

## **NEW FRANKLEY IN BIRMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

At a meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held at the Council Offices, 12 Arden Road, Frankley on 10 June 2002 at 1930 hours.

### **Present**

Councillors Linda Banks, Ian Bruckshaw, Eric Carter, Sidney Grey MBE, William Hollis, Joanna Walker and Geoffrey Williams.

There were 3 members of the public present.

### **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE**

- 96 RESOLVED: That Resolution no. 429 of the Parish Council appointing Councillors Linda Banks, Ian Bruckshaw, Williams Hollis, Joanna Walker and Geoffrey Williams to serve on the Committee together with the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Council as ex-officio members and appointing Councillor Grey as Chairperson was noted.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies.

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### **MINUTES**

- 95 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 29 April 2002, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

#### **S/02714/02/FUL**

**Change of use of land to residential and the construction of 13 no. 2 and 3 storey houses, parking spaces, sewers and associated works**

Boleyn Road/Gannow Meadow Crescent, Frankley, Birmingham

Following introductory comments from the Chairperson it was agreed to formally object to the proposed change of use from Public Open Space.

- 97 RESOLVED: That Birmingham City Council's Planning Department be advised that the New Frankley in Birmingham Parish Council objects to the proposed change of use from Public Open Space to Residential in Planning Application S/02714/02/FUL

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

FLOODING IN THE FRANKLEY AREA

- 98 Councillor Williams reported that the Flood Co-ordinator, Ms Vicky Smith was stopping on to at least August. Councillor Carter advised members that he believed contractors were charging for work not actually done and he would be raising the matter at the next meeting of the Community Flood Task Force Management Committee.

The Chairperson requested that Councillor Carter also raise the matter of the blocked drains on the footpath between New Street and Frogmill. Councillor Carter undertook to raise the matter at the next meeting.

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

- 99 The Chairperson reported that the Developer had recently contacted him alleging that the City had withdrawn approval to build on Site A leaving him with the high-risk industrial units on Site D. The Chairperson had contacted City Councillor Coulson, the Cabinet for Regeneration, regarding the allegations and he had since received the following reply.

(See interleaved document No.1)

With regard to the meeting referred to in the letter, the Chairperson advised that he and the Chairperson of the Parish Council were due to meet with Mr Phil Coyne and officers of the Planning Department on Wednesday 19 June at 1030 hours to discuss the allegations.

The Chairperson reiterated that, like the City, the Parish Council wanted a comprehensive development and, if the allegations were true, unless the City had concrete plans to replace the existing Developer then in his opinion they should allow the existing Developer

to proceed. The community had waited 27 years for the site to be developed and it did not want any further delay. The City had been in negotiations with the current Developer for over 2 years and unless the City had firm proposals for another developer to develop the site there would be a further delay. The Parish Council's intention was to get the best it could for the Community and it did not want to wait another 2 years while the City negotiated with a new developer.

EXTENSION OF THE CROSS CITY LINE TO FRANKLEY

- 100 The Chairperson referred to an article which had appeared in a recent edition of the Birmingham Evening Mail.

(See interleaved document No.2)

Notwithstanding the content of the article, the Chairperson reported that he had spoken to a senior officer in the City Council's Transportation Department who had assured him that the completion date for the project was still 2006.

The meeting end at 2009 hours

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Chairperson