

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
20 January 2003 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.

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Reverend Lewis, seconded by
Councillor Hollis and -

- 578 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 December 2002, having been previously circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Council Office

- 579 The Chairperson reported that due to the closure of the Frankley Housing Office and the fact that the Neighbourhood Office was only open 3 days a week, the Parish Council Office had become much busier. Residents knew that they could expect a friendly reception, help and advice and where promises are generally kept. He added that the Parish Council also had been very successful in dealing with complaints of long standing house repairs that had been brought about with the assistance of two housing officers.

The Chairperson wished to place on record his appreciation of the assistance given by Mr Gareth Griffiths who gave up his spare time to help man the office.

Publicising the Work of the Parish Council

- 580 The Chairperson expressed some concern that despite articles in the Frankley Neighbourhood News, many residents were still not aware of the existence of the Parish Council. He therefore requested that all Councillors publicise the existence of the Parish Council within their own neighbourhood.

Attendance of Parish Councillors at meetings of other Groups

- 581 The Chairperson reported that he and the Vice-Chairperson were getting conflicting reports from meetings attended by Parish Councillors but to which they had not been appointed as a representative of the Parish Council. The Group meetings or Committees that they attended assumed that they were representing the Parish Council. Whilst elected members had every right to call themselves Councillor, it must be made clear to the Groups or Committee which they attended as an interested local resident and to which they had not been appointed by the Parish Council, that they were not representing the Parish Council.

QUESTIONS

There were none.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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85 Gannow Manor Crescent, Frankley, B45 0LP

Change of use of side of house area to private garden area.

Relocation of side boundary wall 1.75m high.

- 582 Members were advised that the application had been approved.

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

- 583 Councillor Grey reported that after a long drawn out process the work on the site had started. The plans included the planting of trees which would mature by the time the development was completed. The developer would be erecting a fence around the development and would be planting trees on one side of the fence and bushes on the other so as to look natural when the development was completed.

Planning Applications for the other two sites had been submitted but had yet to be determined. During discussions with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration regarding the Centre Development, it had

been stated that consideration would be given to the two outstanding Planning Applications once the Developer had finished the first part of the development. Therefore, when the development had been completed, the Parish Council would contact the City Council regarding the two outstanding Applications that were for retail development which the parish Council would prefer.

Councillor Grey expressed concern that the site had been subject to some vandalism. He had asked the local Police to keep an eye on the site and would ask the Neighbourhood Warden to check on the site when that scheme was up and running. Hopefully, once the novelty of the development wore off, the petty vandalism would stop.

CROSS CITY LINE EXTENSION

- 584 Councillor Grey said that was nothing new to add to the situation.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Tree Pruning Programme

- 585 Councillor Grey reported that after long and protracted negotiations, the Ward Committee had agreed to allocate Neighbourhood Renewal Funds for the first part of the tree pruning programme for the Frankley Estate. He added that he was pressing the Parks Department to complete the schedule for the remaining work that could then be submitted to the Ward Committee for approval of the necessary funding under the Neighbourhood Renewal Funding Programme. The current programme was due to start in February.

Black Bags

- 586 Councillor Grey reported that there were still instances of householders leaving rubbish in black bags on the pavements outside their homes after the bin men had completed the collection. Attempts were made to identify these residents by sorting through the rubbish in the bags and, where it was possible to identify the culprits, they were sent a warning letter. He added that the Environmental Services Department was supporting this action.

Bulk Collections

- 587 Councillor Grey reported that Environmental Services had agreed to carry out two bulk collections in March that the Parish Council would fund. An application for funding via the Neighbourhood Renewal Funding Programme would be made for further collections later in the year.

Neighbourhood Watch

- 588 Councillor Trefor-Jones reported that he had been elected as a local representative to the West Midlands Regional Neighbourhood Watch Committee.

PAYMENTS

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(see interleaved document no.1)

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

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

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Boleyn Road Underpass

- 590 In response to concerns raised by a member of the public regarding the mis-use of the Boleyn Road underpass by youths taking drugs etc., Councillor Grey reported that it was Housing Department had submitted plans for the underpass to be closed off.

Retail Development

- 591 In response to a question from a member of the public concerning the proposals regarding the Frankley Centre Development and in particular the proposals relating the retail aspect of the development, Councillor Grey explained that currently it was not know exactly what the retail aspect would comprise but it would probably be a supermarket and a freezer centre. He then went on to outline the Developer's plans for the area including the possible changes to the current shopping centre.

The meeting ended at 2007 hours

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Chairperson