

NEW FRANKLEY IN BIRMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on Monday, 5 March 2001, at 1930 hours at St Christopher's Church Centre, Holly Hill, New Street, Frankley.

Present Councillor Eric Carter (In the Chair)

Councillors Sidney Grey, David Burton, Joanne Walker, and Geoffrey Williams.

APOLOGIES

An apology had been received from Councillor Kane who had work commitments..

MINUTES

- 30 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 8 January 2001, having previously been circulated, be taken as read, confirmed and signed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No decisions had been made on applications reported to the Committee.

- 31 Councillor Grey asked whether any decision had been made on the planning applications for the Frankley shopping centre which had been discussed at the February Council meeting. The Clerk agreed to investigate and report back to the next meeting.

FLOODING IN THE FRANKLEY AREA

32 The Chairperson reported on a meeting held on 22nd. February which he had attended together with Councillor David Burton. Residents from affected areas in Northfield and Longbridge, council officers, councillors and the MPs for Northfield and Selly Oak were all present. Richard Burden MP was in the chair. Many people had expressed their concern at the lack of action on such issues as compensation, and insurance. Progress was being made on the new bridges at Northfield but there was still concern about delays and the effect on local businesses. A new Flood Co-ordinator post was being advertised, to run for a period of twelve months. Vaughan Fletcher of the Transportation Department had informed the meeting that the work proposed to drains had been surveyed and costed and the Department was ready to start when funding was agreed. He had also requested a list of problem sites in the areas involved.

The Chairperson also reported that he had since been informed by Councillor Green that the £1.5 million scheme for drain improvements had been agreed by the City Council and included £300,000 of work in Frankley. A discussion followed in which concerns were expressed at how much could be done for this money, and the lack of details from the Transportation Department on what work was actually going to be carried out.

33 It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Vaughan Fletcher in the Transportation Department to ask what exactly was covered by the £300,000 allocated, and why he needs extra information on problem sites when the work had already been surveyed and costed. Councillor Burton agreed to complete a list of problem sites in the parish and send it to the Clerk by 8 March.

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

34 There were no developments to report on this matter.

EXTENSION OF THE CROSS CITY LINE TO FRANKLEY

35 There were no developments to report on this matter.

The meeting ended at 2014 hours.

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Chairperson