

At a meeting of the New Frankley in
Birmingham Parish Council held at the
Parish Council Office, 12 Arden Road,
Frankley, on Monday, 20th February 2017,
at 1930 hours

Present:

Councillor Ian Bruckshaw (in the Chair)

Councillors Eric Carter BEM, Linda Coates, Sam Goodwin,
Trevor Muddyman and Joanna Walker.

MINUTES

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 4638 Apologies for absence for the reasons stated were submitted on behalf of Councillors Griffiths (Illness), Hollis (Illness), Keating (Hospital) and Pitt (Holiday). The reasons for the absences were accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (EXISTENCE AND NATURE) WITH REGARD TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- 4639 Hereon the following Councillors declared non-pecuniary interests in connection with the undermentioned Agenda items.

Councillor Bruckshaw – Agenda Item 10A (Grant Application – Community Newsletter)

Councillors Bruckshaw, Linda Coates and Goodwin – Agenda Item 10B (Grant Application – Storage Shed for FSC Equipment)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- 4640 There were no items raised by the Member of the Public with respect to items on the agenda.

MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Muddyman, seconded by Councillor Linda Coates, and, with none dissenting, was –

- 4641 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th January 2017, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reaside

- 4642 Hereon, the Chairperson read out a letter from the treasurer of the Reaside Centre, thanking the Parish Council for the funding of the new windows in the Centre.

BBC –Dom On the Spot 2

- 4643 The Chairperson reported that he had received an approach from a television company which was producing a television programme called Dom on the Spot, which was fronted by Dominic Littlewood. The Company was interested in the Frankley Street Champions and would possibly include an item on the FSC's in one of the programmes. The Chair suggested that he talk to the producer and send photographs of the truck.

WALC Annual Conference

- 4644 Members were reminded that the WALC Annual Briefing Day was to be held on Saturday 4th March at the Shire Hall, Warwick. Any member wishing to attend should contact the Clerk to book a place.

QUESTIONS

There were no questions

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER AUTHORITY BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS

- 4645 The following list of actions was noted –
(Interleaved document No. 1)

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted –
(Interleaved document No.2)

It was proposed by Councillor Linda Coates, seconded by Councillor Goodwin, and, with none dissenting, was –

- 4646 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the schedule now submitted, be approved.

INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/2017

It was proposed by Councillor Carter, seconded by Councillor Joanna Walker, and, with none dissenting, was –

- 4647 RESOLVED: That Mrs D Malley, MAAT, be appointed to provide the Council's Internal Audit Services for the Financial Year 2016/2017.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

A) Community Newsletter

An application for funding of £435 was submitted by the Neighbourhood Forum for the printing and distribution of the March Edition of the Community News.

(Interleaved document No. 3)

It was proposed by Councillor Linda Coates, seconded by Councillor Joanna Walker, and, with none dissenting, was –

- 4648 RESOLVED: That, in accordance with its powers under Sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council agrees to incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants and will benefit the area in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

A Grant of £435 to cover the printing and distribution of the March issue of the Community Newsletter.

B) Storage Shed for FSC Equipment

An application for funding of £797 for the purchase of a temporary shed to store Street Champion's equipment was submitted.

(Interleaved document No. 4)

Hereon, the Chair advised that after further consideration, it had been agreed to install a 6ftx4ft steel garden shed in the yard instead of the wooden shed. The cost of the metal shed was £149 and the Street Champions were now seeking a grant of £149 instead of the original £797.

(Interleaved document No. 5)

It was proposed by Councillor Goodwin, seconded by Councillor Linda Coates, and, with none dissenting, was -

- 4649 RESOLVED: That, in accordance with its powers under Sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council agrees to incur the following

expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants and will benefit the area in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

A Grant of £149 for the purchase of a metal temporary shed to store Street Champions equipment.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Cock Inn, Rubery Lane

4650 The following Planning Application was submitted -

(Interleaved document No. 6)

Planning Application	2017/06572/PA
Location	The Former Cock Inn, Rubery Lane B45 9AY
Proposal	Outline application for the erection of 12 dwellings and demolition to the existing public house, all matters reserved apart from access and layout

The Council had no objections to the application submitted for the development of the former Cock Inn site.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

15 Barlow Close, Frankley

4651 The following decision document was submitted –

(Interleaved document No.7)

Planning Application	2016/10023/PA
Location	15 Barlow Close, Frankley, Birmingham B45 0LW
Proposal	Erection of single storey rear extension and installation of step lift to front.
Decision	Approved subject to conditions.

BIRMINGHAM DEVELOPMENT PLAN

4652 The adoption letter for the Birmingham development plan was noted -

(Interleaved document No. 8)

BROMSGROVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

4653 The adoption letter for the Bromsgrove development plan was submitted -

(Interleaved document No. 9)

The Clerk pointed out that one of the proposals in the plan was the development of the land at the top of Holly Hill Road for 66 houses. At this time, it was not known whether the development would include social housing or private housing but, if the development proceeded, the Council would be given the opportunity of commenting on the Planning Application. Members were concerned at the possible effect on the local infrastructure of the development and following some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write to BDC expressing the Council's concern at the proposal.

LONGBRIDGE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

There was nothing to report

CARNIVAL COMMITTEE, HOUSING LIAISON BOARD, STREET CHAMPIONS, BALAAM'S WOOD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, FRANKLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM, NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATORS AND LONGBRIDGE TASKING MEETING

4654 The following briefing notes relating to the activities of voluntary organisations were submitted –

Frankley Carnival Committee – There was a well-attended and enthusiastic meeting on the 2nd Feb. The trend continues towards more events with a wider community involvement and increased skill base. This year promises to have the greatest involvement of schools since the carnival revival.

HLB – The next HLB meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd Feb 6:15 pm @ Grizedale Sheltered Scheme. This will be an open meeting and all members of the community are invited.

The annual round of Estate Assessments starts on 13th March. These take about 90 minutes and start at 10:30. 13th March – Royals, 16th March - Counties, 21st March - Mitten, Arden & Balaam's Wood, 23rd March – Frogmill & Brightstone. Cllr. Coates can give more information.

Projects on walkways are likely to resume in the next few weeks. Discussions on how to make the best use of our annual grant are taking place now. Input from this meeting would be appreciated.

FSC – Keep Britain Tidy is staging a Great British Spring Clean from 3rd to 5th of March. FSC is organising events throughout the weekend. Our big effort will be on Friday 3rd March when we will be cooperating with Street Scene South & the Motivational College for

Training to clean up Frogmill walk; more information will be distributed to Cllrs later. Please join in or show up for a photo op. We are now taking over 2 tons of rubbish a week to the tip, the quantity is slowly growing. This could be because of a recent spate of fly tipping; several Cllrs can give more information about this. An application has been made to BCC to allow us to use a petrol mower on Housing land; we're not holding our breath. Other efficiency measures are being assessed; an order for new hand tools is imminent, Cllr Bruckshaw can provide details.

Green Gym/Balaam's Wood LNR – In the finest ecological spirit two recycled notice boards have been placed at entrances to Balaam's Wood. There is much to tell about the Woods and surrounding area; contributions would be welcome.

In general the good work continues. The pattern of work will change soon as the nesting season approaches. Cllrs Coates and Walker can provide more detail.

FNF – Two members will be going to a "City Wide Forum meeting on Thursday 16th March 2017". Cllr Bruckshaw can provide more information.....possibly.

NHW/Police Tasking – Sergeant Lee Howard has now taken over from Raf Khan. A NHW meeting was held on Friday 17th. Unfortunately, most Cllrs were unable to attend. Cllr & Mrs Cartwright may be able to give an update.

PCSO Sharon Hadley is working closely with local volunteers to develop measures to combat anti-social behaviour.

TRANSPORT MATTERS

There was nothing to report.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Rubbish

- 4655 Hereon, Councillor Goodwin complained about the state of the front garden of 107 Devon Way which was full of rubbish. He felt that the City needed to take action to tidy the garden up.

Councillor Linda Coates agreed with Councillor Goodwin's comment regarding action required by the City Council and, cited as an example, referred to a clearance undertaken of general household rubbish from Princess Diana Way. However, a few days later another pile of household rubbish had been dumped again.

Councillor Bruckshaw reported that he had collected information regarding a fly tipping problem in Grizedale Close. The residents were fed up with the constant dumping of rubbish and will were willing to go to court as witnesses. However, the City Council officers were not interested in pursuing action against the dumper.

He agreed that the City needed to take action to tackle fly tipping and, at the lack of any such action, he suggested that the FSC setup CCTV cameras to catch the culprits.

It was agreed that an article urging residents not to fly tip rubbish be included in the next edition of the Community Newsletter.

OUTSTANDING MINUTES

The following schedule of Outstanding Minutes was laid on the table -

(Interleaved Document No. 10)

Outdoor Exercise Equipment

Minutes Nos. 3883, 4066, 4113, 4218, 4247

- 4656 The Clerk reported that the Parish Council was still awaiting a response from the Education Department concerning use of land to the rear of the MUGA for an Outdoor Exercise Park.

It was agreed that an informal approach be made to the Head teacher of the school to ascertain his views on the possibility of the Parish Council using the land to the rear of the MUGA for an outdoor Exercise Park.

[Subsequently, the Chair suggested that Ward Councillor Ian Cruise, who was on the Board of Governors of the school, be requested to intercede on behalf of the Parish Council.]

REPORTS OF WARD COUNCILLORS FOR THE LONGBRIDGE WARD

There were no Ward Councillors present.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS

It was proposed by Councillor Linda Coates, seconded by Councillor Joanna Walker, and, with none dissenting, it was -

- 4657 RESOLVED: That the Chairperson (or in his absence, the Vice Chairperson, if appropriate) is hereby authorised to act until the next meeting of the Parish Council, except in respect of the Council's functions in which case the appropriate officers are hereby authorised to act in pursuant of the powers delegated to them in consultation with the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson; further, that a report of all action taken under this authority be submitted to the next meeting of the Council and that such a report shall explain why this authority was used.

MEETING ENDED AT 2023 HOURS

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Chairperson

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Date