

At a meeting of the New Frankley in
Birmingham Parish Council held at the
Parish Council Office, 12 Arden Road,
Frankley, on Monday, 19th February 2018,
at 1930 hours

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

MINUTES

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 4948 Apologies for absence for the reasons stated were submitted on behalf of Councillors Griffiths and Hollis (illness) and Tammy Clayton (work). The reasons for the absences were accepted.

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

- 4949 There were no declarations of interest made with regard to items on the agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- 4950 There were no items raised by the Members of the Public with respect to items on the agenda.

MINUTES

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

- 4951 **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th January 2018, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Purchase of the new Tipper Truck

4952 The Chairperson confirmed that he, along with Councillor Grey, would be travelling to Huddersfield on Wednesday to complete the purchase of the new Tipper Truck.

The Chairperson advised Members that the truck cost £9,990 and that the old truck was to be sold for £2,150. There was a possibility of fitting a weight monitoring device to the new truck so as to ensure that the truck did not exceed the permitted load when tipping at Lifford.

Councillor Goodwin undertook to remove the signage from the old truck before disposal.

List of Properties (Assisted Collections)

4953 The Chairperson advised that he now had a list of properties which were permitted to use black bags for waste disposal; however, there were a number of properties in Boleyn Road, Holly Hill Road, Miranda Close and Lysander Road which persistently dumped black bags illegally.

Frogmill Walk

4954 Councillor Pitt stated that he and the Chairperson met with Mike Keavey, Parks Horticultural Performance Officer, Birmingham City Council, to view two or three sites which required tidying and trimming. He added that they had been promised 3 quotations of approximately £2,000 each to trim back the hedges/bushes. This would involve working on an area that was roughly half the distance from the school to New Street trimming trees and bushes approximately 2 feet from the path edging. Councillor Pitt confirmed that the work would be funded by the HLB.

The Chairperson stated that cadets from the Military College would undertake litter picking in Frogmill Road.

Councillor Muddyman remarked that he was litter picking certain areas on the North side of Frankley, and, due to a large workload, suggested that assistance be provided in this area.

In response, the Chairperson stated that he would be drawing up a plan to utilise the local volunteer, Tom Day, in other areas once street maps from Lifford Lane had been provided.

Councillor Grey suggested that the Street Champions undertake a review of all available volunteers and produce a working plan which would provide cover for all know hotspots.

QUESTIONS

4955 There were no questions to the Chairperson.

QUOTATION – GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

The Clerk reported that there was a difference of opinion amongst Clerks in the Warwickshire and West Midlands areas regarding the use of an independent professional service to deal with the introduction of the new General Data Protection Regulations. The two options available were to either employ an external Data Protection Officer or to manage the matter internally.

The Clerk added that in his view, an independent service would be preferable.

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

4956 **RESOLVED:** That, DM Payroll Services be requested to provide a Data Protection Officer to cover the work required for the General Data Protection Regulations relating to the Parish Council at a cost of £600.00 per annum.

ELECTRICAL CONTRACT RENEWAL

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Grey, seconded by Councillor Joanna Walker, and, with none dissenting, was –

4957 **RESOLVED:** That, the Contract for the supply of Electricity from Utilitywise be approved and that the figures for the supply for the 3 years commencing November 2018 at a cost of 13.809 pence per unit and £23.03 quarterly Standing Charge be accepted.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER AUTHORITY BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS

4958 The following report of actions taken 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 –

4959 **RESOLVED:** That the payments, as set out in the schedule now submitted, be approved.

ACORNS CHILDRENS HOSPICE

4960 The following letters from Acorns Children's Hospice thanking the Parish Council for recent donations of £120 and £31.97 were noted -

(Interleaved Document No.3)

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Hereon, Councillors Bruckshaw, Grey and Pitt declared non-pecuniary interests in connection with the following item.

A) Community Newsletter

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

(Interleaved Document No.4)

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

4961 **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.

Hereon, Councillors Bruckshaw, Linda Coates and Pitt declared non-pecuniary interests in connection with the following item.

B) Tipper Truck Funding for 12 months

An application for funding of £4,380 was submitted by Frankley Street Champions for insurance and vehicle tax.

In response to questions from Members, the Chairperson advised that, although the figures included on the Grant Form related to the running costs for Current Truck, they would also apply to the costs for the new truck, adding that whilst insurance for the new truck had increased by £400, repair costs for the old truck amounted to £1,353 the costs of which could not be estimated in advance.

Councillor Pitt suggested a holding repair fund of £2,000 available to cover future repairs with a top up facility to which the Clerk agreed providing expenditure of that fund was itemised

(Interleaved document No. 5)

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

- 4962 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 £4,380 to cover the insurance and vehicle tax for the Tipper Truck for the next 12 months.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Notification of Appeal

The following notification of appeal by Bloor Homes (Western) was submitted:

Application Number	2017/02724/PA
Site	Former North Worcestershire Golf Club, Land off Frankley Beeches Road, Hanging Lane, Elan Road/Josiah Road/Tessall Lane Northfield, Birmingham, B31 5LP
Proposal	Outline Planning Application with all matters reserved except access for the demolition of the club house and the development of up to 950 dwellings, public open space, primary school, multi-use community hub, new access points and associated infrastructure

- 4963 The above Notification of Appeal by Bloor Homes was duly noted.

(Interleaved Document No.6)

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation

The following decision document was submitted

Application Number 2017/10083/PA

Site	Reaside Clinic, Reaside Drive, Longbridge, Birmingham B45b 9BE
Proposal	Erection of single storey rear extension to create a seclusion suite and office with associated seclusion garden with secure fencing and reconfiguration fire access.
Decision	Planning Permission Granted

4964 Following discussion, the decision document was duly noted.

(Interleaved Document No.7)

LONGBRIDGE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

4965 Councillor Grey reported that the new Chair, Chris Newsome, was now in place and would be reviewing the Longbridge Area Action Plan and would be identifying progress or delays.

Councillor Grey added that there were plans to introduce 2 manufacturing units, and the construction of a new road from the A38 Bristol Road South into the new manufacturing area opposite Longbridge Lane.

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

4966 The report from Councillor Pitt was noted.

Councillor Pitt added that the date for the next Frankley Family Forum had been changed from Monday 19th February to Monday 26th February from 1.00 to 3.00pm.

(Interleaved Document No.8)

TRAFFIC CALMING, ORMOND ROAD, FRANKLEY

4967 Councillor Grey stated that the report he produced resulted from a meeting with the students of Reaside Academy concerning local traffic problems along Ormond Road.

Councillor Pitt endorsed the serious nature of the problems and resulting proposals.

Councillor Linda Coates quoted an example of a car regularly parked on the chicane causing safety problems through blocking the vision of approaching motorists.

Councillor Grey's observations/suggestions were welcomed and noted

(Interleaved Document No.9)

TRANSPORT ISSUES

Weather Reports

4968 Councillor Grey advised that at a recent Ward meeting, there was a general lack of information concerning the disruption caused to the local bus services because of the recent inclement weather. Councillor Grey added that he supplied his email address to the meeting in order that he be notified of any adverse weather reports until such time as an alternative method is identified to distribute the information.

Bus Routes

4969 Councillor Carter advised the meeting that no information had been received of any changes to local bus routes. Councillor Grey reported that a review of all routes in South Birmingham was to take place.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Visit of Local Police Sergeant

4970 Councillor Pitt reported the new Police Sergeant had visited the Parish Office that morning to introduce himself.
Councillor Muddyman added that he had met the new Police Sergeant, Chris Thomas, and would update him regarding policing issues in the Frankley area.

State of Pathway – Rear of the Lickey Banker

4971 Councillor Goodwin expressed concern over the state of the pathway at the rear of the Lickey Banker parts of which were in need of repair.

Large Re-Cycling Bin – Reaside Centre Ormond Road

4972 Councillor Goodwin noted that the large recycling bin outside the Reaside Centre on Ormond Road, now had a notice affixed to it to the effect that, if the Bin was not removed within seven days, then the City Council would arrange for its removal at the cost of the owner

OUTSTANDING MINUTES

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

(Interleaved Document No.9)

Outdoor Exercise Equipment

Minutes Nos. 4767,4796, 4836, 4861,4887,4915 and 4942

4973 Councillor Pitt advised that Ward Councillor Ian Cruise was in direct contact with other members of the teaching staff and arrangements would be made to progress the matter.

Councillor Pitt confirmed an invitation from PCSO Melanie Foxhall to attend a meeting of the Princes Trust on Thursday 22nd February at 1.30pm.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

4974 There were no Ward Councillors present.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

4975 There were no members of the public present.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS

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

4976 **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 2035 HOURS

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Chairperson

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Date