

At a meeting of the New Frankley in
Birmingham Parish Council held at the
Parish Council Office, 12 Arden Road,
Frankley, on Monday, 20th May 2019, at
1930 hours

Present: Councillor Ian Bruckshaw (Chairperson)

Councillors Sue Baker, Eric Carter BEM, Andrew Cartwright,
Tammy Clayton, Linda Coates, Sam Goodwin,
Sidney Grey MBE, Marion Kenyon, Bruce Pitt and Joanna
Walker.

Also, in Attendance Roger Griffiths (Responsible Financial Officer)
Ward Councillor Simon Morrall

Members of the Public 3

MINUTES

**HEREON, COUNCILLOR BRUCKSHAW WITHDREW FROM THE MEETING DURING
CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM**

THE VICE-CHAIRPERSON, COUNCILLOR LINDA COATES, TOOK THE CHAIR

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

It was proposed by Councillor Carter seconded by Councillor Tammy Clayton, that Councillor Bruckshaw be elected Chairperson of the Council for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2020.

There being no other nominations, it was, with none dissenting –

- 5350 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2020, Councillor Bruckshaw be elected Chairperson of the Council.

COUNCILLOR BRUCKSHAW IN THE CHAIR

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

5351 Hereon, Councillor Bruckshaw made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairperson of the Parish Council.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

It was proposed by Councillor Joanna Walker, seconded by Councillor Tammy Clayton, that Councillor Linda Coates be elected Vice-Chairperson of the Council. There being no further nominations, it was, with none dissenting –

5352 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2020, Councillor Linda Coates be elected Vice-Chairperson of the Council.

APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

5353 No apologies were received.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

(i) City Council's Standards Committee

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was –

5354 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2020, Councillor Bruckshaw be nominated to serve as the Parish Council's representative on the City Council's Standards Committee.

(ii) Northfield District Committee

5355 RESOLVED: It was confirmed that the Northfield District Committee had been disbanded and no representatives from the council were required.

(iii) Longbridge Consultative Group

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was –

5356 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2020, Councillors Grey and Cartwright be nominated to attend meetings of the Longbridge Consultative Group to serve as a representative of the Parish Council.

(iii) Longbridge Transportation Visioning Workshops

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was –

5357 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2020, Councillors Grey and Cartwright be nominated to attend meetings of the Longbridge Transportation Visioning Workshop as a representative of the Parish Council.

(iv) Balaam's Wood Management Committee

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was –

5358 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2020, Councillors Linda Coates and Joanna Walker be nominated to attend meetings of the Balaam's Wood Management Committee to serve as a representative of the Parish Council.

(v) Northfield Constituency Flood and Emergency Planning Committee

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was –

5359 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2020, Councillor Bruckshaw be nominated to attend meetings of the Northfield Constituency Flood and Emergency Planning Committee to serve as a representative of the Parish Council.

(vi) Frankley Carnival Committee

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was –

5360 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2020, Councillor Linda Coates be nominated to attend meetings of the Frankley Carnival Committee as a representative of the Parish Council.

(vii) Liaison Body with Balaam Wood School

5361 RESOLVED: The liaison body with Balaam Wood School be disbanded due to Councillor Pitts position as school governor.

(viii) Community Governance Cross Party Working Group

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was –

5362 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in

May 2020, Councillor Pitt be nominated to attend meetings of the Community Governance Cross Party Working Group as a representative of the Parish Council.

DATES OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2019/2020

- 5363 RESOLVED: That meetings of the Parish Council for the forthcoming Municipal Year be held on the following Mondays commencing at 1930 hours at the Parish Office –

2019

17th June; 15th July; 19th August; 16th September;
21st October; 18th November; 16th December

2020

20th January; 17th February; 16th March; 20th April
with the Annual Meeting of the Council and the Annual Parish
Assembly on 18th May 2020

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMMITTEE for the 2019/2020 municipal year

Following receipt of nominations, it was -

- 5364 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2020, Councillors, Goodwin, Tammy Clayton and Joanna Walker be appointed to serve on the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee, together with the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the Council as ex officio members of the Committee and that Councillor Goodwin be appointed Chairperson of the Committee; further, that meetings of the Committee be convened at the call of the Chairperson subject to there being business to transact.

STAFFING COMMITTEE for the 2019/20 municipal year

Following receipt of nominations, it was -

- 5365 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2020, Councillors Pitt, Linda Coates and Joanna Walker be appointed to serve on the Staffing Committee and that Councillor Joanna Walker be appointed Chairperson of the Committee; further, that meetings of the Committee be convened at the call of the Chairperson subject to there being business to transact.

APPEALS COMMITTEE for the 2019/20 municipal year

Following receipt of nominations, it was -

- 5366 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2020, Councillors, Grey, Goodwin and Marion Kenyon be appointed to serve on the Appeals Committee and that Councillor Grey be appointed Chairperson of the Committee; further, that meetings of the Committee be convened at the call of the Chairperson subject to there being business to transact.

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

It was noted that the audit committee would now be replaced with the Finance and Management Committee.

Following receipt of nominations, it was –

- 5367 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2020, Councillors Grey, Tammy Clayton and Pitt be appointed to serve on the Finance and Management Committee; further, that meetings of the Committee be convened on the first Monday of each month at 1pm. The first meeting to be held on Monday 3rd June at 1pm.

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

- 5368 No Declarations of Interest were made at this point in the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

- 5369 No items were raised by the Members of the Public with respect to items on the agenda at this point of the meeting.

HEREON, THE CHAIRPERSON WITHDREW FROM THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CHAIRPERSON THE VICE-CHAIRPERSON TOOK THE CHAIR.

COUNCILLOR LINDA COATES IN THE CHAIR

CHAIRPERSON'S ALLOWANCE

It was proposed by Councillor Joanna Walker, seconded by Councillor Goodwin, and was, with none dissenting, was -

- 5370 RESOLVED: That the Chairperson's allowance be set at £800 p.a. for the forthcoming Municipal Year and that the payment thereof be in 10 equal monthly instalments commencing in May 2019.

HEREON, THE CHAIRPERSON, COUNCILLOR IAN BRUCKSHAW RESUMED THE CHAIR

COUNCILLOR BRUCKSHAW IN THE CHAIR

MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Goodwin, seconded by Councillor Tammy Clayton, and, with none dissenting, was-

- 5371 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th April 2019, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HELD ON 8th MAY 2019

- 5372 The Minutes of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on the 8TH May 2019 were noted.

(Interleaved Document No. 1)

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 5373 The Chairperson advised that Honorary Alderman Randall Brew had been in contact. A company called Pears had donated 3.5 million to promote the Scouting movement. Birmingham had been identified as one of three areas nationwide to receive funding. Frankley was to be targeted as an area underrepresented by Scout groups. Honorary Alderman Brew had asked if the parish would be involved in the set-up of a local scout group. It was agreed this would be a valued addition to Frankley and should receive the support of the Parish Council. The Chairperson would liaise with Honorary Alderman Brew and report back any developments.

QUESTIONS

Acoustic Panels

- 5374 Councillor Linda Coates read aloud an email from a craft group attendee regarding concerns about the acoustic panels and the difficulty of access for the craft group members. Following some general discussion, it was agreed that the addition of

wheels on the panels eliminated access issues. The wheels are to be highlighted with appropriate safety measures to avoid any trip hazards.

INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT

The following report of the Internal Auditor was submitted –

(Interleaved Document No. 2)

The Responsible Financial Officer, referring to the content of the Auditor's Letter, highlighted the need for storage of the computer files to be kept outside of the Parish office in case of damage.

5375 RESOLVED: The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to arrange a suitable storage solution via portable hard drive or online storage system.

ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2019

i) Annual Governance Statement

The Council's Annual Governance Statement was submitted-

(Interleaved Document No. 3)

It was proposed by Councillor Grey, and seconded by Councillor Tammy Clayton, and, with none dissenting, was-

5376 RESOLVED: That the Annual Governance Statement, as now submitted, be approved and that the Chairperson and Clerk be authorised to sign it on behalf of the Council.

ii) Statement of Accounts

The Council's Annual Statement of Accounts was submitted-

(Interleaved Document No. 4)

It was proposed by Councillor Linda Coates, and seconded by Councillor Joanna Walker and, with none dissenting, was -

5377 RESOLVED: That the Annual Statement of Accounts, as now submitted, be approved and that the Chair and Clerk be authorised to sign the Statement of Accounts on behalf of the Council

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The Parish Council's Annual Accounts was submitted-

(Interleaved Document No. 5)

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

- 5378 RESOLVED: That the Parish Council's Annual Accounts, as now submitted, be approved.

At this point the Chairperson thanked the Responsible Financial Officer for all his hard work on preparing and maintaining the accounts.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER AUTHORITY BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS

- 5379 The report detailing the actions taken by the Chairperson and Officers in accordance with Resolution No 5295 was noted -

(Interleaved Document No.6)

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted –

(Interleaved Document No.7)

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

- 5380 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the schedule now submitted, be approved.

CHANGE OF THE ORDER OF THE BUSINESS OF THE AGENDA

Hereon, it was proposed by Councillor Grey to change the order of business and deal with Agenda Item 28 before Agenda item 27. That was agreed by the Council.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

A.) Community Newsletter -

An application for funding for £445 for a supplementary invoice as the publication of the newsletter was a double issue was submitted by the Forum.

(Interleaved Document No.8)

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

- 5381 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.

B.) Change of Treasurer on previous grant application

The advised change was noted.

REVISED GRANT APPLICATION

The following revised grant application was submitted –

(Interleaved Document No.9)

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

- 5382 RESOLVED: That the proposed grant application now submitted, be approved.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

14 Queen Elizabeth Road, B45 0NE

The following Planning Application was submitted –

(Interleaved Document No.10)

Planning Application 2019/03139/PA

Address 14 Queen Elizabeth Road, Birmingham, B45 0NE

Proposal Proposed extension.

- 5383 It was agreed that Councillor Goodwin would visit the neighbouring properties to obtain their views on the proposed extension.

North Worcestershire Golf Club, Frankley Beeches Road

The following planning application was submitted.

(Interleaved Document No.11)

Planning Application 2019/03155/PA
Address North Worcestershire Golf Club, Frankley Beeches Road,
Northfield, Birmingham, B31 5LP
Proposal Application for prior notification for the installation of 20m
high telecommunication tower, 12 no. apertures, 4 no.
dishes and associated works.

5384 The Planning Application, as now submitted, was noted.

The Pines, B45 9FD

Planning Application 2019/03058/PA
Address 16 The Pines, Rubery, B45 9FD
Proposal Erection of a single-storey rear extension

5385 The planning application although out of the parish boundary was deemed close enough for consideration. The planning application, as now submitted, was noted.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no decisions on planning applications for consideration.

COUNCILLOR TRAINING

It was noted that there had been no recent councillor training. It was agreed that the clerk would arrange two sessions on a Saturday morning, allowing councillors to choose a convenient date.

5386 RESOLVED: The Clerk to forward confirmed training dates to all Councillors.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

5387 **Frankley Family Forum**

Councillor Tammy Clayton informed the council that Frankley Family Forum was no longer involved in the community garden project at the library.

5388 **Severn Trent Works**

Councillor Goodwin informed the council of the overnight works taking place, commencing Monday 20th May 2019. All affected households should have received a letter.

5389 **Forum Accounts**

The Chairperson explained that all the forum accounts had now been updated and could be viewed in a monthly format that would be updated monthly moving forward. The forum would be submitting a grant application soon to cover the cost of ancillary items such as key cutting.

At this point Councillor Pitt passed on his thanks for the teamwork of the new officers and RFO. Councillor Linda Coates expressed her thanks to the Clerk for the preparation of the new website.

OUTSTANDING MINUTES

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

(Interleaved Document No.11)

Remembrance Sunday Plaque – Minute no. 5345

5390 Councillor Cartwright reported that he had contacted a local stonemason regarding a replacement plaque at the mound. It was discussed how Frankley could hold a remembrance event like those held locally which could involve the military college and other local groups. The poppies placed on the mound last year had been well received.

Public Defibrillator – Minute no. 5346

5391 The Clerk advised that the defibrillator was due to be installed at the supermarket on Arden Road on the 22nd May 2019.

Website – Minute No 5347

5392 The Clerk reported that the website was complete and online, and any information councillors would like uploading should be forwarded directly to the Clerk.

5393 REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Ward Councillor Simon Morrall reported he had recently attended the annual awards ceremony for Midlands Military Preparation Colleges. The Frankley college had been extremely successful. Ward Councillor Morrall had recently been working with Gary Sambrook the Parliamentary Candidate for the Northfield constituency and Andy Street, Mayor of West Midlands. Ward Councillor Morrall explained he was actively involved in the appeal regarding the crematorium at New Inns Lane and would be making representations at the informal hearing on 11th June 2019.

Birmingham City Council had requested that all Ward Councillors complete Ward Plans. Ward Councillor Morrall requested that any items Parish Councillors would like to see be added to this plan. Councillor Goodwin suggested that the motorbikes riding dangerously in the area need to be addressed. Councillor Pitt suggested more

collaborative working from the different departments at Birmingham City Council to improve efficiency.

Some further discussion took place around the rubbish and fly tipping on Frankley and the use of this in literature. Ward Councillor Morrall emphasised the importance of reporting missed collections. Councillor Marion Kenyon highlighted the difficulty of this to those without internet access to a computer. Ward Councillor Morrall advised that any residents experiencing difficulties should call the group office directly.

The Chairperson asked if there had been any update on the situation at 53 Lysander Road. Chris Thomas the Sergeant dealing with the incident is currently off sick so there were no further updates.

A budget for highways from central government should shortly be available and traffic calming on Holly Hill Road may be a possibility, but the impact on the 61 bus would be a consideration.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs Cartwright thanked the parish council for their support of the Pride of Longbridge which had been a huge success. There will be a plaque at the newly refurbished Longbridge station to recognise the Pride of Longbridge.

Mrs Cartwright also passed on her thanks to the Parish for the opportunities given to the people of New Frankley. There had been some complaints about the public being unable to access the new community garden. The Chairperson reported that the limited access was due to the insurance and the use of tools. Once the garden was complete everyone would have access. There are issues around the public having access to the disabled entrance of the library. It was suggested that work on the garden could take place on a Tuesday or Thursday when the library is closed.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS

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

- 5395 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 20.46 HOURS

Chairperson.....

Date.....