

**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  
21 October 2002 at 1930 hours.

**Present**

Councillor Eric Carter (In the Chair)

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

There were 4 members of the public present.

**APOLOGIES**

There were none.

**MINUTES**

It was proposed, seconded and -

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

**CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Parish Council Office**

- 527 The Chairperson reported that the Parish Council Office was officially opened by Sir Richard Knowles on Saturday 21 September. Additionally, because of the temporary closure of the Neighbourhood Office, the Office was busier than usual. He went on to thank all the Councillors for their work both in the Office and on behalf of the Parish Council. He also reported that the Ward Councillors had decided to use the Office as a surgery on the second Thursday of the Month and that the Liberal Party and Conservative Party had expressed an interest in using the facilities of the Office for Surgeries.

**QUESTIONS**

**Paper Collection**

- 528 Councillor Joanna Walker reported that the waste paper collection had not taken place in parts of Romany Road for the last fortnight. She had telephoned Lifford Lane to let them know and had been promised that it would be collected the next day, but it had not been collected.

In response, the Chairperson said that he would telephone the Manager at Lifford Lane and officially complain.

#### Dog Litter Bins

- 529 Councillor Trefor-Jones asked Councillor Reverend Lewis about the provision of Dog Litter Bins. Councillor Reverend Lewis explained that he had been told that it was too expensive to provide Dog Litter Bins and that dog owners should use ordinary litter bins.

In response to further questions from Councillor Trefor-Jones, Councillor Grey said that there was a need to identify sites where people would not object to having a litter bin as many people objected to having a litter bin outside their house

#### Bulk Collections

- 530 On the suggestion of Councillor Williams it was agreed to write a letter thanking the Street Cleaning operatives for their work in carrying out the Bulk Collections on 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October 2002.

#### Problem Contacting the Police

- 531 Councillor Trefor-Jones asked if the Parish Council could write to the Police complaining about the length of time the police switch board at Bournville Road Police station were taking to connect callers to the Control Room. Also the fact that on occasions the police did not respond to 999 calls.

#### MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMMITTEE – 9 SEPTEMBER AND 30 SEPTEMBER 2002

The following Minutes of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 9 September and 30 September were submitted –

(see interleaved documents no. 1 and 2)

- 532 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 9 September and 30 September 2002 be noted.

### APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT AID

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

### Materials for Frankley Neighbourhood News

The following application for grant aid was submitted –

(see interleaved document no.3)

It was proposed, seconded and

- 533 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 £281.65 towards the cost of materials in connection with the production of the production of the Frankley Neighbourhood News.

Councillors Bruckshaw, Grey and Reverend Lewis returned to the meeting.

At this point in the meeting, as officers of the Frankley Community Church Project, Councillors Linda Banks, Denny and Trefor-Jones declared a prejudicial interest in the matter under consideration and left the meeting.

### Tuesday Club After School Club

The following application for grant aid was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 4)

It was proposed, seconded and

- 534 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 £100 towards the cost of opening on further days.

Councillors Linda Banks, Denny and Trefor-Jones returned to the meeting.

At this point in the meeting Councillor Trefor-Jones declared a prejudicial interest in the matter under consideration and left the meeting.

### Grizedale Residents – Bingo Machine

The following application for grant aid was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 5)

It was proposed, seconded and

- 535 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 £113 towards the cost of purchasing a bingo machine.

Councillor Trefor-Jones returned to the meeting.

### MILLENNIUM CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ROUTE – PROPOSALS FOR NEW INNS LANE, BOLEYN ROAD AND SKOMER ROAD

The following letter together with the associated map was submitted –

(see interleaved document no.6)

Councillor Trefor Jones objected to the proposals as the Cycle Route on Boleyn Road ran past the home of a partially sighted woman which could cause problems. He had advised the Transportation Strategy Team of his concerns.

- 536 RESOLVED: That, subject to the concerns expressed by Councillor Trefor Jones, this Parish Council has no objection to the proposals.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2002

The following report of the Clerk was submitted –

(see interleaved document no.7)

- 537 RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

### DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

#### S/04463/02/FUL

Erection of one and two storey side extensions to form utility,  
bedroom, en-suite and family room  
25 Lyall Gardens, Rubery, B45 9YW

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

### FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

- 539 Councillor Grey advised that there was nothing to report.

### CROSS CITY LINE EXTENSION

- 540 Councillor Grey presented a summary of the public meetings which had been held.

### ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

#### Bulk Collections

- 541 Councillor Grey reported that it was hoped that the Parish Council would fund a bulk collection early next year with NRF funding a further collection during the year.

#### Tree Pruning

- 542 Councillor Grey reported that he would be meeting with Pat Tarry, the tree man, on Thursday. There was a programme of work of £25,000 and he would see if that covered all the work required to be done on Frankley. It should be possible to get NRF funding to complete the job.

#### Bourlay Woods

- 543 The Chairperson reported that the woods had been cleared up on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October at a cost of £400/500 for the hire of a lorry and two operatives. He had been told that the woods were the responsibility of the Housing Department and he would be taking up the matter with them.

#### Frankley Health Centre

- 544 Councillor Bruckshaw advised that currently, despite national advertising there were only two Doctors at the Health Centre. However, he had been informed that in the new year the situation would be resolved.

#### PAYMENTS

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(see interleaved document no.8)

It was proposed, seconded and

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

#### LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

##### Public Consultation Re: Cross City Line

- 546 Mr G Stephenson questioned whether the Parish Council had the authority to insist that CENTRO consulted it as a statutory body. In response, Councillor Grey said that he was more concerned that CENTRO consulted those individuals who would be affected by the extension.

##### Council Web Site

- 547 Mr G Stephenson said that since the consultation process in connection with the Cross City Line extension had commenced the Council's Web Site had received a few 'hits'. He asked whether it was possible to record the sound of a train to incorporate into the web site.

#### EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

- 548 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.

Salary Award for Local Council Clerks.

Exempt information – information relating to a particular employee.

SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS HELD IN PRIVATE

Minute No. 549

SALARY AWARD FOR LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS

Hereon, the Clerk withdrew from the meeting during the discussion of this item. Upon his return he was advised that it had been agreed that his salary be increased in line with the recommendations received from the Society of Local Council Clerks and the National Association of Local Councils.

The meeting ended at 2035 hours

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Chairperson