

**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, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Eric Carter (in the Chair)

Councillors Linda Banks, Ian Bruckshaw, Bill Hollis,  
Stephen Trefor-Jones and Joanna Walker

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 224 An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Grey (Bereavement).

**MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Hollis, seconded by Councillor Joanna Walker, and -

- 225 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (EXISTENCE AND NATURE) WITH REGARD TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

- 226 Hereon, Councillor Trefor-Jones declared a personal interest in respect of the Planning Application (Agenda Item 5) as he was acquainted with the applicant.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

No member of the public wished to speak on any Agenda item.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **Application Number: 2009/058322/PA**

Site: 86 Crychan Close, Longbridge, Birmingham, B45 0JQ

Proposal: Change of use of land to the rear to domestic use

The following application for Planning Approval in respect public land to the rear of 86 Crychan Close was submitted -

(Interleaved document No. 1)

- 227 Following a brief discussion it was agreed that there be no objection to the application.

## **DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were none

## **LONGBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN**

- 228 The Chairperson advised that he had attended a meeting of the Longbridge Consultative Committee on the previous Thursday. He then referred to the plan which had been circulated at the meeting drawing particular attention to the proposed changes to the highways around the Development.

(Interleaved document No. 2)

The Chairperson then reported that work had started on the new College buildings and was expected to be completed by 2011 with the college open for business in September that year. At same time, work would be undertaken on the re-alignment/road widening of the highways as detailed in the plans, including a new traffic light system, so as to create new access roads to Devon Way and the College Campus. It was planned that work would start in 2010 and take approximately 70 weeks to compete.

Councillor Trefor-Jones expressed his concerns that the proposals allowed for three sets of pedestrian control traffic lights in a space of approximately 200 yards which he considered would cause traffic congestion similar to that on the Northfield by-pass. He believed that the solution would be to install a traffic island at the junction of Devon Way, Longbridge Lane and the Campus entrance with a pedestrian bridge over the island thus eliminating the need for traffic signals.

The Chairperson then referred to the proposed Youth Centre to be called My Place which was to be funded by a grant of £5 million from the Big Lottery Fund. Building of the Centre was expected to start in 2010, but a Planning Application for the development still had to be submitted. Additionally, before it would release the £5 million funding the Lottery required a Business Plan setting out how the Centre proposed to cover the on-going revenue costs.

With regard to the car park for temporary Park and Ride facility, there was still some dispute regarding the site to be used for the car park. As part of the area originally planned for the temporary car park had been re-allocated to the Youth Centre as had been explained at the last meeting, CENTRO now seeking an alternative site which was near to the station and affordable. This was causing delays in the planning for the provision of the permanent Park and Ride facility resulting in possible delays of up to 3 years. Also Government funding for the facility was now being withheld due to the lack of a business plan for the new site.

#### **SOUTH BIRMINGHAM BUS REVIEW**

- 229 It was agreed that, once the date of the Review of the new bus services had been formalised, the Forum would include an item in the preceding edition of the Neighbourhood News advising residents of the review.

#### **FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT**

- 230 The Clerk reported that details of the proposals for the refurbishment of the Stopping Parade would be available for consultation in January new year.

#### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

##### **Complaint re Rubbish Collection Vehicle**

- 231 Councillor Linda Banks reported that the previous Thursday, she had witnessed a Rubbish Collection Vehicle speed down Boleyn Road and turn into the service road in front of the properties in Romany Road, going over the pavement. The vehicle number was 2252. The Chairperson undertook to take the matter up with the Fleet and Waste Management Area Manager.

##### **Vehicles crossing private gardens**

- 232 Councillor Trefor-Jones reported that Mr Howles, 161 Frogmill Road had complained to him that a neighbour constantly drove his 4x4 plus caravan

across Mr Howles' front garden in order to reach his own property which had no vehicular access. Councillor Trefor Jones suggested that the solution to the problem would be to install concrete bollards within the grass verge so as to prevent vehicles using the land to gain access to the property. The Councillor believed that the area of land was owned the City Engineers and therefore had attempted, albeit unsuccessfully, to contact Glen Smith, the Constituency Engineer, to suggest that bollards be installed on the verge, so that the neighbour could no longer drive his 4X4 across the verge and Mr Howles' front Garden.

Councillor Bruckshaw agreed to investigate the matter.

The meeting ended at 2000 hours

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Chairperson

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Date