

NEW FRANKLEY IN BIRMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held at the Parish Council Offices, 12 Arden Road, Frankley on Monday, 2 July 2007 at 1900 hours.

Present

Councillor Ian Bruckshaw (in the Chair)

Councillors Linda Banks, Gareth Griffiths, Geoffrey Stephenson, Stephen Trefor-Jones and Geoffrey Williams

APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE

- 137 Resolution no. 1540 of the Parish Council appointing the membership of the Committee and Councillor Bruckshaw as Chairperson was noted.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 138 The following Terms of Reference of the Committee were noted –

(Interleaved document no. 1)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

MINUTES

- 139 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 6 November 2006, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

PLANNING APPLICATION

S/03405/07/OUT

63 Thornthwaite Close, Frankley, Birmingham B45 0DS

Outline application for 5 no. Terraced Properties (layout and means of access to be assessed).

The following planning application was submitted –

(Interleaved document no. 2)

During the ensuing discussion the following were the main concerns raised by Members –

- The original planning permission had been granted for four 2 bedroom properties which suggested that the properties would be marketed as starter homes; however, the outline application now submitted was for five three bedroom, three storey properties which would suggest an increased occupancy and increased traffic on the means of access;
- The three storey properties were out of keeping with the surrounding area and would be an intrusion on the privacy of the adjacent properties in Thornthwaite Close;
- The location of the proposed development would suggest that the only means of access would be to convert the current public footpath from Hafren Close in a vehicular access way. The footpath is currently well used and there needed to be an assurance that there would be adequate separation between pedestrians and vehicles;
- Additionally, regarding access by the Emergency Services the Members were concerned that although the postal address of the development would be Thornthwaite Close, the only vehicular access was through Hafren Close.

It was agreed to object to the proposed application on the above grounds.

140 RESOLVED: That the District Planning Officer, Northfield, be advised that the Parish Council objects to the Outline Planning Application S/03405/07/OUT for the following reasons –

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The meeting ended at 19.30 hours

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Chairperson