

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, 3rd August 2009 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Eric Carter (in the Chair)

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

Also in Attendance Councillor Len Lovett, a Member of the Public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none

MINUTES

Referring to Minute no. 205, the Chairperson confirmed that the ripple strips had been installed at both ends of Ormond Road.

It was proposed by Councillor Trefor-Jones, seconded by Councillor Joanna Walker, and -

- 207 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 29th June 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

There were no declarations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no Planning Applications for consideration.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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11 Lysander Road, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham

Change of use from amenity land to domestic garden and erection of boundary fencing.

208 It was noted that planning approval had been granted for the above development subject to the following conditions –

- Birmingham City Council grants planning permission subject to the condition(s) listed below (if appropriate). The reason for granting permission is because the development is in accordance with Policies 3.8 and 3.10 of the Birmingham Unitary Development Plan (2005)
- This permission relates to the details shown on Drawing Numbers D1 & D2 and shall not be altered unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. REASON: In order to define the permission.
- The development hereby permitted must be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission. REASON: To comply with Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (this section limits the duration of the planning approval).

LONGBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN

209 The Chairperson reported that at the meeting of the Longbridge Consultative Forum which he had attended the previous Thursday, the following information was given -

- That currently no planning applications for any development on the site had been submitted by commercial developers;
- That there had been no expressions of interest from any supermarket;

- That the funding for the new Bournville College had not been confirmed;
- That the Youth Centre was to be built on that part of the site originally earmarked for the Park and Ride;
- That the submission of the proposals for the modification/realignment of the highway network around the site would be delayed until the future of the Bournville College had been clarified.

Councillor Trefor-Jones felt that, in view of the delay in developing the site, part of the site adjacent to the Station could be used as a temporary car park which would encourage commuters to use the train.

Chairperson stated that a temporary car park adjacent to Longbridge Station was scheduled to be opened on the site in October which would not only attract commuters to catch the train, but which should also relieve the parking problems on the roads near to the station.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM BUS REVIEW

- 210 Councillor Bruckshaw explained that CENTRO and National Express West Midlands were currently undertaking a review of the 'Bus services in the south of the City. He went on to explain what CENTRO/NXWM had proposed regarding the services for the Frankley estate. He advised that should any one have concerns about what was being proposed then they should make their views known to CENTRO's Customer Services department by 9th August which was the end of the consultation period. The details of the final routes, frequency of services etc would be published at the end of August with the new routes introduced at the beginning October.

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

There was nothing to report.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Gating alleyways

- 211 Councillor Hollis advised that the HLB had agreed to provide gates on alleyways in Bute Close and Oberon Close in order to stop their use by quad bikes.

He added that Kate Anderson would, in future, send the Council emails, regarding projects to be undertaken by the HLB.

Councillor Bruckshaw advised that the HLB had also agreed to clear the rubbish from Bourlay Wood.

Clearing of the River Course

- 212 The Chairperson reported that the Ward Advisory Board had agreed at its last meeting to fund the partial clearance of the River Rea Water course. He was waiting for the Ward Support Officer, Bob Barr, to carry out an inspection of the water course to determine which areas should be cleared.

Car Park Drains

- 213 In response to a question from Councillor Linda Banks regarding the flooding of the car parking front of the shopping parade, after heavy rain, Councillor Bruckshaw reported that the flooding was not just a question of the quantity of water as it was possible that the drains were blocked thus preventing the rain water from flowing away. After a number of complaints the Housing department, whose responsibility the car park was, had agreed to carry out an investigation in order to trace the problem.

Highway Drains in Gannow Green Lane

- 214 Councillor Joanna Walker reported that the Highway drains on the Bromsgrove side of Gannow Green Lane had recently been cleaned.

Chairperson remarked that the camber of Gannow Green Lane caused the water coming down the pathway from the Waseley Hills Country Park, to run across the Lane into Boleyn Road. Therefore to prevent flooding in Boleyn Road, there was a need to ensure that the drains in Boleyn Road were kept clear.

The meeting ended at 1954 hours

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Chairperson

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Date

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