

**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<sup>nd</sup> March 2009 at 1930 hours.

**Present**

Councillor Eric Carter (in the Chair)

Councillors Ian Bruckshaw, Gareth Griffiths, Des Rogers, Stephen Trefor-Jones and Joanna Walker

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies

**MINUTES**

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

- 182 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were none.

**DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were none

**LONGBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN**

There was nothing to report.

**TRANSPORT**

There was nothing to report.

**FRANKLEY CENTRE REGENERATION**

- 183 The Clerk reported that there was still no information regarding the progress of the development or the results of the recent consultation exercise.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD CARETAKERS SCHEME**

184 Councillor Carter reported that John Burke, Operations Manager, Lifford Lane Depot had recently visited the office during which he (Councillor Cater) had raised a number of concerns relating the service received from the Fleet and Waste Management Department, in particular the non-collection of green and black bags, missed bulky waste collections and the clearance of fly-tipped rubbish. Mr Burke had accepted that there was a problem with the non-collection of green/black bags which the department was attempting to address. Regarding the 'missed' appointments for the collection of bulky waste on a Saturday morning, because the crews started work early in the morning, it was often the case that, although householders were advised to ensure that the items for collection were put out on the previous evening, the householder did not put the items out until the Saturday morning, after the crews had visited. Regarding the collection of fly-tipped rubbish, such instances should be reported to Lifford, and arrangements would be made for collection.

A lengthy discussion then ensued, with Members emphasising the need for the Fleet and Waste Management Department to urgently address the concerns which had been raised in the meeting referred to above. Particularly, the need to ensure that arrangements were put in place to guarantee that the refuse crews collected all green bags including those which the crew considered to be 'contaminated' or which were tied up and which at present were left uncollected. In response to a question from Councillor Bruckshaw as to what arrangements could be put in place to ensure that the uncollected bags were collected, Councillor Carter indicated that if instances of uncollected green bags were reported to the Parish Office, then he would contact Vic Walker, F&WM Ward Manager, to arrange for their collection.

Councillor Trefor-Jones reported that although some of the chewing gum on the pavements outside the Wareham Road shops had been removed, a lot still remained and he requested that a further attempt be made to clean the pavements. Councillor Carter undertook to take the matter up with Caretaking team but pointed out that the Neighbourhood Caretakers team lacked the proper equipment to undertake the effective removal of the chewing – instead of using the graffiti equipment high pressure hoses they should be using freezing gas to freeze the gum and assist in its removal.

#### **TRAFFIC CALMING**

185 Councillor Carter reported that the work on the Traffic Calming measures on Ormond Road was proceeding well. In response to a question from Councillor Trefor-Jones, Councillor Carter advised that he understood from Glen Smith, the Highway Engineer responsible for the project, that the police would be undertaking speed checks once the work was finished.

Meeting ended at 1945 hours

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Chairperson