

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

Present: Councillor Ian Bruckshaw (Chairperson)
Councillors Eric Carter BEM, Tammy Clayton, Linda Coates, Sam Goodwin, Sid Grey MBE, Trevor Muddyman, Bruce Pitt and Joanna Walker.
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

4895 Apologies for absence for the reasons stated were submitted on behalf of Councillors Griffiths, Hollis and Keating (Illness). The reasons for the absences were accepted. Councillor Hollis extended Christmas greetings to all members of the Parish Council.

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

4896 Hereon, as members of the Management Committee of the Frankley Neighbourhood Forum, Councillors Bruckshaw, and Pitt declared non-pecuniary interests regarding the application for a grant submitted by the Forum. (Agenda Item 14, Frankley Neighbourhood Forum)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

4897 There were no members of the public present

MINUTES

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

4898 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th November 2017, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Litter Bins

4899 The Chairperson, referring to the list of proposed locations of litter bins on Frankley which he had circulated at the meeting, stated that No. 10 on the list should refer to Boleyn Road and not Ormond Road. He added that the list should also include Frankley Hill Lane and Regina Close.

The Chairperson stated that an updated list would be required to advise the City Council, and there would be a need to ensure future co-operation with BCC to ensure the proposed system was effective.

Councillor Goodwin questioned whether continued access to Lifford Lane Depot would be permitted, and the Chairperson confirmed accordingly.

Councillor Pitt added that it was essential that the proposed system was suitable for the needs of the Parish Council and City Council.

Recent Inclement Weather

4900 Councillor Carter advised that during the recent inclement weather, several residents had attended the office and had complained about the bus services not reaching Frankley, the lack of postal deliveries and roads not being gritted in the area.

Councillor Carter reported that he had offered explanations to the residents stating that the services referred to were not the responsibility of the Parish Council but that all services had been badly affected by the snow and ice.

Councillor Pitt suggested that an item should be placed in the newsletter and appropriate leaflets produced and circulated providing reasons and possible solutions.

Ward Councillor Cartwright agreed that this should be a priority.

QUESTIONS

4901 There were no questions to the Chairperson.

A REPORT OF THE CORPORATE RESOURCES AND GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – PARTNERSHIP WORKING: BCC AND PARISH/TOWN COUNCILS

EXECUTIVE COMMENTARY

The following Executive Commentary by the leader of the Council was noted –

(Interleaved Document No. 1)

A REPORT OF THE CORPORATE RESOURCES AND GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – PARTNERSHIP WORKING: BCC AND PARISH/TOWN COUNCILS

The following report of the City Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee was submitted -

(Interleaved Document No. 2)

Councillor Grey, referring to the report, queried how the Committee viewed the relationship between Town/Parish Councils and Principal authorities. Councillor Pitt stated that he would ask that question at the scheduled meeting with the City Council the next day.

The Chairperson confirmed that following discussions with the appropriate officers of the City Council, the report and the implications for the Parish Council, would be discussed at a future meeting of the Parish Council.

Councillor Goodwin referred to the recommendation RO4 on page 18 of the report and questioned whether the recommendation would be in place by the timescale proposed.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – MAY 2018

- 4902 The announcement concerning the forthcoming Parish Elections was noted. Councillor Grey confirmed that there had been no changes to the Boundary Commission recommendations.

AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL

- 4903 The explanatory letter from the Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments (SAAA) was noted -

(Interleaved Document No.3)

In response to a Member's question, the Clerk stated that the Audit of the Annual Report would be undertaken by the Auditors appointed by the SAAA but that the Council's Internal Auditor, Ms Diane Malley, would continue carrying out the Council's Internal Audit.

BUDGET CAPPING OR THE EXTENSION OF REFERENDUM PRINCIPLES TO PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

- 4904 The Clerk advised that the Department for Communities and Local Government had been minded for some time to implement budget capping and referenda for those Town/Parish Councils which the DCLG considered to have set an excessive precept. However, although the DCLG had made the possibility of such action known, it had not, as yet, set the limits of precepts above which such action would be

implemented. The Clerk added that his concerns should the the Parish Council exceed the limits set by the DCLG was the cost of undertaking the referendum.

DRAFT BUDGET – 2018/2019

The draft budget was noted.

(Interleaved Document No 4)

Summarising the Budget, the Clerk confirmed that Laura Jones from the City's Corporate Finance Section had advised that the Provisional Band D Tax Base for 2018/2019 was 1339 and not 1325 as stated in the report which gave a figure of equated to £34.00 per Band D property.

It was proposed and seconded that -

- 4905 RESOLVED: That, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for the financial year 2018/2019 the Parish Council hereby approves a budgeted expenditure of £86,420 by a Localising Council Tax Support Grant of £40,899 and a precept of £45,521; further, that Birmingham City Council, as the Billing Authority, be advised accordingly.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER AUTHORITY BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS

- 4906 The following list of actions were noted.

(Interleaved Document No.5)

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted –

(Interleaved Document No.6)

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

- 4907 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the schedule now submitted, be approved.

GRANT APPLICATION – FRANKLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

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

(Interleaved document No. 7)

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

- 4908 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 December edition of the Frankley Community News

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21 Quarry House Close

The following Planning Application was submitted –

(Interleaved Document No. 8)

Planning Application	2017/09704/PA
Location	21 Quarry House Close, Frankley, Birmingham B45 0HS.
Proposal	Change from a single dwelling house to two maisonettes (Class C3)

- 4909 The Council had no objections to the application submitted

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A. Application No. 2017/07862/PA

The following decision document was submitted –

(Interleaved Document No. 9)

Application Number	2017/07862/PA
Location	33 Gannow Manor Crescent, Frankley, Birmingham B45 0LJ
Proposal	Erection of access ramp to the front.
Decision	Application approved.

- 4910 It was noted that the above-mentioned Planning Application had been approved.

B. Application No. 2017/08365/PA

The following decision document was submitted –

(Interleaved Document No. 10)

Application Number	2017/08365/PA
Location	29 Thurloe Crescent, Frankley, Birmingham B45 9YN
Proposal	Erection of a single storey rear extension.
Decision	Application approved

4911 It was noted that the above-mentioned Planning Application had been approved.

LONGBRIDGE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

4912 Ward Councillor Cartwright advised that the next meeting was scheduled for January 2018.

TRANSPORT ISSUES

Local Transport Emergency Plan

4913 Councillor Grey stated that in view of disruption to the Frankley bus services due to the recent inclement weather, a Local Transport Emergency Plan should be produced in conjunction with the Local Operations Manager of West Midlands Travel. Councillor Grey added that the Plan would hopefully reduce the associated problems such as the No 63 Service terminating at Longbridge Island due to inaccessible roads. Additionally, the plan should also include winter gritting of roads up to the Arden Road shopping centre. Once finalised, notices could be placed at bus stops advising Frankley residents of any developments.

Ward Councillor Carole Griffiths suggested that a meeting should be arranged at the Parish Council Office with the Local Operations Manager of West Midlands Travel to discuss the problems encountered and possible solutions.

Councillor Goodwin added that developments could be included in the newsletter. The Chairperson confirmed that he would contact West Midlands Travel to arrange a meeting with a view to initiating the Emergency Plan.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Donations of Children's Toys

4914 Councillor Pitt reported that donations of toys for under privileged children had filled a room in the Children's Centre, and added that credit should be given to Steve Langston and Sue Bradley for their commitment.

OUTSTANDING MINUTES

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

(Interleaved Document No.11)

Outdoor Exercise Equipment

Minutes Nos. 4767,4796, 4836, 4861 and 4887

- 4915 The Assistant Clerk reported that the situation remained unchanged since the last meeting of the Parish Council. In response, Councillor Pitt stated that he would arrange a meeting with Ward Councillor Cruise to progress the matter.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

During discussion, the following issues were raised:

Universal Credit

- 4916 Ward Councillor Cartwright stated that the Longbridge Ward Councillors were organising attending Food banks within the ward following the rollout of Universal Credit. He added that 80% of the recipients were from Frankley.

Christmas Festivities

- 4917 Ward Councillor Cartwright advised that 400 people attended the recent Christmas Party at the Austin Club and added that the event had proved successful.

Children's Centre

- 4918 The Ward Councillors thanked the Parish Council for work undertaken at the Children's Centre for the collection and provision of toys for Christmas gifts for the children of Frankley area.

Road Safety

- 4919 Ward Councillor Cartwright advised that the pupils from Reaside School wished to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to discuss Road Safety issues. He added that a petition had been raised for traffic calming measures at the junction of Frogmill Road and Holly Hill Road.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- 4920 There were no issues raised.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS

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

- 4921 **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 2025 HOURS

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Chairperson

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Date

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