

NEW FRANKLEY IN BIRMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on Monday, 4 June 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), Gerry Pountney and John Dring (potential developer of the Frankley Centre site and his agent).

1 member of the public was present.

APOLOGIES

None.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

The Chairperson thanked Councillor Carter for his work as Chairperson of this Committee during the year 2000-01.

40 RESOLVED: That Resolution No. 194 of the Parish Council appointing the Committee and its Chairperson for the year ending with the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May 2002 be received.

MINUTES

41 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 2 April 2001, having previously been circulated, be taken as read, confirmed and signed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 42 The Clerk reported that the outline application for the development of the Frankley centre site had been approved by the City Council. No other decisions had been made on applications reported to the Committee.

FLOODING IN THE FRANKLEY AREA

- 43 Councillor Carter said that there were no developments to report as the Task Force had not met since the last Committee meeting.

Several members expressed concern at lack of progress on appointing a Flood Co-ordinator. Councillor Burton reported that together with Councillor Williams he had cleared rubbish from the pool at the top of Titania Close which was a well-known danger spot for flooding, Councillor Williams mentioned a blocked drain outside no. 19 Wareham Road which had still not been dealt with. Councillor Banks expressed concern about a drain on the footpath between Crychan Close and Frogmill school which was missing its cover. The Chairperson said that there was a need for dedicated person to be appointed soon to oversee flood prevention work.

Following further discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write (i) to the Transportation Department about the drains in Wareham Road and on the school path, and (ii) to the Housing Department about the appointment of a Flood Co-ordinator.

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

The Chairperson invited Mr. Pountney and Mr. Dring to address the Committee.

Mr. Dring explained that the outline permission for the site had been granted with some conditions recommended by the Environmental Health officer about industrial uses. The detail planning application for the Arden Road site had not satisfied the planning officers who did not like the layout of the buildings on the site. Mr. Pountney explained that he wishes to press forward quickly with the development of the site as he judged the market to be favourable. Some interest had been expressed

by potential tenants including a freezer centre and bakery, and there had been approach from a supermarket group. There was some urgency in going forward as he had to meet the terms of the City Council's offer to sell the site.

Mr. Dring showed the Committee an amended site plan for the industrial units on the east side of Arden Road. He asked if the Committee could express an informal view on the proposals. A discussion followed. Councillor Williams asked about the timescale of development and Mr. Dring said it was hoped to start in autumn 2001. Councillor Carter asked about the design of the units, as they would be both facing the road and have a car park at the rear. Mr. Dring said that it would be possible for them to have two fronts, to the street and the car park. After further discussion Councillor Carter moved and it was seconded and unanimously:

- 44 RESOLVED: That in general terms the Committee supports the proposals for industrial units on the Arden Road (east side) site.

EXTENSION OF THE CROSS CITY LINE TO FRANKLEY

There were no developments to report.

PARISH AND TOWN PLANS

- 45 The Clerk explained the newsletter from the Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils. There was a short discussion and he was asked to obtain further information from the Countryside Agency and report to a future meeting.

The meeting ended at 2044 hours.

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Chairperson