

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
16 June 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,
Stephen Trefor-Jones and Joanna Walker.

There were 6 members of the public present.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Derek Lewis
(Holiday), Kathleen Lewis (Holiday) and Geoffrey Williams (Illness).

MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Trefor-Jones, seconded by Councillor
Bruckshaw and -

- 689 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held on 19 May 2003, having been previously
circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 690 The Chairperson reported that the Parish Office was getting even
busier and that the Council was having difficulty in keeping up with all
the arboreal work that residents required. He therefore intended to
include, in next year's budget, provision so as to enable the Council to
employ a part-time worker.

QUESTIONS

There were none.

SECTION 137 COMMITTEE

The following report of the Clerk was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 1)

The Clerk responded as appropriate to Member's questions relating to the establishment and functions of the proposed Committee.

Councillor Grey, the Vice Chairperson of the Council, indicated that he did not wish to serve on the Committee and it was therefore agreed that Standing Order No. 40 be suspended in the case of this Committee insofar as it related to the Vice Chairperson being an ex-officio member of every Committee.

Upon receipt of nominations it was agreed that Councillors Kane and Trefor –Jones be appointed to serve on the Committee and that Councillor Carter be appointed Chairperson thereof.

- 691 RESOLVED:
- (i) That a Section 137 Committee be established comprising of three members and that in the case of this Committee, Standing Order No. 40 be suspended insofar as it relates to the Vice Chairperson of the Council being an ex-officio member of every Committee of the Council:
 - (ii) that, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2004, Councillors Kane and Trefor-Jones be appointed to serve on the Section 137 Committee with the Chairman of the Council as an ex-officio member and that Councillor Carter be appointed Chairperson of the Committee; further, that meetings of the Committee be held at the call of the Chairperson;
 - (iii) that the power to determine applications for Section 137 expenditure, with the exception of those applications relating to Grant Aid, be delegated to the Committee and that, in accordance with Standing Order 47, resolutions of the Committee authorising Section 137 Expenditure shall have that same force and effect as would a Resolution of the Council.

SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE

A Annual Road Tax/MOT Test – Parish Vehicle

The Chairperson reported that it was necessary to approve Section 137 expenditure so that the Parish Vehicle could be Taxed and MOT Tested.

It was proposed by Councillor Denny, seconded by Councillor Linda Banks and -

- 692 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; expenditure of £110 for the Road Fund Licence and £30 for the MOT Test relating to the Parish Vehicle.

B Arboreal Work

The Chairperson reported that a quotation of £493.50 for the chipping of tree prunings had been received from a contractor and as it was Section 137 expenditure the approval of the Council was required before the work could be undertaken.

It was proposed by Councillor Trefor-Jones, seconded by Councillor Joanna Walker and –

- 693 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; expenditure of £493.50 (inclusive of VAT) to cover the cost of a Contractor undertaking the chipping of prunings.

APPLICATIONS FOR SECTION 137 GRANT AID

The following application for Grant Aid was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 2)

The Clerk reminded Members that the application had been considered at the last meeting of the Council and that, given that there were a number of questions the Members wished to put to the Applicant, Mr Duffy, it had been agreed to defer determination of the application to this meeting of the Council and that Mr Duffy be invited to attend this meeting to respond to Member's questions and comments. The Clerk confirmed that, in accordance with the Council's instructions, he had written to Mr Duffy advising him that the Council wished him to attend this meeting in order to answer Member's questions and that should he not attend the meeting then the Council would, in view of the Members' concerns, have no alternative but to reject the application.

In the absence of Mr Duffy, it was –

- 694 RESOLVED: That the application for Grant Aid submitted by Mr Duffy on behalf of the Learning Support Centre, Frankley Community High School, be refused.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The meeting was adjourned at 1953 hours to enable Members to study the plans.

The meeting was re-convened at 1956 hours.

S/02663/03/FUL

20 Woodham Close, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham B45 9YP
Erection of single storey side extension

The following notification of the above planning application was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 3)

- 695 RESOLVED: That the Planning Department of Birmingham City Council be advised that New Frankley in Birmingham Parish Council has no objection to Planning Application No. S/02663/03/FUL.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/01686/03/FUL

185 Charnwood Close, Frankley, Birmingham B45
Erection of two storey side extension incorporating ground floor lounge; utility room/wc extension with first floor bedrooms extension

- 696 It was reported that Planning Approval had been given for the above application.

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

The following Master Plan – Design Statement was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 4)

The meeting was adjourned at 1958 hours so as to enable the Members and the members of the public to view the Artist Impressions of the proposed Centre Development.

The meeting re-convened at 2005 hours.

The Chairperson reported that the Developer of Site D, which was currently under construction, had informed him that he (the Developer) had already let one of the Units to a manufacturer of signs and additionally, had been approached by a Ring and Ride Bus Service in connection with one of the smaller Units.

- 697 RESOLVED: That the Master Plan – Design Statement, as now submitted, be approved and adopted by the Parish Council.

CROSS CITY LINE EXTENSION

- 698 Councillor Grey reported that a report that outlined the various alternatives for the Line Extension crossing Rubery Lane had been submitted to the recent meeting of the Ward Committee. He added that a copy of the report was available for inspection at the Parish Office.

The proposals would be the subject of a series of Public Consultation meeting in July with residents being advised of the dates in due course.

Councillor Grey also advised that CENTRO were currently undertaking a detailed survey of the proposed extension.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Awards Night

- 699 Councillor Grey requested that the invitations for the Awards Night be returned as soon as possible.

Quality Council Status

- 700 The Chairperson advised that it was his intention for the Council to seek Quality Council Status and to that end the Clerk would be undertaking a course of study in order to gain the required qualification.

PAYMENTS

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(see interleaved document no. 5)

It was proposed by Councillor Grey, seconded by Councillor Joanna Walker and –

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

LOCAL ISSUED RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Noise of Building Work – Frankley Development

- 702 Mr Lovett said that he had received a number of complaints from residents of properties adjacent to the rear of the new development on Arden Road. The residents were complaining about the early start of the building work – 7.30 am and the incessant bleeping of the reversing alarms of the vehicles on the site.

The Chairperson undertook to advise the Developer of the residents' complaints but he was not sure that the Developer was in a position to reduce the hours the site was working due to penalty clauses in the contract. Councillor Grey pointed out that the reversing alarms were a requirement of the Health and Safety regulations and nothing could be done about them.

The meeting ended at 2020 hours.

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Chairperson