

At a meeting of the New Frankley in
Birmingham Parish Council held at the
Parish Council Office, 12 Arden Road,
Frankley, on Monday, 17th September
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, Bruce Pitt
and Joanna Walker

Also in Attendance Ward Councillor Simon Morrall

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

MINUTES

RESIGNATION OF FORMER COUNCILLOR TREVOR MUDDYMAN

5156 The resignation of former Councillor Trevor Muddyman, due to his proposed relocation to the South Coast, was noted.

APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

5157 There were no apologies.

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

5158 There were no declarations of interest made at this point of the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

5159 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

The Clerk stated that, as the late Malcolm Keating did not take-up residence on Frankley until May 2009, he did not meet the criteria agreed for the award of the honorary title of Freeman of the Parish.

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

- 5160 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th September 2018, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birmingham City Council

- 5161 The Chairperson updated the meeting regarding the current financial difficulties currently being experienced by Birmingham City Council which had been well documented in several Newspapers. He added that, in his opinion, the difficulties currently faced by the City Council providing services arose because of the cuts in Government Funding and, additionally, the reduction in the workforce from 40,000 employees to 10,000.

Refuse Truck

- 5162 The Chairperson stated that in order to accurately monitor the weight of fly tipped rubbish collected, the Street Champions should purchase a weighing system for the vehicle at a cost of £1170. The Chairperson added that fines for excess weight could amount to £4000 for the operator as well a fine for the Driver and possibly increased Insurance Premiums for the truck

In response to a question from Councillor Pitt as to whether the Neighbourhood Forum had the necessary funds available, the Chairperson confirmed that it had.

QUESTIONS

- 5163 There were no questions to the Chairperson

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER AUTHORITY BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS

- 5164 The following report of actions taken was noted -

(Interleaved Document No.1)

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Councillor Grey advised that he had received a favourable comment from a local resident regarding the approval of the grant for Reaside Community Centre approved at the last meeting.

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted –

(Interleaved Document No.2)

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

- 5165 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the schedule now submitted, be approved.

PURCHASE OF DOGGIE POOP SCOOPS

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

- 5166 RESOLVED: That the purchase of a further 50,000 “Poop-Scoops” at a cost of £406.50 plus delivery £36 plus VAT (Total £531.00) be approved.

[The above expenditure was made under the provisions of Sections 137 and 139 of the 1972 Local Government Act]

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 5167 There were no planning applications for consideration.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 5168 There were no decisions relating to Planning Applications on which the Council had been consulted.

LONGBRIDGE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

- 5169 Councillor Grey reported that there had been no further progress concerning the next meeting of the committee. That was confirmed by Ward Councillor Morrall.

TRANSPORT ISSUES

Revised Bus Routes

- 5170 Councillor Grey reported that he had written to the Operations Manager concerning the recent changes to bus routes in the area, and the proposed changes in due to be implemented in September. In the letter he had requested their observations as to how the changes would work to the benefit of the local community.

Councillor Sue Baker added that there were still difficulties with some service routes. It appeared that some were buses were terminating at the end of the driver’s shift no matter where that was on the route and with no thought for the inconvenience of the passengers.

Councillor Grey highlighted the continuing problem occurring at the bus terminus on Arden Road, whereby some drivers were allowing passengers to board the bus at the terminus whilst others were not. He considered that the problem needed to be sorted out as a matter of urgency.

Councillor Goodwin suggested that one solution to the problem would be the removal of the 63 service and its replacement with a 61A service which would go in an anti-clockwise direction through Frankley together with a 61C which would go through in a clockwise direction. Introducing such a system could, in his opinion, provide a service for Frankley which would resolve the majority of current complaints

Councillor Grey concluded by stating the Council would have to wait for the Traffic Commissioner to make a decision regarding the matters brought to his attention which would have to be studied carefully.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Reaside School/ New Inns Lane Entrance

- 5171 Councillor Tammy Clayton reported that there were serious problems regarding car parking on New Inns Lane near Reaside School entrance due to the School changing the entrance because of building work being undertaken in the vicinity of the Tresco Road entrance. This change of entrance had caused the volume of car parking to increase on New Inns Lane and situation had created a potential hazard zone for children and parents. Councillor Tammy Clayton added that if that continued, she felt that a serious road traffic accident could occur as the current parking posed a danger to all pedestrians in the area.

Councillor Pitt added that he raised this issue on a previous occasion. Additionally, it was pointed out that prior to the Parish Council's meeting with some of the pupils from the school to discuss road safety matters, the Headteacher had informed the Council that the New Inns Lane entrance would not be used as a vehicular and pedestrian entrance during building work.

The Chairperson stated that he would contact the school secretary to discuss possible alternatives.

Defibrillators

- 5172 Councillor Tammy Clayton stated there was no current public access to a defibrillator unit, adding that she had the appropriate training to administer treatment which was a necessary facility that could save lives. The units available in

Balaams Wood and Reaside Schools were currently locked up and not accessible by the public.

Councillor Carter advised that the Parish Council had been approached in the past to site a Defibrillator in the office, however it was felt to be unsuitable as the office was only available to the public on half days.

Councillor Linda Coates advised that funds were raised at the recent Rubery Festival and offered to provide contact details for Councillor Tammy Clayton.

Councillor Pitt added that there is a requirement to site at least one publicly accessible unit in the Frankley centre and suggested a meeting be arranged between the City Council, the Chairperson and Councillor Tammy Clayton to progress. That was unanimously agreed.

OUTSTANDING MINUTES

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

(Interleaved Document No.3)

- 5173 Councillor Joanna Walker confirmed that an outside exercise gym would be a desirable facility for the community. However, the proposed areas of land suitable for the siting of the equipment were owned by the Education and Housing departments respectively, and despite approaches to both departments, both were reluctant to allow the Parish Council to site the gymnasium on their land.

Councillor Joanna Walker advised that the objective was to site the facility either adjacent to the MUGA or outside the Parish Council office.

Following a request from the Chairperson, Ward Councillor Morrall agreed to progress the matter.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Bus Services

- 5174 Ward Councillor Morrall reported that he had contacted National Express to confirm a date to meet with the Authority to discuss implications of the recent changes, and to travel on the local bus routes, particularly the 61 and 63 services, timing the durations to identify any clashes.

5175 Congestion Charge

Ward Councillor Morrall confirmed that the proposed City congestion charge would be implemented in early 2020 and added that a recent meeting to move the

exemption of private vehicles was outvoted. In addition, the proposed scrappage scheme for motor vehicles up to £ 2,000 had been aborted.

Overgrown Hedges and Roadworks

- 5176 Ward Councillor Morrall advised that he would visit the sites in question together with Glen Smith of Highways Department to establish a priority list. The Chairperson added that although the Parish Council now had a mentor who was and officer of the City Council, outstanding work had still not been undertaken, particularly regarding repairs to street lamps and the cutting back of the hedges on pathways.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- 5177 There were no issues to be raised by the Public.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS

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

- 5178 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 20.09 HOURS

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Chairperson Date.