

At a meeting of the New Frankley  
in Birmingham Parish Council held  
at the Parish Council Office, 12  
Arden Road, Frankley, on Monday,  
15<sup>th</sup> July 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), Damian  
McGarvey (Headteacher Balaam Wood School) and Linda  
Roam (Chair of Governors Balaam Wood School).

Members of  
the Public

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## MINUTES

### **APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

5414 There were no absences submitted.

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

5415 Hereon, Councillor Pitt declared a non-pecuniary interest in connection with Agenda Item 6 (Balaam Wood -MUGA Agreement) as a Member of the School's Governing Body and would therefore be unable to take part in the discussion thereon.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

5416 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 Linda Coates, seconded by Councillor Tammy Clayton, and, with none dissenting, was-

- 5417 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

### **MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Management Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 were submitted –

(Interleaved Document No. 1)

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

- 5418 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Management Committee, held on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019, having previously been previously circulated were noted and that in accordance with the recommendation set out within, the Health and Safety and Safeguarding policies be adopted as Council Policy and a copy given to each Member of the Council

### **BALAAM WOOD – MUGA AGREEMENT DRAFT V0.1**

- 5419 As Members were already aware, the Balaam Wood School would become an Academy as of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019. The Responsible Finance Officer had been contacted by the Education Team responsible for the management of the transfer of Education Assets to the Trust and with regard to the Parish Council's involvement with the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA).

The Education Team had now confirmed that, contrary to the Council's understanding as to the ownership of the MUGA, it actually was a School Asset which would be transferred to the Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019. However, the Education Officers wanted to ensure that the transfer of all school assets was a smooth process and maintained the status quo. Therefore, the Council has been asked to continue its maintenance function of the MUGA and a draft agreement was attached for Members' consideration. The Chairperson requested Members' instructions.

(Interleaved Document No. 2)

An amended draft of the proposed Agreement which had been emailed to the Council that afternoon (MUGA Agreement Draft V0.2) was submitted.

(Interleaved Document No. 3)

A discussion ensued about who had access to the MUGA and issues were raised about both the Parish Council and the Trust holding public liability insurance with

reference to the health and safety and security of it. Various questions arose about which City Council department had applied for planning permission for the MUGA and which department had re-negotiated the Redline Management Agreement on, as the Parish Council was never consulted on it and consequently never agreed to it.

The Responsible Financial Officer explained that, historically, during the refurbishment of the shopping centre, the City Council had agreed to install the MUGA but with the proviso that the Parish Council undertook the maintenance thereof. The Parish Council agreed to fund the maintenance as the MUGA would be a welcome Community Asset and had undertaken the necessary maintenance since the MUGA was built in 2010. The RFO advised that he had met with members of the Education Asset Transfer Team and had agreed at that meeting that the status quo be unchanged regarding the maintenance of the MUGA. Unfortunately, the documents that were sent to the Council for signature contained changes to what was agreed and were therefore, rejected.

A Councillor pointed out that when the MUGA was built the school did not want to take responsibility for it and another pointed out that when the Parish Council wanted to add equipment to the land surrounding the MUGA, no one wanted to take ownership for it. Furthermore, the boundary was not clear, the redline being an important part of it.

- 5420 RESOLVED: It was proposed that, the MUGA Agreement draft V0.2, in its current form, was not acceptable and would need further clarification and that the RFO email Education Assets with the views expressed at this meeting.

**Hereon, at 1955 hours Councillor Pitt left the meeting**

### **CASUAL VACANCY**

There were three completed application forms for the casual vacancy and therefore a panel of Members were required to be appointed to undertake, on the Council's behalf, the interview process for the applicants.

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

- 5421 RESOLVED: An Interview Committee, consisting of Councillor Carter, Councillor Cartwright, Councillor Bruckshaw and Councillor Sue Baker, would be established.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

5422 Councillor Tammy Clayton spoke about a new project that the Family Forum were hoping to introduce in September, supported by the Friends of Frankley Family Forum. The initiative is aimed at lonely older men, initially offering a drop-in service with a view to rolling it out.

The Chairperson informed the Council of a new vicar at St Leonards Church, which covers Frankley, Jane Platt is a lovely local lady, he has met with her and has all her contact details.

## **QUESTIONS**

5423 There were no questions to the Chairperson.

**Hereon, at 2005 hours Councillor Pitt returned to the Meeting**

## **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER AUTHORITY BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS**

5424 The report detailing the actions taken by the Chairperson and Officers in accordance with Resolution No 5295 was noted -

(Interleaved Document No. 4)

## **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted –

(Interleaved Document No. 5)

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

5425 **RESOLVED:** That the payments, as set out in the schedule now submitted, be approved.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

5426 There were no planning applications for consideration.

## **DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Raeside Academy, Tresco Close, Rubery, Birmingham, B45 0HY**

(Interleaved Document No. 6)

Application Number 2019/05029/PA

Site	Raeside Academy, Tresco Close, Rubery, Birmingham, B45 0HY
Proposal	Non material amendment to Planning Approval 2018/01517/PA to re-locate the proposed sub- station.
Decision	Planning Permission Approved

5427 It was noted that the above-mentioned planning application has been approved.

### **TRANSPORT ISSUES**

5428 The Chairperson pointed out Network West Midlands has moved the bus stops in Holly Hill Road towards the junction in New Street.

### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

5429 Regarding the VELO bike ride, which would be returning next year, and which was provisionally earmarked for 28 June 2020 although the route has not yet been confirmed. Some of the Councillors objected to the length of time Frankley was affected by road closures as the marathon had only closed the roads for half a day. Other Councillors believed it brought the community together and inspired a new generation into exercise. It was suggested that next year local stewards, who knew the area well, would be better suited to the role to navigate cars around Frankley.

### **OUTSTANDING MINUTES**

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

(Interleaved Document No. 7)

#### **Councillor Training – Minute no. 5409**

5430 A reminder that the training will take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July at the Parish Office 10am – 1pm.

#### **Defibrillator Training – Minute no. 5410**

5431 The training took place on 11<sup>th</sup> July with great success as 14 people attended, all those that attended will receive a certificate from Community Heartbeat.

#### **5432 REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

There were no reports received by the District Ward Councillor.

**LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**Lysander Road**

- 5433 A member of the public confirmed that at the City Councillor’s Ward meeting, that action would be taken. There was a concern raised of the naming of young people that were not involved.

**AUTHORITY TO CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS**

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

- 5434 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 20.15 HOURS**

Chairperson.....

Date.....