the extension was due to be determined during December.

#### ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

##### Air Transport Questionnaire

- 557 The Chairperson reported that the Department for Transport had issued a questionnaire which was available on the internet regarding the future development of Air Traffic in the West Midlands. Hard copies were available from the Department of Transport.

##### Northfield Christmas Decorations

- 558 The Christmas Decorations were due to be switched on on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 1800 hours with a small reception afterwards. If any member wished to attend on behalf of the Parish Council would he/she contact Councillor Grey.

Monthly Unemployment – Longbridge Ward

- 559 The Chairperson reported that the unemployment figures for the Longbridge Ward had increased to 5.4% (7.2% for Male;2.4% for Female)

Christmas Meal

- 560 Following some discussion it was agreed that the Christmas Meal take place at 7.30pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at The Old Crown, Carters Lane, Halesowen.

PAYMENTS

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(see interleaved document no.8)

The Chairperson, referring to the payments for Course Fees advised that due to Councillor Cater's hospitalisation and his work commitments their attendance on the course would have to be cancelled. He proposed that the payments be approved as it might prove necessary to pay the outstanding fees due to the short notice of the cancellation.

It was proposed, seconded and

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

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

- 562 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.

Minutes of the private part of the last meeting.

Exempt information – information relating to a particular employee.

PRIVATE MINUTES

(Minute No. 563)

The Private Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 121 October 2002, together with the Public Minutes submitted earlier in the meeting, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed

The meeting ended at 2035 hours

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Chairperson