

At a meeting of the New Frankley in Birmingham Parish Council held at the Parish Council Office, 12 Arden Road, Frankley, on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017, at 1930 hours

Present: Councillor Ian Bruckshaw (Chairperson)

Councillors Eric Carter BEM, Tammy Clayton, Linda Coates, Sam Goodwin, Sid Grey MBE, Malcolm Keating Trevor Muddyman, Bruce Pitt and Joanna Walker

Members of the Public Mrs M Keating.

## MINUTES

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4823 Apologies for absence for the reasons stated were submitted on behalf of Councillors Griffiths (Illness) and Hollis (Illness). The reasons for the absences were accepted.

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

4824 There were no declarations of interest made at this point of the meeting.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

4825 There were no members of the public present.

### MINUTES

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

4826 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

### CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Litter Bins

The Chairperson reported that he would be speaking to Mark Airey the next day to discuss possible additional locations of litter bins around Frankley. Additionally, he had spoken to Steve O'Reilly regarding the lights at the rear and side of the shopping centre and had been assured that the faulty lights would be fixed. Councillor Pitt stated that two lights were out on Gannow Wood Walk. However, Councillor Carter advised that the office had reported the faulty lamps on Gannow Wood Walk on numerous occasions to no avail. Apparently, the Walkway was not shown on the City's database and, as a result, the orders for the repairs could not be raised. Councillor Goodwin referred to the slabs which were missing from Princess Diana Walk and which were causing a hazard – the Chair undertook to speak to Glenn Smith the next morning.

### QUESTIONS

- 4827 In response to a question from Councillor Linda Coates, the Chair reported that Steve O'Reilly had given an undertaking to ensure that the electrical feed for the Christmas Tree lights would be repaired.

### CASUAL VACANCY

Hereon, Councillor Grey expressed his concerns as to the previous procedure adopted regarding the appointments to Casual Vacancies. While he accepted that the it was the task of Interview Panel to recommend the candidate to the full Council, it was his opinion that the decision as to whether the appointment should be made was one which should be taken by the Parish Council and not the Interview Panel.

Following some further discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would circulate a new Appointment procedure and Application form to all Members for consideration.

In the interim, it was -

- 4828 **RESOLVED** That Councillors Grey, Pitt, Linda Coates, Muddyman, Keating be appointed to a group of Members from which individual Interview Panels be drawn and that the Panel comprise three Members of the foregoing five Members.

### REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER AUTHORITY BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS

- 4829 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 Keating and seconded by Councillor Muddyman, and, with none dissenting, was –

- 4830 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the schedule now submitted, be approved.

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 4831 There were no planning applications submitted for consideration by the Council

#### **DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

##### **Former North Worcestershire Golf Club**

- 4832 The following decision document was submitted –

(Interleaved Document No. 3)

Application Number	2017/002724/PA
Location	Former North Worcestershire Golf Club, land off Frankley Beeches Road/Hanging Lane/Elan Road/Josiah Road/Tessall Lane, Northfield, Birmingham B31 1NU
Proposal	Outline planning application with all matters reserved except access for the demolition of the Clubhouse and the development of up to 950 dwellings, public open space, primary school, multi-use community hub, new access points and associated infrastructure.
Decision	Application refused

The decision of the Planning Committee in refusing application no. 2017/002724/PA was noted.

#### **LONGBRIDGE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

- 4833 Councillor Keating reported that the next meeting of the Committee was scheduled to take place on 28<sup>th</sup> September however, no papers for that meeting had been circulated to date.

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

- 4834 Hereon, Councillor Pitt, on behalf of the Carnival Committee, thanked all those Councillors who had helped out on the Carnival. The Chair reported that the Carnival Committee had received a grant of £4,000 from the Parish Council and had

spent £3989.57 with an income from the various stalls of £853.50. Given the inclement weather on the Carnival day, Councillor Grey questioned whether next year's Carnival would be on a different day.

Councillor Pitt reported that some of the projects along Princess Diana Way which were to be funded by the HLB to stop "boy racers" had been taken over by Highways and as a consequence, the costs thereof were likely to increase. With regards to the Frankley Street Champions, he was gratified to report that groups of Champions were working every day Monday to Friday and the Truck was out collecting fly tipped rubbish 4 days a week. He added that it was difficult to imagine how much all that would cost the City.

Councillor Pitt then advised the Councillors as to a number of meetings which were to be held in the forthcoming weeks.

### **TRANSPORT MATTERS**

4835 There were no transport matters for discussion by the Council.

### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

#### **Reaside Academy**

The Chair reported that he had received an email from Ward Councillor Cartwright regarding Traffic Calming measures outside Reaside Academy and the possible involvement of the Parish Council to promote road safety. He would discuss some ideas with Ward Councillor Cartwright at the Ward Committee.

### **OUTSTANDING MINUTES**

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

(Interleaved Document No. 4)

#### **Outdoor Exercise Equipment**

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

4836 Councillor Pitt stated that he had a conversation with the Head Teacher at the Carnival who was keen for the project to go ahead. A meeting of the Liaison Committee would be arranged at a convenient date for a meeting to discuss the project.

### **REPORTS OF WARD COUNCILLORS FOR THE LONGBRIDGE WARD**

In the absence of the Ward Councillors, Councillor Goodwin questioned whether the Chair was aware whether or not Ward Councillor Cartwright knew about the required repairs to Gannow Wood Walk.

The Chair indicated that he would raise the matter with Ward Councillor Cartwright at the forthcoming Ward Committee.

**LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

4836 Mrs Keating raised the removal of the litter bin at the bus stop opposite the Gate Keepers Cottage. Litter was now being thrown in the hedge. The Chair stated that the would raise the matter with Mark Airey.

Councillor Carter was concerned at the number of Charity Bins which had appeared on Frankley and questioned whether the organisations involved had the City Council's permission.

**AUTHORITY TO CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS**

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

4837 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 2020 HOURS**

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Chairperson

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Date