

At a meeting of the New Frankley in Birmingham Parish Council held at the Parish Council Office, 12 Arden Road, Frankley, on Monday, 21st August 2017, at 1930 hours

- Present: Councillor Ian Bruckshaw (Chairperson)
- Councillors Eric Carter BEM, Tammy Clayton, Linda Coates, Sam Goodwin, Sid Grey MBE, Bill Hollis, Trevor Muddyman and Bruce Pitt.
- Also in Attendance Ward Councillors Andy Cartwright and Carole Griffiths
- Members of the Public There were no members of the public present.

MINUTES

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 4800 Apologies for absences for the reasons stated were submitted on behalf of Councillors Griffiths (Illness), Keating (Illness) and Joanna Walker (holiday). The reasons for the absences were accepted.

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

- 4801 There were no declarations of interest made at this point of the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- 4802 There were no members of the public present.

MINUTES

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

- 4803 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th July 2017, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Planning Application Appeal, Waseley Hills Crematorium

- 4804 The Chairperson stated that the planning application appeal for the Waseley Hills Crematorium had been rejected by the Planning Inspector; however, there was now a period of 6 weeks in which the developer could mount a legal challenge in the High Court.

QUESTIONS

- 4805 There were no questions to the Chairperson.

HONOURS AND QUEENS AWARDS IN THE WEST MIDLANDS

- 4806 The following letter from Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant advising that the annual closing date for nominations for the Queen's awards for voluntary service was in September was noted. Additionally, the letter included the policy and procedure for processing nominations.

(Interleaved Document No. 1)

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER AUTHORITY BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS

- 4807 The following list of actions was noted –

(Interleaved document No. 2)

ACTION TO BE TAKEN WITH REGARD TO THE OVERSPEND IN THE COMMUNITY EXPENDITURE GRANTS

In response to Member's questions, the Clerk explained that the shortfall in the Community Expenditure Budget had arisen because of the unexpected expenditure arising from Grants approved for the Summer Activities at the Library and the Frankley Carnival. Although provision had been made in the Council's Budget for the two activities, the expenditure approved was insufficient to cover the grants made thus resulting in an overspend. The overspend only affected the Community Expenditure Budget and no other Budget and therefore the Clerk was recommending that an amount equivalent to the overspend be vired from the Council's Deposit Account. Following some further discussion, it was proposed to vire the amount of the overspend from the Deposit Account to the Community Expenditure Account.

It was proposed by Councillor Hollis, seconded by Councillor Grey, and, with none dissenting, was –

- 4808 RESOLVED: That the Council approve the virement of £1,770 from the Council's Deposit Account to make up the current shortfall in the Community Expenditure Budget.

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted –

(Interleaved document No. 3)

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

- 4809 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the schedule now submitted, be approved.

NEW FRANKLEY IN BIRMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

Members were advised that following the review of the Council's Annual Return by the External Auditor (Grant Thornton UK LLP), the Auditor had formed the opinion that the information in the Council's Annual Return was in accordance with proper practices, and therefore gave an unqualified audit opinion. Councillor Carter proposed a vote of thanks for the Responsible Finance Officer for his work on the Parish Council Audit.

The Chairperson thanked the Responsible Finance Officer for all work undertaken on the Parish Council Audit for the year ended 31st March 2017.

PURCHASE OF DOGGIE POOP-BAGS

Councillor Linda Coates referred to the instances of the improper disposal of the doggie poop bags. However, it was pointed out by Councillor Muddyman that, in his opinion, the indiscriminate disposal of the bags only occurred in a minority of cases and people generally disposed of the bags in a responsible manner.

Councillor Grey stated the main problem was the lack of available dog bins, and that more bins were required. The Chairperson advised that he had raised the issue with Lifford Lane regarding additional bins and that he would raise the matter again.

Councillor Goodwin stated that the Dog Warden had recently been active in the Frankley area and the situation had been monitored.

It was –

- 4810 RESOLVED That the purchase of 50,000 Doggie Poop Bags at a cost of £537.60 including carriage and VAT be approved.

GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Hereon Councillors Bruckshaw, Linda Coates, Grey and Pitt declared non-pecuniary interests as members of the Forum's Management Committee.

An application for funding of £435 was submitted by the Forum to fund the publishing and distribution of the summer edition of the Frankley Community News

(Interleaved document No. 4)

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

- 4811 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 fund the publishing and distribution of the summer edition of the Frankley Community News

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Forestdale Primary School

- 4812 The following Planning Application was submitted –

(Interleaved Document no 5)

Planning Application	2017/06811/PA
Location	Forestdale Primary School, Wareham Road, Frankley, Birmingham B45 0JS
Proposal	Installation of an external free-standing canopy

The Council had no objection to the Planning Application as now submitted.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Holly Hill Methodist C of E Infant School

The following decision document was submitted –

(Interleaved Document No. 6)

Application Number	2017/04041/PA
Location	Holly Hill Methodist C of E Infant School B45 0EU
Proposal	Erection of single storey front extension.
Decision	Approved, subject to conditions

4813 It was noted that the above-mentioned Planning Application had been approved.

LONGBRIDGE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

4814 Ward Councillor Cartwright reported that there were no meetings of the Committee scheduled over the holiday period. However, as Chair of the Committee, he requested that a vote of thanks be sent to John Maillard for his work on the Committee

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

4815 The report from Councillor Pitt was noted -

(Interleaved document No. 7)

Councillor Linda Coates added that any assistance on the day of the Carnival would be welcome.

TRANSPORT MATTERS

4816 There were no transport matters for discussion by the Council.

CONSULTATION TO INTRODUCE PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS

4817 In response to the points raised by the Members at the last meeting of the Council, the following responses were submitted by Mrs V Allwood, Senior Animal and Welfare Officer -

i) Footways and Verges

That footways and verges within the Frankley area were classified under section 142 of the Road Traffic Act 1984 as "any length of highway or of any other road to which the public has access and includes bridges."

ii) Response from Bromsgrove District Council

That, insofar as she was aware, Bromsgrove District Council did not plan to introduce Public Space Protection Orders in respect of dog control issues.

iii) Authorisation for Enforcement of Orders

All officers in Regulation and Enforcement would be authorised to enforce Public Protection Orders as powers are contained in the Anti- Social Behaviour and Policing Act 2014, and that it remained the key responsibility of 7 officers within the Animal Welfare Team to reactively and proactively enforce the Orders.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Edgewood Road Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)

- 4818 Members were advised that a meeting had been held at St Stephens Church regarding a proposed Public Space Protection Order allowing Police to carry out various functions including removal of large groups of people and the prevention of alcohol consumption in public. The order followed a public meeting, an opinion survey and court ratification by Birmingham City Council.

Cycle Pathway

Councillor Goodwin stated that the cycle pathway through Balaam's Wood was in poor condition. Councillor Carter added that Highway Department had been approached to effect repairs as accidents had taken place, however there had been no response.

OUTSTANDING MINUTES

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

(Interleaved Document No.8)

Outdoor Exercise Equipment

Minutes Nos. 3883, 4066, 4113, 4218, 4247, 4656, 4676, 4747, 4767, 4796

- 4819 The Assistant Clerk advised that he was awaiting arrangements for a meeting between the Head Teacher of Balaam Wood school and the nominated members of the Parish Council which would now take place in the Autumn term.

REPORTS OF WARD COUNCILLORS FOR THE LONGBRIDGE WARD

- 4820 During the course of discussion the following issues were raised:

Child Welfare

Ward Councillor Carole Griffiths expressed concern regarding the increase in child grooming gangs, and stated there would be a meeting in Frankley Library at 11.00am on Tuesday 22nd August to discuss the matter. Also, to be discussed at that meeting would be the proposal for Barnardo's to take over the funding and running of the Frankley Children's Centre.

Proposed Crematorium.

Ward Councillor Cartwright confirmed that plans for the Crematorium had been rejected.

Public Space Protection Order

Ward Councillor Cartwright referred to the recent meeting held at St Stevens Church regarding a proposed PSPO at which approximately 100 residents attended. He was interested to see the effect of the proposed PSPO for Edgeware Road and, if

it was proved to be effective a similar order should be proposed for Arden Road Shops.

Drop in session

Ward Councillor Cartwright advised that there was to be an informal meeting at the Library on Thursday to discuss proposed projects to be funded by the Longbridge LIFT Plan. He added that bids had to be in by mid-September.

Frankley Carnival

Ward Councillor Cartwright offered assistance and support on the day; However, due to another engagement, Ward Councillor Carole Griffiths would be unable to attend the Carnival and proffered her apologies.

Councillor Eric Carter

Ward Councillor Cartwright placed on record his appreciation of Councillor Carter's service for the Parish Council since inception in 2000, and stated he was personally proud of Councillor Carter's record and commitment.

North Worcestershire Golf Club

Ward Councillor Cartwright stated that a new application for housing development was to be submitted within the next 7 days, and added there were many issues arising including preservation orders placed on certain trees on the site. He undertook to forward a copy of the Application to the Council.

Councillor Malcolm Keating

Councillor Carter enquired as to the welfare of Councillor Keating who had just undergone a major operation. Councillor Tammy Clayton suggested that the Parish Council provide a gift for Mrs Keating as a gesture of support, and the Chairperson agreed to make the appropriate arrangements.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Parish Council Christmas Tree

4821 Councillor Grey reported that the power supply for the Parish Council Christmas Tree had been vandalised and the electrical junction box had been set on fire.

The Clerk added that the repairs to the damage might require a new switch and re-cabling as part of the repair.

It was agreed that the damage would be reported to the City Council together with a request that the necessary repairs be undertaken as a matter of urgency.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS

It was proposed by Councillor Carter, seconded by Councillor Goodwin, and, with none dissenting, it was -

- 4822 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 20.18HOURS

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Chairperson

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Date

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