

NEW FRANKLEY IN BIRMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on Monday, 8 January 2001, at 1900 hours at St Christopher's Church Centre, Holly Hill, New Street, Frankley.

Present Councillor Eric Carter (In the Chair)

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

APOLOGIES

None.

MINUTES

22 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 4 December 2000, having previously been circulated, be taken as read, confirmed and signed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. S/05923/00/NOT: Demolish 4 no. multi-storey blocks of flats and clear site at Lower Beeches Road, Northfleet, Pershore, Seaton and Taunton Towers, Northfield, Birmingham, B31 5LD.

(see interleaved document no. 1)

The Chairperson explained that he had contacted the Planning department to find out what was proposed for the sites of the demolished blocks. The Department was not aware of any plans for future development of the sites or when the blocks were likely to be demolished.

Councillor Kane expressed surprise that the blocks were being proposed for demolition as they had been completely re-glazed

in the last two years. Several members commented that this appeared to be a waste of money.

- 23 Councillor Grey made reference to suggestions which were current in the area, that the land was being proposed for industrial development. He suggested that the Chairperson should seek to attend meetings of the Lower Beeches regeneration group. The Clerk agreed to contact the West Northfield Area Regeneration team to discuss the Council's representation on the Lower Beeches group and the future of the sites of the flats.

There was some discussion about drainage problems in the area and recent flooding. It was generally agreed that any future development should not be such as to increase drainage problems, and if development proposals were received, the Environment Agency should be consulted about problems of rapid run-off of surface water from hard surfaces.

Following further discussion, it was moved, seconded and:

- 24 RESOLVED: That the Planning Department be advised that:
- (i) This Council has no objection in principle to the proposals.
 - (ii) The Council is concerned about the possibility of future development of the sites for industrial purposes.
 - (iii) This Council is concerned at any development taking place on the sites which might have implications for storm water drainage in the surrounding area
 - (iv) This Council asks to be kept informed of future developments regarding these proposals.

2. Not yet registered: Frankley Centre Development, Arden Road.

- 25 The Clerk explained that the papers had been sent to the Council before registration by the Planning Department so that they would arrive in time for this meeting. However, it would be possible to defer consideration of them until the Council meeting on January 15th. and still meet the Planning Department's deadline.

After a short discussion it was agreed to defer consideration of these applications until the meeting of the Parish Council on 15 January 2001.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

FLOODING IN THE FRANKLEY AREA

- 27 Councillor Grey asked whether the Flood Co-ordinator was still in post. The Clerk said that he had spoken to the Co-ordinator during the previous week and at that time she was unsure how long she would remain in post. However, if she was still in post she was happy to attend the Council meeting on January 15th. to explain the current situation on flood prevention to members.

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

- 28 It was agreed to defer discussion of this item to the parish Council meeting on January 15th. when it could be taken with the planning application for the area.

EXTENSION OF THE CROSS CITY LINE TO FRANKLEY

- 29 There were no developments to report.

The meeting ended at 1920 hours.

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Chairperson