

## NEW FRANKLEY IN BIRMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on Monday, 2 July 2001, at 1930 hours at St Christopher's Church Centre, Holly Hill, New Street, Frankley.

Present Councillor Paul Kane (In the Chair)

Councillors Linda Banks, David Burton, Eric Carter, Joanne Walker, and Geoffrey Williams.

In attendance: Andy Foster (clerk),  
Chris Lancaster (Team Leader, Local Planning,  
City Planning Department).

No members of the public were present.

### APOLOGIES

None.

### MINUTES

46 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 4 June 2001, having previously been circulated, be taken as read, confirmed and signed.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None.

### DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None.

## FLOODING IN THE FRANKLEY AREA

Councillor Carter said that the Task Force had not met since the last Committee meeting.

- 47 Councillor Burton referred to hedge cutting which had taken place at 19 Fisher Close, with the cuttings left on the river bank. He was concerned that they could be swept into the river and block the watercourse further down. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the occupier of 19 Fisher Close drawing attention to the problem.

## FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

- 48 The Chairperson introduced Mr. Lancaster who distributed maps of the area to the meeting

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Mr. Lancaster explained that city's statutory plan (the Unitary Development plan) was being revised and the period of public deposit had just ended. There had been slow progress on writing the Local Plan for the Frankley centre because of the rail line proposal; the results of the rail line studies might have to be incorporated into the Local Plan, for example those from the environmental studies. The current suggestions were that site A (west of the mound) should be zoned for retail use, with C and D (Arden Road) being for industrial use, for which outline approval had recently been granted.

There was some discussion of the design and siting of the industrial units on sites C and D. Mr. Lancaster explained the principles which guided his development control colleagues. The developer had been given permission by the city's Economic Development Department as site owners to undertake soil condition surveys on the site.

Councillor Burton referred to the approval of housing development on the Great Park site which had removed the option of a railway bridge at Rubery Lane. Mr. Lancaster said that he had only recently become aware of this decision through the Transportation Department.

Mr. Lancaster mentioned a proposal from CENTRO to divert the Millennium Cycle Route along Rubery Lane as part of the rail line construction process. He felt this was a retrograde step.

49 The Chairperson referred to the contamination of Site B and the methane venting process, and asked how long it would be before the site could be developed. Mr. Lancaster undertook to find out and let the Parish Council know.

50 There was some discussion of planning applications in Bromsgrove district close to the parish boundary, and the refusal of Bromsgrove council to consult the parish on them. Mr. Lancaster offered to enquire into the situation and let the Clerk know of the result.

The Chairperson thanked Mr. Lancaster for his informative and helpful presentation.

The meeting ended at 2009 hours.

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Chairperson