

At a meeting of the New Frankley in
Birmingham Parish Council held at the
Parish Council Office, 12 Arden Road,
Frankley, on Monday, 18th March 2019, at
1930 hours

- Present: Councillor Ian Bruckshaw (Chairperson)
- Councillors Eric Carter BEM, Sue Baker, Linda Coates, Andrew Cartwright, Sidney Grey MBE, Joanna Walker, Sam Goodwin, Tammy Clayton, Marion Kenyon and Bruce Pitt
- Also in Attendance Roger Griffiths (Responsible Financial Officer), Ward Councillor Simon Morrall.
- Members of the Public Nicola Garvey

MINUTES

APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

- 5297 There were no apologies for absence submitted.

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

- 5298 No declarations of interest were made at this point of the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

- 5299 No items were 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 Carter, seconded by Councillor Linda Coates, and, with none dissenting, was-

- 5300 **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th February 2019, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

5301 AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 4th MARCH 2019

The Minutes of the Audit Committee held on 4th March 2019 were noted.

(Interleaved Document No.1)

5302 RISK ASSESSMENT AND RISK REVIEW LOG

The Risk assessment and review log dated 31st March 2019 were noted.

(Interleaved Document No.2)

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vandalism at Grizedale Close

5303 Regrettably, following the grant given to a local resident to maintain the gardens, vandalism had taken place and smashed all the pots. The Chairman had advised the resident to not do any further work until the area had been gated.

QUESTIONS

5304 There were no questions to the Chairperson.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER AUTHORITY BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS

5305 The report detailing the actions taken by the Chairperson and Officers in accordance with Resolution No 5295 was noted -

(Interleaved Document No.3)

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted –

(Interleaved Document No.4)

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

5306 **RESOLVED:** That the payments, as set out in the schedule now submitted, be approved.

GRANT APPLICATION

Hereon, Councillor Bruckshaw declared a non-pecuniary in connection with the following item:

Frankley Street Champions –

An application for funding of £4400 (Approximate quote) was submitted to cover the cost of the annual insurance for the truck by A1 insurance.

(Interleaved Document No.5)

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

- 5307 RESOLVED: That, in accordance with its powers under Section 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.

Funding of £4,400 for the annual insurance of the Street Champions' Vehicle

Doggie Poop-Scoop Bags –

An application for funding for £530 to purchase 50,000 poop-scoop bags from JRB Enterprises.

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

- 5308 RESOLVED: That, in accordance with its powers under Section 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.

Funding of £531 to purchase 50,000 Doggie Poop-Scoop Bags

Frankley Family Forum – Community Garden –

- 5309 A grant application was submitted for £2,000 to plant a memorial garden outside the library which would also be used for gardening clubs and community events.

The Chairman informed the Council that a grant had previously been given to the library for £5000 of which only £1896 had been spent so far. It was advised that the grant for the community garden could be taken from the previously awarded grant. Councillor Grey queried the longevity of the project and how it would be maintained in the long term. Councillor Tammy Clayton informed the council that several organisations were involved in the community garden including Garden Organics, the Eco-Centre and all the local schools, so the long-term impact had been considered.

Councillor Marion Kenyon advised that the Grant Application form could be modified to include a business style plan citing which groups are involved and a reporting process and follow up procedure on how the grant had been spent. Councillor Joanna Walker reminded the Council that groups who had received grants used to come and report to the Parish Council at the meetings on the use of the grant money for projects.

Councillor Tammy Clayton invited any interested Councillors to attend a meeting of Frankley Family Forum on Tuesday 26th March 1-3pm at the Parish Council Office.

Reusable drink containers

Councillor Joanna Walker outlined her proposal to purchase a small number of reusable coffee cups and water bottles in a bid to reduce the amount of single use plastic and waste and demonstrated the items. Councillor Grey asked if any consultation had taken place to assess residents' interest in such products.

- 5309 RESOLVED: That following further consultation via the carnival, Facebook poll and possible survey outside the Parish Office the proposal would be considered at a later date.

5310 DRAFT LIGHTING INSPECTION ALLOCATIONS

Councillor Bruce Pitt thanked the Assistant Clerk for her assistance in setting up the lightning scheme and asked for any feedback on the allocations. Councillor Sid Grey expressed concern about safety of Councillors checking lights late at night, therefore put a feature in the newsletter asking residents to report any non-functioning street light. The Assistant Clerk to keep track and escalate any long outstanding ones.

(Interleaved Document No.6)

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 5311 There were no planning applications for consideration.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 5312 There were no decisions to be reported related to planning applications that the Council considered.

LONGBRIDGE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

- 5313 Councillor Cartwright had attended the Longbridge and West Heath Forum and both Debbie Clancey and Brett O'Reilly agreed to liaise with St Modwen to get the group started again. At the time of the meeting no date had been set.

TRANSPORT ISSUES

- 5314 Councillor Sam Goodwin discussed issues with the No 63 bus changing to No 61 mid route without informing passengers causing disruption. He added that the old 61 timetable was being reinstated from Sunday 24th March on a trial basis. Ward Councillor Morrall urged residents to use the service or it may again be re-routed. Councillor Cartwright asked if there was any response from the bus consultation figures but at present there was no response.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Frankley Neighbourhood Forum

- 5315 Councillor Pitt reported that the meeting time of Frankley Neighbourhood Forum was changing to 1-2.30pm on the third Thursday of every month at the Parish Council Office.

OUTSTANDING MINUTES

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

(Interleaved Document No.7)

- 5316 **Public Defibrillator – Minutes 5192**
The location of the defibrillator was agreed by the entrance of the supermarket. The most appropriate quote was from Community Heartbeat who provided the whole package: training, maintenance and insurance for £2255 plus VAT. The Clerk added that the Council would need to have more than one member trained on how to use it.
- 5317 **Repair of Shopfront and Door – Minutes 5281**
1st Access were due to complete the repair 19th March the delay being sourcing a part.
- 5318 **Website – Minutes 5284**

The website is under construction; a demonstration website would be available soon. The Clerk appealed for content to stretch our reach as it would have a direct link on B31 Voices which has a huge following.

5319 Acoustic Panels – Minutes 5285

An order has been placed and awaiting a delivery date.

5320 Eroded Pathways at Reaside Centre – Minutes 5290

The pathway had been identified as Housing land and accordingly had been passed on to the team for repair.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

5321 Hereon, Ward Councillor Morrall provided updates to the Council on the following matters –

Frankley Skills Show

Following the success of the Frankley Skills Show, another one will hopefully take place in May at the end of the school day.

Bin Strike

The bin strike had now officially ended.

Traffic Calming in Holly Hill Road

Awaiting more budget from Central Government and in talks with Glenn Smith about the issue of introducing chicanes, slowing down buses, putting the number 61 at risk.

Police Incident in Lysander Road

A major incident occurred injuring PCSO Fox and that number 53 is a property registered as a care home but it's not being used for that purpose.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

5322 Nicola Garvey raised issue of youngsters riding quad bikes and motorbikes illegally, with their faces covered nearly mowing her down outside the office the evening of the meeting. The Chairperson advised the only way to stop it is to identify the offenders with photographic evidence.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS

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

5323 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.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

5324 RESOLVED: That, pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following.

- (i) Conclusion of Probationary Period
- (ii) Salary Review
- (iii) New Pay Scale 2019-20

Hereon, the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk left the meeting during the consideration of the following items.

CONCLUSION OF PROBATIONARY PERIOD/SALARY REVIEW

(Interleaved Document No.8)

On the recommendation of the Responsible Financial Officer, the performance and attitude of the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk during their probationary periods had been considered satisfactory and therefore the appointment of the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk on 24th September 2018 were confirmed as permanent.

In accordance with their Contact of employments, the Council agreed that the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk be awarded an increment in their respective salary grades. Additionally the Council agreed to apply the recommendations of the National Joint Council for Local Government Services regarding the 2019 National Salary Award to the salaries of the Clerk, the Assistant Clerk and the Responsible Finance Officer.

- 5325 RESOLVED:
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 - (ii) That in accordance with their Contact of employments, the Council agreed that the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk be awarded an increment in their respective salary grades. Additionally, the Council agreed to apply the recommendations of the National

Joint Council for Local Government Services regarding the 2019 National Salary Award to the salaries of the Clerk, the Assistant Clerk and the Responsible Finance Officer.

MEETING ENDED AT 20.40 HOURS

Chairperson.....

Date.....