

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

Present: Councillor Ian Bruckshaw (Chairperson)

Councillors Eric Carter BEM, Tammy Clayton, Linda Coates, Sam Goodwin, Bruce Pitt and Joanna Walker.

Also in Attendance Ward Councillor Andy Cartwright

Members of the Public There were no members of the public present

MINUTES

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4866 Apologies for absence for the reasons stated were submitted on behalf of Councillors Griffiths, Hollis and Keating (Illness) and Councillors Grey MBE and Muddyman (Holidays). The reasons for the absences were accepted.

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

4867 There were no declarations of interest made at this point of the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

4868 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 –

4869 **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th October 2017, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Malcolm Keating

4870 The Chairperson stated that Councillor Keating had been discharged from hospital and was now at home and receiving care support from St Mary's Hospice. Councillor Pitt added that Mrs Keating was grateful for all support received. Ward Councillor Cartwright offered his best wishes on behalf of the Longbridge Ward Councillors and Birmingham City Council.

Fly Tipping

4871 The Chairperson notified the meeting that he had received correspondence from Mohammed Qudeer, a member of the BCC Enforcement Team, offering to distribute warning letters concerning the prevention of fly tipping. In addition, he would be arranging visits to schools to provide lectures on the subject. The Chairperson added that there was an option for the Parish Council to circulate similar letters urging residents not to fly tip rubbish.

Ward Councillor Cartwright offered his support in connection with the school visits and lectures.

Acquisition of Waste Bins

4872 The Chairperson advised that he had been provided with a contact, Louise Bessant, a Project Manager at Lifford Lane, regarding the acquisition of waste bins.

Hedge Cutting

4873 The Chairperson advised that Mike Keavy of BCC would be visiting the Parish Council Office on Tuesday 21st November at 10.00am to discuss the issue of hedge cutting on Frankley estate.

Street and Walkway Lighting

4874 The Chairperson informed the meeting that he had received a map from Steve O'Reilly, BCC, indicating the position of all lighting within the Frankley area, with the exception of Gannow Manor Walk, which would be provided in due course.

Councillor Carter added that there had been problems reporting lighting faults on connecting pathways in Frankley, the only solution to date was a telephone number 216 3330 provided by Sally Doherty of the Housing Team at Birmingham City Council.

Cut Price Discount Store – Arden Shopping Parade

4875 The Chairperson announced that the cut price discount store at 6 Arden Road would be closing down in the next fortnight and, as a result, alternative arrangements would have to be made regarding the parking of the Truck as well as an obligation to empty the yard.

Volunteer Litter Picker

4876 The Chairperson advised that a Street Champion volunteer who litter picked the area in front of the shops had been subject to harassment and abuse from local school children. He added that it was possible that a change of time and route would avoid any problems previously described.

Ward Councillor Cartwright suggested that he would speak to the Head Teacher tomorrow at a scheduled meeting with the Head Teacher at which he was aware that Councillor Pitt would also be attending.

QUESTIONS

Charity Snowman

4877 Councillor Linda Coates enquired whether the Charity Snowman would be on display again this Christmas. The Chairperson confirmed that the Charity Snowman would be placed in the office as usual for receipt of donations for the Children's Hospice in the usual manner.

PROCEDURE FOR FILLING A CASUAL VACANCY

The following procedure and application form in connection with the filling of Casual Vacancies was submitted -

(Interleaved Document No. 1)

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

4878 **RESOLVED:** That the draft procedure and application form in connection with the filling of a Casual Vacancy, having been previously circulated to all Members, was approved and adopted.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER AUTHORITY BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS

4879 The following list of actions was noted –

(Interleaved Document No.2)

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 –

- 4880 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the schedule now submitted, be approved.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 4881 There were no planning applications submitted for consideration by the Council

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 4882 There were no decisions relating to Planning Applications on which the Council had been consulted

LONGBRIDGE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

- 4883 Ward Councillor Cartwright advised that a new officer had been appointed, and a new date and time would be arranged for December; Councillor Grey MBE would be advised of any developments.

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

- 4884 The report from Councillor Pitt was noted. Councillor Pitt added the following comments: -
- Volunteer Groups have produced a work equivalent of 3 to 4 weeks in comparison with the Friends of Balaam's Wood.
 - Attendance at the group last Friday 17th November numbered 20 and there were 2 more sessions arranged for December, the first of which would involve cutting through to the river.
 - The Wednesday Group would be deployed in the development of the Moat Island which would be an area of benefit to the local community.

(Interleaved Document No. 4)

TRANSPORT MATTERS

Bus Services routes X61 and 63

- 4885 Councillor Carter reported that he had received complaints regarding excessive waiting times for the above services, and had advised residents that the prime cause of delays was mainly attributable to traffic hold ups in the City Centre which was outside the control of the Parish Council.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Green Recycling bins

4886 Councillor Goodwin stated that there was a large amount of fly tipped rubbish around the green recycling bin near the Lickey Banker public house. The rubbish consisted of black bags of household rubbish which as far as he was aware had been uncollected for 3 months to date.

Ward Councillor Cartwright confirmed that he would investigate the matter as soon as possible.

OUTSTANDING MINUTES

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

(Interleaved Document No.5)

Outdoor Exercise Equipment

Minutes Nos. 4767,4796, 4836, and 4861

4887 Councillor Pitt advised that he would endeavour to contact the school Secretary in order to progress the matter, as it was proving difficult to contact the Head Teacher due to his daily workload.

REPORTS OF WARD COUNCILLORS FOR THE LONGBRIDGE WARD

Halloween Event

4888 Ward Councillor Cartwright congratulated Councillor Linda Coates on the success of the Halloween event last month.

Children's Centre

4889 Ward Councillor Cartwright advised that Barnardo's would be taking over the Children's Centre. Councillor Pitt added that he was impressed with Barnardo's involvement in previous cases.

Remembrance Day.

4890 Ward Councillor Cartwright reported that he was pleased with the overall attendance at parades in Kings Norton, Rubery and the City Centre, all of which included a number of young people.

Longbridge traffic Island.

4891 Councillor Linda Coates queried with Ward Councillor Cartwright as to the display on the Longbridge traffic Island, whereby, in her opinion, the display of a broken vehicle did not accurately represent the ethos of Longbridge.

In response, Ward Councillor Cartwright agreed with Councillor Linda Coates' comments and that in his opinion the Mini correctly represented the history of Longbridge. He undertook to pursue the matter.

Cock Inn Redevelopment

4892 Ward Councillor Cartwright advised that the site was still being considered for the development of an old people's home, and a planning application was expected to be submitted in the next 3 to 4 Months.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

4893 There were no members of the public present at the meeting

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS

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

4894 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 2003 HOURS

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Chairperson

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Date