

**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 May 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 4 members of the public present.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

It was proposed by Councillor Grey and seconded by Councillor Hollis  
that Councillor Carter be elected Chairperson of the Council.

There being no further nominations, it was -

- 642 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of  
the Council in May 2004, Councillor Carter be elected  
Chairperson of the Council.

**COUNCILLOR CARTER IN THE CHAIR**

- 643 Hereon, the Chairperson made the Declaration of Acceptance of the  
Office of Chairperson of the Parish Council.

**ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

It was proposed by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor  
Trefor-Jones that Councillor Grey be elected Vice-Chairperson of the  
Council.

There being no further nominations, it was -

- 644 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of  
the Council in May 2004, Councillor Grey be elected  
Vice-Chairperson of the Council.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none.

APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS AND  
REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Longbridge Ward Advisory Board

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was -

- 645 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2004, Councillor Carter be appointed to serve as the Council's representative on the Longbridge Ward Advisory Board.

The Beeches Infant and Nursery School Governing Body

Councillor Denny advised that the two schools (The Beeches First School and Frogmill Middle School) would amalgamate at the beginning of the 2003/2004 School year. Until that time the two schools would continue as separate entities. He continued that he was willing to remain as the Parish Council's representative until that time.

- 646 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2004, Councillor Denny be nominated to serve as this Council's representative on the Governing Body of The Beeches Infant and Nursery School.

Frankley Community Church Project

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was -

- 647 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2004, Councillor Linda Banks be nominated to serve as the Council's representative on the Management Committee of the Frankley Community Church Project.

Community Flood Task Force Management Committee

Upon receipt of nominations, it was -

- 648 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2004, Councillors Carter and Williams be appointed to serve as the Council's representatives on the Community Flood Task Force Management Committee.

Tudor Rose Day Centre Management Committee

Upon receipt of nominations, it was -

- 649 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2004, Councillors Linda Banks and Denny be nominated to serve as the Council's representatives on the Management Committee of the Tudor Rose Day Centre.

City Council's Standards Committee

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was –

- 670 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting if the Council in May 2004, Councillor Carter be nominated to serve as the Parish Council representative on the City Council's Standards Committee

MEMBERSHIP OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL,  
HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Following receipt of nominations, it was

- 671 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2004, Councillors Linda Banks, Bruckshaw, Hollis, Joanna Walker and Williams, be appointed to serve on the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee, together with the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the Council as ex-officio members of the Committee and that Councillor Grey be appointed Chairperson of the Committee.

DATES OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR  
2003/2004

- 672 RESOLVED: That meetings of the Parish Council for the forthcoming Municipal Year be held on the following Mondays at 1930 hours at the St Christopher's Church Centre -
- 16 June 2003, 21 July 2003, 18 August 2003,  
15 September 2003, 20 October 2003,  
17 November 2003, 15 December 2003,  
19 January 2004, 16 February 2004, 15 March 2004,  
19 April 2004, with the Annual Meeting of the Council on 17 May 2004.

DATES OF MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL,  
HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMMITTEE FOR THE  
YEAR 2002/2003

- 673 It was agreed that meetings of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee be held at the call of the Chairperson as and when there is business to be transacted.

Hereon, the Chairperson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the matter to be discussed and left the room and the Vice-Chairperson took the Chair.

COUNCILLOR GREY IN THE CHAIR

CHAIRPERSON'S ALLOWANCE

On the proposition of Councillor Trefor-Jones, it was agreed that the Chairperson's Allowance for the Municipal Year 2003/2004 be increased from £250 to £300.

It was proposed by Councillor Trefor-Jones and seconded by Councillor Williams and –

- 674 RESOLVED: That the Chairperson's allowance of £300 for the forthcoming Municipal Year be approved.

Hereon, Councillor Carter returned to the meeting.

COUNCILLOR CARTER IN THE CHAIR

MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Trefor-Jones, seconded by Councillor Reverend Lewis and -

- 675 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 6 May 2003, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 676 The Chairperson took the opportunity of thanking members for re-electing him for a further term of office. He referred to the work which both he and Councillor Grey, the Vice-Chairperson, would be undertaking on behalf of the Parish Council in the forthcoming year, including the Centre Development and the City's plans for the devolution of services.

He thanked Councillor Grey for his efforts on behalf of the Parish Council during the past year and the Clerk for his advice and assistance. He also thanked Councillors Bruckshaw and Hollis for the work that they had carried out on trees on behalf of the Parish and Gareth Griffiths for his voluntary work in the office.

### QUESTIONS

There were none.

Hereon, Councillors Bruckshaw and Grey, as members of the Management Committee of the Neighbourhood Forum, declared a prejudicial interest in the matters to be considered and left the meeting.

### APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT AID

#### A Frankley Community Awards

The following application for Grant Aid was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 1)

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

- 677 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 £900 towards the cost of the Frankley Community Awards.

#### B Frankley Community News

The following application for Grant Aid was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 2)

It was proposed by Councillor Denny, seconded by Councillor Kane and –

- 678 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 £190.82 towards the cost of materials in connection with the production of the Frankley Neighbourhood News.

Councillors Bruckshaw and Grey returned to the meeting.

C Learning Support Centre, Frankley High School

The following application for Grant Aid was submitted -

(see interleaved document no. 3)

Members expressed concern regarding the application as it was felt that the proposed activities could be seen as rewarding bad behaviour. However, Councillor Denny felt it to be an important piece of work that may prevent the participants from re-offending but that before making a decision on the Grant he would like to have had the opportunity of questioning Mr Duffy. The Clerk reported that, when the application had been originally considered and deferred in December, Members had, at that time, requested that Mr Duffy be invited to resubmit his application in the new financial year and to attend the meeting at which the resubmitted application would be considered. Accordingly, the Clerk had written to Mr Duffy inviting him to attend this meeting in order to answer any questions the Members may have regarding the application. Unfortunately, Mr Duffy was not present.

Following some further discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Denny and seconded by Councillor Trefor-Jones that a decision on the Grant Application be deferred to the next meeting of the Council and that Mr Duffy be again invited to attend that meeting and that, in addition, he be advised that should he not attend that meeting the Application will be refused.

- 679 RESOLVED: That determination of the Grant Application submitted by Mr Duffy, Head of Learning Support, Frankley High School, be deferred until the next meeting of the Council and that Mr Duffy be invited to attend that meeting in order to respond to Members' questions regarding the application; further, that Mr Duffy be advised that should he not attend, then the Council will reject the application.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/02663/03/FUL

20 Woodham Close, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham B45 9YP

Erection of single storey side extension

The Clerk reported that, despite requesting copies of the Plans for the Application from the Planning Department, they had not been

received. With regard to future Planning Applications, he advised Members that the Council was currently discussing with the Planning Department the possibility of Planning Applications being lodged at the Parish Offices for public viewing rather than the Neighbourhood Office, which, as Members were aware, was currently operating on restricted opening hours. If the discussions were successful it would mean that the Council would have access to Planning Applications and would not have to depend on the Planning Department sending a copy of the Planning Application to the Clerk which in many cases they omitted to do.

In view of the absence of the Plans for the Application, Members felt unable to comment on the Application and it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Planning Department advising that the Council was unable to comment on the Planning Application due to the absence of the Plans.

- 680 RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Planning Department to complain that the Council felt unable to comment on the Planning Application due to the fact that a copy of the Plans had not been sent to the Clerk.

#### DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A S/01236/02/FUL  
5 Woodham Close, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham B45 9YP  
Erection of first floor side extension

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

B S/00968/03/FUL  
45 Thurloe Crescent, Rubery, B45 9YP  
Erection of first floor side and single storey rear extension including alterations to front

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

#### FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

The following report of the Chairperson of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 4)

Councillor Grey drew attention to section 4 of the report which referred to the provision of Social Housing. He explained that the outline plan for the re-development of the Centre included the

relocation of the present shops. As there were Housing properties above those shops they would also have to be relocated and there was the possibility of the replacement properties being controlled by the Parish Council possibly in conjunction with a Housing Association.

The Chairperson advised Members that the Developer would be shortly issuing a glossy publication detailing his plans for the re-development of the Centre.

Councillor Grey then advised Members that the City Council's Development Control Committee would shortly be introducing a scheme whereby proponents/opponents of Planning Applications could address the Committee when the Planning Application they were interested in was being considered. When the Developer's plans for sites A, B and C eventually came before the Development Control Committee he hoped to be given the opportunity of expressing this Council's support for the proposals.

- 681 RESOLVED: (i) That the proposals for the regeneration of New Frankley Centre to incorporate limited Social Housing be approved.  
(ii) That an approach to seek further support from the Ward Committee and an approach to Birmingham City Council's Economic Development Department to seek help with a Viability Study and a Master Plan be endorsed.

#### CROSS CITY LINE EXTENSION

- 682 Councillor Grey reported that the survey of the proposed extension was still underway – hopefully, the results should be available in approximately 6 months time.

#### ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

##### Annual Meeting: Frankley Community Church Project

- 683 Councillor Denny advised that the Annual Meeting of the Frankley Community Church Project would be held a 7.00pm on Thursday 10 July, 2003 at the Vicarage. A barbeque would be provided and all Members of the Council were invited to attend.

##### Frankley Neighbourhood News

- 684 Councillor Grey advised that the next edition of the Newsletter would hopefully be out by the end of the week.

##### Housing Matters

- 685 Councillor Grey reported that he had recently had a meeting with the Area Housing Manager during which he complained about the lack of housing officers available to deal with Housing problems on Frankley. Following some discussion it had been agreed that the Housing Department would hold surgeries, with residents being given specific appointments, at the Parish Office which, unlike the Neighbourhood Office was open 5 days a week.

PAYMENTS

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(see interleaved document no. 5)

It was proposed by Councillor Bruckshaw and seconded by Councillor Hollis and –

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

LOCAL ISSUED RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Thanks to Councillor Grey

- 687 Mr Lovett, on behalf of the residents of Frankley, thanked Councillor Grey for all his work on behalf of the community.

Toucan Crossing at the Junction of Boleyn Road/New Inns Lane

- 688 In response to a question from Mr Stephenson as to the reason for the delay in switching the Toucan crossing on, the Chairperson advised that the matter had already been raised at the Annual Parish Meeting. He undertook to telephone the Officers responsible at the City's Transportation Department to find out the reason for the delay.

The meeting ended at 2029 hours.

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Chairperson