

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
15 September 2003 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Eric Carter (In the Chair)

Councillors Linda Banks, Ian Bruckshaw, Sidney Grey MBE, William Hollis, Reverend Derek Lewis and Kathleen Lewis.

Also in attendance: Richard Smith (Frankley Neighbourhood Office)

There were 5 members of the public present.

PUBLIC MINUTES

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Denny (personal), Trefor-Jones (holiday) and Joanna Walker (holiday).

APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRPERSON, CHAIRPERSON OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMMITTEE AND A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

The Chairperson explained that because of Councillor Grey's increased work commitments due to a new job, he (Councillor Grey) felt that he was no longer able to carry out the duties of Vice Chairperson, Chairperson of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee to the level he felt appropriate. He had therefore tendered his resignation in respect of the above posts. The Chairperson paid tribute to the work that Councillor Grey had carried out on behalf of the Parish Council both in his contribution to its establishment and the work he had done since. He was pleased that, although Councillor Grey had relinquished the positions as Vice Chairperson of the Council and Committee Chairperson, he would be remaining as a Councillor and would continue to contribute to the work of the Council as and when circumstances permitted.

Election of Vice Chairperson of the Council

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was –

- 743 RESOLVED:- That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2004, Councillor Bruckshaw be elected Vice Chairperson of the Council in place of Councillor Grey who has resigned.

Appointment of Chairperson of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was –

- 744 RESOLVED:- That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2004, Councillor Bruckshaw be appointed Chairperson of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee in the place of Councillor Grey who has resigned.

Appointment of a Member of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee

It was agreed that, in the interim, not to fill the vacancy on the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee.

MINUTES

- 745 RESOLVED: That the Public part of the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21 July 2003, be noted.

MINUTES OF THE SECTION 137 COMMITTEE – 29 AUGUST 2003

- 746 The following Minutes of the meeting of the Section 137 Committee held on 29 August 2003 were noted.

(see interleaved document no.1)

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

QUESTIONS

There were none.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT AID

Reaside Community Centre

The following application for Grant Aid together with supporting documents was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 2)

The Chairperson expressed concern as to the form of the accounts that had been submitted in support of the application which he felt were difficult to comprehend and additionally, could result in the organisers leaving themselves open to criticism. He suggested, and it was agreed, that the organisation be advised of the Council's concerns and recommended to seek professional assistance in preparing future the accounts. Additionally, the organisation was to be advised that the Council would expect properly audited accounts to accompany any future applications.

Accordingly, it was proposed by Councillor Grey, seconded by Councillor Reverend Lewis and –

- 747 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 £400 to the Reaside Community Centre towards equipment for a Youth Club.

SIGNATORIES TO THE COUNCIL'S CHEQUES

The following report of the Clerk was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 3)

It was agreed that, rather than appoint just one additional signatory, so as to increase the possible availability of signatories, to appoint two further signatories.

Accordingly, it was proposed by Councillor Grey, seconded by Councillor Bruckshaw and –

- 748 RESOLVED:-
- (i) That Councillors Linda Banks and Reverend Derek Lewis be appointed as nominated signatories to the Council's Cheques together with Councillors Carter, Denny and Grey;
 - (ii) The Co-operative Bank plc ("the Bank") shall continue as the Council's Bankers;
 - (iii) The Bank shall be authorised to honour all cheques and all other documents made or accepted on the Council's behalf even if such payment causes any accounts to be overdrawn

or increase the existing overdraft, provided that such documents are signed Signature Verification Section (6);

- (iv) The Bank shall act on all specimen signatories in accordance with any instruction, notice, request or other document in writing concerning the Council's account (including the opening of new accounts), affairs or property;
- (v) The Bank be sent a copy of any future resolutions that affect the terms of the above resolutions;
- (vi) The Bank shall be sent a copy of any changes in the Council's regulations;
- (vii) The Bank shall be notified in writing of any change of Members;
- (viii) The Bank shall be notified in writing of any change of official authorised to sign on the Council's behalf;
- (ix) The Bank shall otherwise continue to operate account(s) in accordance with the Council's mandate.

CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The following report of the Clerk was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 4)

It was proposed by Councillor Grey, seconded by Councillor Hollis and –

- 749 RESOLVED: That the amendments to the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report now submitted be approved and that each Member of the Council be issued with an amended copy of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

TRAINING

There was nothing to report.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/03482/02/FUL

Arden Road, Site C, Frankley Birmingham

Erection of Two Units for Class B1, B2, B8 and Ancillary A1 Use
Car Parking and Service Area

The following Planning Application was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 5)

At 1953 hours the meeting was adjourned so as to allow Members to study the Plans accompanying the Application.

At 1957 hours the Meeting reconvened.

The Chairperson referred to the previous decision of the Council to object to any further development of the Centre involving Industrial Units as it was considered that –

- a) That there was already a surplus of industrial units for let in South West Birmingham; and
- b) The Parish Council had previously resolved that, in accordance with the preferences expressed by Frankley residents, Site C should be developed for Retail use and not Industrial.

He therefore proposed that the Council object to the Planning Application.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor Reverend Lewis, seconded by Councillor Kathleen Lewis and –

750 RESOLVED:- That the Planning Department be advised that the Parish Council object to Planning Application No. S/03482/02/FUL on the following grounds –

- a) that there is already a surplus of Industrial Units to let in South West Birmingham: and
- b) that the Parish Council has previously resolved that, in accordance with the preferences expressed by Frankley residents, Site C should be developed for Retail use and not Industrial.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no decisions made on Planning Applications.

CROSS CITY LINE EXTENSION

There was nothing new to report.

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

- 751 The following letter from Mr P Spooner, Director of Economic Development, Birmingham City Council was noted –

(see interleaved document no. 6)

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Community Flood Task Force Management Committee

- 752 The Chairperson reported that he had attended the last meeting of the above Committee and that, as a consequence of the Committee being disbanded, the Flood Co-ordinator, Ms Vicky Smith, would be transferring to other duties. Because of the Committee, a lot of work on Frankley drains had been carried out although he was aware that one or two small items of work needed to be completed which he would chase up.

Parish Remuneration Panel

- 753 The Chairperson reported that he had been invited to attend a meeting of the above Panel on Monday, 22 September in connection with the Panel's deliberations on the level of the Chairperson's Allowance.

The Clerk requested that all Members ensure that the forms sent out by the Chair of the Panel were returned in time to reach the City Council by Wednesday.

PAYMENTS

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(see interleaved document no. 7)

It was proposed by Councillor Hollis, seconded by Councillor Kathleen Lewis and –

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

LOCAL ISSUED RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were none.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

- 755 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 Meeting held
on 18 August 2003

Exempt Information – information relating to a
particular contract.

SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS HELD IN PRIVATE

(Minute No. 756)

MINUTES

The Minutes of the private part of the meeting held on 18 August 2003, together the Minutes of the Public Part submitted earlier in the meeting, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

The meeting ended 20.10 hours

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Chairperson