

NEW FRANKLEY IN BIRMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on Monday 31 July 2000, at 1940 hours at St Christopher's Church Centre, New Street, Frankley.

Present

Councillor Eric Carter (In the Chair)

Councillors David Burton, Sidney Grey, Paul Kane, Joanna Walker and Geoffrey Williams.

MINUTES

4. RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the former Planning Committee held on 3 July 2000, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

RENAMING OF COMMITTEE AND CHANGE OF DELEGATIONS

The following Resolution No. 29 of the Parish Council renaming the former Planning Committee and changing its delegations was submitted –

(See interleaved document No. 1)

5. RESOLVED: That resolution No. 29 of the Parish Council be received and noted.

GENERAL FLOODING IN THE FRANKLEY AREA

A lengthy and wide-ranging discussion ensued during which the following were amongst the points raised:

- (i) The flooding on Thursday, 6 July in the Bolelyn Road area after the heavy rain was due to rubbish which had been dumped in the Brook course and which had blocked a screen across the brook course causing the water to back up and overflow. The problem was exacerbated by a number of drains in the area also being blocked by rubbish.
- (ii) On the other side of the Estate the flooding caused a sewage escape which was now under investigation.

- (iii) Councillors Carter and Burton had attended a meeting at the Council House in Birmingham called to discuss the flooding in the West Northfield/Longbridge/Frankley area which was chaired by Richard Burden, M.P for Northfield. The meeting was attended by representatives of those areas affected by flooding together with representatives of the City's Transportation Department, the Environment Agency and Severn Trent Water. However it was felt that the meeting did not achieve very much as nobody would take responsibility for the remedial work that was needed.
- (iv) It was felt that all drains/watercourses in the Frankley area should come under the responsibility of the Transportation Department instead of as now where both the Transportation Department and the Housing Department shared responsibility for cleaning drains/watercourses. Additionally, it was felt that the frequency of drain/watercourse cleaning needed to be increased as part of the cause of the flooding was due to blocked watercourses and blocked drains.

It was agreed that Councillors Carter and Burton be appointed as the Parish Council representatives on the task force referred to in (iii) above - the next meeting of which would be held in October.

- 6. RESOLVED: That for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May 2001, Councillors Eric Carter and David Burton be appointed as representatives of the Parish Council on the Flooding Task Force.

CROSS CITY LINE EXTENSION

- 7. Councillor Grey, referring to an article in the 'Evening Mail', welcomed the fact that it appeared that CENTRO had included the Cross City Line Extension in CENTRO's Local Transport Plan. The £11million scheme had been submitted to the Government as part of the Transport Plan in July. Councillor Grey considered that the possibility of obtaining funding for the project was greater now than had been in the past. He then went on to respond to other Member's questions concerning the proposed extension.

The meeting ended at 20.40 hours.

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Chairperson

