

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, 4th January 2010 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

- 233 An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Grey (other commitment).

MINUTES

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

- 234 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 30th 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

- 235 There were no declarations of interest.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application Number: 2009/06226/PA

Site: Frankley Shopping Centre, Ormond Road, Frankley, Birmingham B45

Proposal: Environmental improvements including new entrances to first floor flats, rear canopy in service yard, lighting scheme, elevational treatments and landscaping.

The following application for Planning Approval in respect Holly Hill Shopping Parade was submitted -

(Interleaved document No. 1)

- 237 The proposals for the refurbishment of the Shopping Parade and surrounding area as set out in the application now submitted were welcomed.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL - NOTIFICATION OF APPEAL BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL'S DECISION TO REFUSE THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY MR MOHAMMED ALI

The following notification advising of an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate submitted by Mr M Ali against the City's decision to refuse planning permission for the change of use of 10 Arden Road from retail to hot food takeaway was submitted-

(Interleaved document No. 2)

- 238 A lengthy and wide ranging discussion ensued as to whether or not the Council should make representations to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the appeal. Councillor Trefor-Jones was concerned over the prospect, should the appeal succeed, of yet another food outlet in what was a small shopping parade. Additionally, account should be taken of the fact that there were a number of similar other food outlets in the immediate area. However, Councillor Bruckshaw was concerned that, should the appeal fail, the shop would continue to remain vacant which presented an unfavourable impression of the shopping parade and, in his opinion, prospective tenants should be encouraged.

Ultimately, it was agreed not to make representations to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the appeal.

LONGBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN

239 There was nothing to report.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM BUS REVIEW

240 Councillor Bruckshaw reported that he, Councillor Sue Barton and the clerk had met representatives of National Express West Midlands (NXWM) and Centro the previous week to discuss NXWM's proposal to amend the route of the service No. 20. Due to City Centre congestion and road works at Vincent Drive, NXWM was currently experiencing problems in maintaining the reliability of the service and wanted to foreshorten the route by the removal of the Ormond Road, Boleyn Road, New Inns Lane, Callowbrook Lane, Callow Bridge Road, New Road, Bristol Road South and Park Way (Great Park) part of the route and its replacement by Ormond Road, Rubery Lane and Park Way (Great Park). However, it was pointed out to the NXWM representative that the service represented to those residents living on Boleyn Road/Ormond Road and Holly Hill Road, the only means of direct access to the Rubery shopping centre. After some discussion NXWM agreed to re-route the service as follows - Ormond Road, Rubery Lane, Callowbrook Lane, Callow Bridge Road, New Road, Bristol Road South and Park Way (Great Park). NXWM would also undertake to ensure that the mobile inspectors would carry out spot checks on the service No. 20 at the Great Park terminus as the Parish Council had received a number of complaints relating to the turn-round time of the buses at Great Park.

Both Centro and NXWM indicated that there would be a review of the services in the Frankley area during the summer. Councillor Bruckshaw felt that this could be an opportunity to re-route the services Nos. 61 and 63 to ensure a wider and more frequent bus services for the Frankley area.

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

See Minute No. 237

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were none.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

There were none.

The meeting ended at 2015 hours

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Chairperson

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Date

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