

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 August 2002 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Eric Carter (In the Chair)

Councillors Linda Banks, Ian Bruckshaw, 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.

APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was submitted on behalf of Councillor
Denny (Holiday).

MINUTES

With regard to Minutes 490, Councillor Reverend Lewis indicated that
he had referred to the all of the Shops not just the Parish Shop.

Subject to the above amendment it was proposed, seconded and -

- 495 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held on 15 July 2002, having been previously
circulated, were taken as read and as amended,
confirmed and signed.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Council Office

- 496 The Chairperson reported that as yet, there had been no response to
use the Office as a surgery from the Police, the Ward Councillors,
Richard Burden or from the Credit Union.

Extra Hours

- 497 The Extra Hours for residents who could not attend the
Neighbourhood Office during normal times (one Wednesday and one
Saturday every month) was not a success to date with no one taking

up the opportunity. It was hoped that with the return of the Neighbourhood News more residents would learn of it.

Environment Service

- 498 As leader of the Council the Chairperson felt that as the plans for an office and pickup truck had now come fruition, the Council should start to put something back into the Community. Along with the Chairperson of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee, Councillor Grey, the Council had started a programme of Environmental Service ie Trees and hedges etc. as well as having set up an anti-dumping campaign.

For this service the Council had to apply for a permit to take any rubbish (trees, hedge clipping, black bags etc) for tipping to Lifford Lane. A Permit to carry such rubbish was also required from Environmental Health. Both permits had been applied for.

Councillor Grey said that there were approximately 100 requests for trees to be cut back. He expressed his thanks to Councillor Bruckshaw who was undertaking some of the minor jobs. With regard to the larger work, the Council was going to obtain estimates from private contractors and then apply for a Neighbourhood Regeneration Grant to get the work done.

Assistance from the City

- 499 The Chairperson said that there was still much work to be done regarding the running of the Council. There needed to be pressure on the City to get the help that the Councillors were entitled to as Parish Councillors. Currently members do not get answers to their letters or telephone calls returned. A meeting with City Officers has been requested to sort out the anomalies that existed on Frankley that do not exist on other parts of the City. It was sometimes very difficult to find out who controls what services in the area.

QUESTIONS

There were none.

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMMITTEE – 29 JULY 2002

The following Minutes of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 29 July 2002 were submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 1)

- 500 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 29 July 2002 be noted.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

The Chairperson reminded members that at the last meeting of the Council it had been agreed that Sir Richard Knowles should officially open the Parish Office at 6.30pm on Monday 23 September. However, since that meeting Sir Richard had been contacted and it transpired that he was unable to make that day. He was however, attending a meeting in the area on Saturday afternoon and had suggested that the official opening take place on Saturday the 21st September at 4.30pm. With regard to catering it was proposed that £150 be spent on catering, as it was estimated that approximately 50 people would be attending.

In response to the Chairperson's question relating to a certificate to commemorate the opening by Sir Richard, Councillor Grey indicated that a brass plaque might be more fitting.

- 501 RESOLVED: That the official opening of the Parish Office be held on Saturday 21 September 2002 at 4.30pm to be performed by Sir Richard Knowles and that £150 be spent on catering for the event.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/03729/02/FUL

Erection of single storey side and rear extension
42 Lyall Gardens, Rubery, Birmingham B45 9YW

- 502 It was noted that Planning Permission had been granted in respect of the above Planning Application

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

- 503 Councillor Grey reported that he had telephoned Paul Buckenham about the above application and had been told that no decision had been made on it to date. The Developer was in the process of making representations regarding the proposed Change of Use of the land.

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

- 504 Councillor Grey reported that Paul Buckenham had indicated to him that the application for retail development on site had not surprisingly been rejected despite the officers of EDD at a meeting suggesting that the whole site should be retail. That was news to Mr Buckenham.

It appeared that the situation was one where no-one was talking to anybody. The Developer was still complaining that the time-scale imposed by the City was unrealistic. Councillor Grey made the point that the Ward Councillors and the local MP jumped on the band wagon when it came to the Great Park development or the Rover site but appeared not to be bothered when it came to Frankley. He suggested that the Council approach John Cade, Head of Scrutiny, to sort things out.

CROSS CITY LINE EXTENSION

- 505 Councillor Grey reported that although he had received a letter from the Project Director there was no new information.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Fine for Bag of Rubbish

- 506 Hereon, Councillor Grey submitted the following proposed front page of the forthcoming Neighbourhood News which gave details of the fine for dumping.

(see interleaved document no. 2)

He went on to explain that both he and the Chairperson had recently picked up black plastic bags which appear to have been dumped. They investigated the contents of the bags and found a letter which identified the resident. A letter was sent to the resident concerned advising of the potential fine for dumping rubbish and that the matter would be referred to the Environmental Health Department although it was unlikely that any action would be taken on this occasion.

The Parish Council should support such action and he added that the Chairperson and himself had collected approximately 30 bags the previous week. He would prefer the dumpers to be prosecuted.

There followed a discussion regarding bags which had been missed from the collection and whether such residents should be fined. It was pointed out that if the bag had been genuinely missed by the dustmen then the operations manager at Lifford Lane should be telephoned and arrangements made for the bags to be collected. However, if the bags were placed on the pavement after the collection, technically that was dumping.

PAYMENTS

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(see interleaved document no. 3)

It was proposed, seconded and

- 507 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. 4)

The Clerk reported that the Bus Shelter adjacent to Titania Close had now been erected.

- 508 RESOLVED: That report be noted.

The meeting ended at 2018 hours.

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Chairperson