



# ***New Frankley in Birmingham Parish Council***

## **Annual Report 2006/2007**

### **Chairperson's Overview**

Another Year has passed during which the Parish Council has been engaged in many activities and concerns regarding the residents of the Frankley Community.

### **Reinstatement of Heavy Rail Link – Longbridge/Frankley**

The Parish Council continues to lobby for the reinstatement of the rail link between Longbridge to Frankley which would provide easy and frequent transport to the City centre as well as providing access to employment opportunities in the Black Country, east Birmingham and Coventry. A detailed report was published in the June/July edition of the Frankley Neighbourhood News.

### **Neighbourhood Caretakers**

The Parish Council continues to co-operate with the Northfield District by the funding of the Neighbourhood Caretakers Scheme on Frankley. Visitors to Frankley often remark on the difference that the caretakers have made to the cleanliness of Frankley. The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Caretakers for all their efforts on behalf on the Frankley Community.

### **Development of the Frankley Centre**

At long last there appears to be some tangible progress regarding the redevelopment of the land at the centre. Currently, the City Council is undertaking the process of inviting interested developers to submit proposals for the development of the land at the centre. Developers are required to submit expressions of interest by the end of August and the City will be appointing the preferred developer by the end of September. Once the preferred developer has been appointed by the City, it is anticipated that a planning application would be submitted by early next year with work on the site anticipated to start towards the end of next year.

## **Street Lighting**

The Council has successfully lobbied for the provision of street lighting in Brightstone Road. It is hoped that the lighting will be installed in the not too distant future.

## **Speed Reduction Measures**

Following the fatal accident on Ormond Road last year, the Council, together with other agencies on Frankley requested the installation of traffic calming measures to slow the speed of ALL traffic down. The Council has recently learnt that the Transportation Department has identified funding for the traffic calming measures and it is hoped that the community will be consulted on the plans in the near future.

## **Forestdale Community Park (Forestdale Playing Field)**

The Parish Council is currently working with other agencies to bring the disused Forestdale Playing Field back into use. It is proposed to use community funding from the development in Rubery Lane along with funding from other sources to landscape the field providing a playing field for the school comprising approximately a third of the site, with the remainder being landscaped for community use – comprising a youth shelter, a Multi Use Games Area, a grassed play area.

## **Christmas Lights and Garden Competitions**

Last year the Council financially supported the successful Garden Competition in August and the Christmas Lights Competition in December. The Council will be supporting both competitions this year and urge residents to take part.

## **YOUR PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Neighbourhood News**

The Parish Council continues to fund The Frankley Neighbourhood News which is published bi-monthly. The magazine is well regarded in communities outside Frankley and provides a vehicle for organisations based on Frankley to advertise their activities and forthcoming events.

### **Parish Council Offices**

The Parish Council Office at 12 Arden Road (in the Holly Hill Shopping Parade) opens between 8.30am and 12.00 noon each weekday morning (Bank Holidays excepted). Whilst the staff may not be able to solve all problems which residents bring to them, they usually know what department of the City Council to contact to sort out the problem.

## **Volunteers**

The Parish Council is again grateful to all those residents who undertake the delivery of the Frankley Neighbourhood News irrespective of the weather.

## **New Frankley in Birmingham Parish Council Showcase**

The Showcase jointly hosted by the Parish Council and the Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils was attended by representatives of a number of organisations, City Council officers, BANF and the Longbridge Ward Councillors as well as the local MP. The Showcase was held to demonstrate the work and achievements of the Parish Council.

## **Bus Shelters**

The Parish council is pleased to report that. Following protracted lobbying of CENTRO and the assistance of the local Ward Councillors, the much needed four bus shelters have now been installed on Ormond Road.

## **VISIONS FOR 2007/2008**

### **Gardening Service**

Subject to the necessary finances being identified, it is proposed to establish a gardening service for those Frankley residents who are unable, either through age or disability, to maintain their gardens.

### **Quality Status**

A decision was taken by the Parish Council last year to work towards becoming a Quality Parish Council. The Council is currently assimilating all the information necessary to support its application which it is hoped will be submitted in September this year. Quality Status will allow the Council to better meet the needs of the community and it is hoped that the City Council will recognise achievement and consider devolving, with the appropriate funding, some of the local services down to the Council.

## **HOW TO CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS**

Individual Councillors can be contacted on the telephone numbers given below. However, whilst the Councillors are willing for their numbers to be publicised, they do ask that residents do not ring them at anti-social hours.

Councillor Linda Banks	0121 680 6601
Councillor Ian Bruckshaw	0121 453 8127
Councillor Eric Carter	0121 457 9436
Councillor Sid Grey MBE	0121 243 4521
Councillor Gareth Griffiths	0121 680 9931 (Chairman)
Councillor Bill Hollis	0121 680 0072

Councillor Len Lovett	0121 453 4305
Councillor Des Rogers	0121 4
Councillor Geoff Stephenson	0121 453 4648
Councillor Stephen Trefor-Jones	0777 850 3460 (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Joanna Walker	0121 453 7130
Councillor Geoff	0793 3771845
Roger Griffiths	01527 836 381 (Clerk)

Parish Office 12 Arden Road, Frankley 0121 457 9410

All Members and the Clerk can be contacted via the Parish Office each weekday morning between 8.30am to 12.00 noon (Bank Holidays excepted)

Email [clerk@newfrankleypc.swiftserve.net](mailto:clerk@newfrankleypc.swiftserve.net)

WebPage [www.newfrankleyinbirminghamparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.newfrankleyinbirminghamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## ACCOUNTS

Summary of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007. These will be audited in accordance with the Local Government Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 by an External Auditor appointed by the Audit Commission. A full copy of the accounts is available for inspection, free of charge, at the Council Offices at 12 Arden Road, Frankley.

### Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2007

	£	£
Income		
Precept and Other Income	66,186	
	TOTAL	<u>66,186</u>
Expenditure		
Salaries and Allowances	19,984	
Parish Office	7,765	
Administration	4,071	
Grants to Community Organisations	12,062	
Contribution to Neighbourhood Caretakers	15,000	
	TOTAL	<u>58,882</u>
Surplus of Income over Expenditure		<u><u>7,304</u></u>