

**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, 29<sup>th</sup> November  
2010 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Eric Carter (in the Chair)

Councillors Linda Banks, Ian Bruckshaw, Gareth Griffiths, Stephen Trefor-Jones and  
Joanna Walker

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Hollis.

**MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Trefor-Jones, seconded by Councillor Bruckshaw, and, with  
none dissenting -

- 296 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning, Environmental,  
Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2010,  
having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and  
signed.

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

- 297 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**

Application No: 2010/05718/PA  
Site: 44 Romany Road, Frankley, Birmingham B45 0LQ  
Proposal: Erection of single storey side and forward extension

- 298 There were no objections to the application.

**DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Application No: 2010/05556/PA

Site: Arden Road at adjacent to highway, Rubery Birmingham B45  
OJA  
Proposal: Erection of 14.8m high telecommunications mast and  
associated cabinet equipment  
Decision: Refused

299 The decision made in respect of the aforementioned application was noted.

Application No: 2010/05485/PA  
Site: Former General Office Block Site, Lickey Road, Longbridge,  
Birmingham B45 8TE  
Proposal: Non material amendment to approval 2009/06423/PA to  
include amended site layout and house type design  
Decision: Approve

300 The decision made in respect of the aforementioned application was noted.

### **LONGBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN**

301 The Chairperson advised that, at the last meeting of the Consultative Committee, the following items were reported -

#### Bournville College

The College was on target and was due to be completed by August 2011 with the first intake of students due September that year. Concerns were expressed that there was very little parking provision within the College Grounds.

#### Longbridge Lane Road Works

These were well underway and the Committee were assured that the road works were causing very little disruption to traffic movements in the area.

#### 2, Devon Way

Conversion to 'starter' offices which would enable firms to expand internally at 2 Devon Road were almost complete with some of the offices already taken.

#### Innovation Centre

Now fully occupied, but some firms were moving into 2 Devon Way from the Centre.

#### 'My Place' Youth Centre

The Centre was scheduled for completion in 2011. Currently the paper work was being examined by the Cabinet prior to approval. As part of the examination by the Cabinet, the Business Case was to be re-submitted.

### Supermarket

Although it appeared 'work in progress' there was currently no indication as to the name of the Supermarket involved. However, the company had requested a frontage site on Longbridge Lane. At the meeting a town centre plan was exhibited showing the large major supermarket located next to the College.

### Austin Centre

Plans showed that the Centre would be located at the side of the proposed Supermarket. Discussions were on going with regard to the possible layout of the Centre offices, meeting rooms etc. It was anticipated that St Modwen would be heavily involved in this project with the possibility of it taking office space at the Centre. However the Business Plan for the Centre still had to be prepared.

### New Houses Development – Lickey Road

A consultation exercise with local residents is to be arranged to advise when the ground works are to start the type of properties it was proposed to build.

### CENTRO

CENTRO was considering a smaller bus interchange with some improvements at the Longbridge Railway Station to give more movements to and from the station. Additionally it was seeking the demolition of the houses by the station; although 3 were empty, currently one resident was refusing to sell.

### Hotels

The Plans presented at the meeting disclosed two 80 bed Hotels as part of the development. Indications were that some interest was being shown.

### Park and Ride

There was still no movement regarding this much needed provision.

Following some discussion regarding the lack of a much needed Park and Ride facility, it was agreed that the Clerk write to CENTRO urging that urgent consideration be given to the provision of the much needed Park and Ride facility.

## **FRANKLEY CENTRE REGENERATION**

302 Councillor Bruckshaw reported that the residual work to be completed by Wates. With regard to the remedial work to the buildings which was the responsibility of Housing, he had been informed that the Contract had been agreed. Once the Contract had been agreed, the remedial work would be carried out and Wates would then complete the refurbishment.

Councillor Bruckshaw was disappointed to learn that several of the lighting bollards on the footpaths had been damaged by vandals over the weekend. He expressed the hope that the Domehawk camera at the junction of Ormond Road and Arden Road had caught

those responsible. Members expressed concern that improvements to Frankley were being wrecked by a minority of individuals.

**TRANSPORT**

- 303 The Chairperson reported that the Clerk had spoken to Guy Craddock of CENTRO regarding the request for hardstanding around the new bus stop adjacent to Fisher Close and had been told that the matter was in hand.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**Flooding**

- 304 Councillor Bruckshaw reported that details of the Flood Mitigation Project had been distributed to each of the properties which were flooded in 2008. It would appear from the feedback he had received that everybody was pleased with the proposals.

**LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were none.

The meeting ended at 1952 hours

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Chairperson

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