

At a meeting of the New Frankley in
Birmingham Parish Council held at the
Parish Council Office, 12 Arden Road,
Frankley, on Monday, 20th August 2018,
at 1930 hours

Present: Councillor Ian Bruckshaw (Chairperson)

Councillors Sue Baker, Eric Carter, Tammy Clayton, Linda Coates,
Sam Goodwin, Sid Grey MBE, Jemma McCann,
Trevor Muddyman and Bruce Pitt

Also in Attendance
Ward Councillor Simon Morrall

Members of the Public Andy Cartwright and John Jeffrey (Reaside Community
Centre)

MINUTES

5126 The Chairperson, on behalf of the Council, extended a welcome to Andy Cartwright and John Jeffrey, secretary of the Reaside Community Centre.

VARIATION OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

5127 Hereon the Chairperson proposed, and it was agreed, that the order of business be varied and that Agenda item 2 be followed by Agenda item 1.

DEATH OF FORMER PARISH COUNCILLOR GARETH GRIFFITHS

5128 At the proposition of the Chairperson, a Minutes silence was observed by the Council as a mark of respect following the death of the former Councillor Gareth Griffiths on 20th July 2018.

RESIGNATION OF FORMER COUNCILLOR BILL HOLLIS

The Chairperson announced the resignation with immediate effect of former Councillor Hollis.

5129 On behalf of former Councillor Hollis, Councillor Grey conveyed Mr Hollis' thanks for the support he had received during his time as a Councillor.

HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE PARISH

Councillor Grey suggested that the Parish Council record their appreciation of former Councillors Griffiths' and Hollis' service and this was endorsed by Councillor Pitt.

Hereon, the Clerk advised that Section 249 of the Local Government Act, 1972 permitted the Parish Council to confer an honorary title such as Honorary Freeman of the Parish on those former Councillors who, in the opinion of the Council, had made a meritorious contribution to the Parish Council and Community. If the Council so wished, the Clerk stated that he would convene an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council to formally confer the title of Honorary Freeman on former Councillors Griffith and Hollis. It was further suggested by Councillor Linda Coates that former Councillor Keating be included in those Members nominated to receive the honorary title.

It was therefore -

- 5130 RESOLVED: That former Councillors Griffiths, Hollis and Keating be nominated to receive the award of the title of Honorary Freeman of the Parish and that an Extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council be convened to formally confer the Honorary titles to Gareth Griffiths, William Henry Hollis and Malcolm Clive Keating.

PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH APOLOGIES

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Carter, seconded by Councillor Goodwin, and with none dissenting, was –

- 5131 RESOLVED: That the procedure for dealing with apologies submitted by the Clerk was accepted.

APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

- 5132 An apology for absence for the reason stated was submitted on behalf of Councillor Joanna Walker (Holidays). The reason for absence was accepted.

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

- 5133 There were no declarations of interest made at this point of the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

- 5134 There were no items raised by the Members of the Public with respect to items on the agenda at this point of the meeting.

MINUTES

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

- 5135 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th July 2018, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Council Mentor

- 5136 The Chairperson advised that he had contacted the City Council regarding the devolution of powers to the Parish Council.

The Chairperson added that the issue of street lighting was a particular problem, whereby the City Council did not provide regular updates regarding the work in progress. The Chairperson advised he had now identified a contact and put forward a suggestion that site meetings to discuss the outstanding repairs be held with that officer on a three-monthly basis.

Proposed Devolution

- 5136 The Chairperson stated he had held a meeting with a reporter from the Birmingham Evening Mail who had advised that the City Council was in the process of consulting regarding the establishment of additional Parish Councils within the Birmingham Area. The reporter stated that he wished to interview the Chairperson to discuss appropriate procedures.

The Chairperson confirmed that he had arranged a meeting for the 21st August with the Birmingham Evening Mail and would invite Councillor Grey to attend.

QUESTIONS

Collection of Donations Following the Funeral of Former Councillor Gareth Griffiths.

- 5137 In response to a question from Councillor Linda Coates as to the total of the donations made by the Parish Council at Gareth Griffiths' funeral, the Chairperson advised that an amount of £85 had been raised and donated to the Haematology Department at the University Hospital, Birmingham.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER AUTHORITY BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS

- 5138 The following report of actions taken was noted -

(Interleaved Document No.1)

UPGRADE OF TELEPHONE SYSTEM

In response to a question from Councillor Goodwin as to whether the Parish Council telephone number would be retained if the new system was approved, the Clerk advised that he had been led to believe that would be the case, but he would ask Midshires for confirmation before proceeding with the purchase. Additionally, the Clerk advised that system would provide two line for telephone calls and that eventually, the Council's email address might be migrated to the new system.

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

5139 RESOLVED: That the proposed upgrading of the telephone system be approved.

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted –

(Interleaved Document No.2)

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

5140 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the schedule now submitted, be approved.

GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE REASIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE TO REFURBISH THE AREA AT THE REAR OF THE CENTRE

Hereon Councillor Pitt declared a non-pecuniary interest as an advisor to the Reaside Community Centre

An application for funding of £2,000.00 was submitted by Reaside Community Centre to fund the refurbishment of the area at the rear of the Centre to make it a safe place to sit and play for the elderly and young.

(Interleaved document No 3)

Councillor Linda Coates enquired as to the use of the Barbeque facility.

Mr Jeffrey responded that hopefully this would be used regularly by the Centre along with the adjacent premises.

Councillor Muddyman questioned as to the quotation received from Harborne Driveways and whether it was the intention for the company to carry out the work involved.

Mr Jeffrey advised that Harborne Driveways and Construction would be undertaking the work as they had provided the most competitive quotation.

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

- 5141 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 £2,000 to fund the refurbishment of the area at the rear of the Centre.

PROPOSED CHANGE OF POLLING STATION VENUE FROM HOLLY HILL SCHOOL AND CHURCH CENTRE, NEW STREET TO B45 0EU TO FRANKLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY, BALAAM WOOD SCHOOL, NEW STREET, B45 0EU.

- 5142 Councillor Grey noted that, with the new proposal, there would be no requirement for children to miss school.

In response to Councillor Sue Baker's concern regarding access to the Library on Voting days, the Clerk advised that at the next election, a reminder would be sent to the Elections Office to ensure that the Library would be open for voting.

Ward Councillor Simon Morrall confirmed that adequate signposting would be available on the day.

The proposed change of venue was noted by the Parish Council.

PLANNING APPLICATION

Frankley Industrial Estate – Unit 22

The following Planning Application was submitted –

(Interleaved Document No. 4)

Planning Application	2018/05664/PA
Location	Frankley Industrial Estate, Unit 22 Tay Road, Birmingham B45 0LP

Proposal	Display of 1 no. externally illuminated fascia sign, 2 no. non-illuminated totem sign and 2 no. non-illuminated danger sign.
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5143 The Planning Application, as now submitted, was noted

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5144 There were no decisions relating to Planning Applications on which the Council had been consulted.

LONGBRIDGE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

5145 Councillor Grey advised that he had made enquiries regarding the next meeting of the Committee without success and enquired whether the Ward Councillor Simon Morrall could assist in the matter.

TRANSPORT ISSUES

5146 Hereon a lengthy debate on the recent changes to the local bus services ensued during which the following main points were raised: -

- Councillor Grey reported that, contrary to the rumours which were currently circulating, there would be no changes to bus routes in September, only timetables, and added that changes to bus routes were made for economic reasons.
- Ward Councillor Simon Morrall advised that he had contacted Network West Midlands regarding the 49 service and confirmed the service was available daily and 3 evenings per week.
- Councillor Sue Baker expressed dissatisfaction with the 49 service stating there was a half mile walk to the nearest stop and added that would not be acceptable for elderly residents within the area. Councillor Pitt commented that in his experience of using the service it was suitable for local needs.
- Ward Councillor Simon Morrall advised that he had had a meeting with Network West Midlands stating that there were issues raised with the 61 and 63 bus services. The 61 service was subject to alterations however changes would affect the 63 service. Ward Councillor Simon Morrall indicated that he would be arranging a further meeting with the Transport Authority whereby issues and concerns with services throughout Birmingham would be raised.
- Councillor Grey stated that there was confusion caused by the 61 service not allowing passengers to alight at the Frankley Terminus. Additionally, he

reported that the number 45 service was repeatedly parking short of the lights at Sainsbury's in Northfield causing tailbacks.

- Councillor Muddyman stated that all Buses are continually parking in Northfield adjacent to Boots Chemists whereby drivers are taking rest breaks causing regular tailbacks.
- Councillor Muddyman advised concerning difficulties accessing the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Councillor Carter responded that the X20 service terminated at the University Station and that a shuttle bus service was available for access to the Hospital.
- Councillor Tammy Clayton registered concern that elderly residents are unsure how to process complaints. It was agreed that the Parish Council would assist those residents who were experiencing difficulty.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Reaside Community Centre

- 5147 Councillor Goodwin raised the issue of broken kerbstones outside the Centre, opposite Lyttleton House which he stated had been caused by lorries delivering goods to the convenience store.

Children's Services in Frankley

- 5148 Councillor Pitt briefed the Parish Council regarding a meeting held on Friday 17th August in the Parish Office. Councillor Pitt added that the meeting, which included representatives from New Start and personnel with social media skills, discussed several proposals related to the development of Children's Services within Frankley.

OUTSTANDING MINUTES

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

(Interleaved Document No.5)

- 5149 Ward Councillor Simon Morrall advised that he would contact the Education Department on receipt of the report from Councillor Joanna Walker. The Chairperson added that he would also submit details of the original ideas and proposed layouts to the Ward Councillor.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Congestion Charge

- 5150 Ward Councillor Simon Morrall confirmed that the consultation stage regarding implementation of a congestion charge was now completed.

Overgrown Hedges Tessall Lane

5151 Ward Councillor Simon Morrall advised that the overgrown hedges at the island on Tessall Lane had now been cut back.

Devolution

5152 Ward Councillor Simon Morrall reported that the City Council would be establishing a committee to discuss and oversee developments.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Longbridge Town Centre

5153 Andy Cartwright stated that the Longbridge Consultative Committee was created to discuss and monitor issues related to the new Town Centre development. Ward Councillor Simon Morrall advised that a Ward Forum would take place in October at Hollymoor in a joint meeting with Adrian Delaney adding that he had requested a representative from the Police to attend.

Ward Councillor Surgeries/ Advice Desks

5154 Andy Cartwright advised that the Neighbourhood Watch meetings would continue, with the next meeting scheduled for the 29th August. Ward Councillor Simon Morrall stated that it would be the intention to deal with all issues in one Ward meeting, as this is considered to be a cost-effective alternative, and added that the meeting would replace the monthly Advice Desks in future.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS

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

5155 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 20.40 HOURS

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Chairperson _____ Date.