

At a meeting of the New Frankley
in Birmingham Parish Council, held
via Zoom on Monday,
18th May 2020, at 1930 hours

Present: Councillor Linda Coates (Vice Chairperson)

Councillors Ian Bruckshaw, Joanna Walker, Bruce Pitt, Sam Goodwin
and Marion Kenyon.

Also, in Attendance Roger Griffiths (Responsible Financial Officer)

MINUTES

APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

5619 Apologies for absences were received on behalf of Councillors Price, Tammy Clayton Sue Baker and Cllr Grey due to technology problems The apologies were accepted.

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

5620 There were no declarations of interest with regards to items on the agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

5621 No items were raised by the Member of the Public with respect to items on the agenda at this point of the meeting.

MINUTES

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

5622 **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th April 2020, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Members were reminded at the meeting of the Council in April 2016, the recommendation of the City's Independent Remuneration Committee in respect of Parish Council's Chairperson's allowances was approved.

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

- 5623 RESOLVED: That the Chairperson's Annual Allowance, set on the recommendation at £800.00 p.a. paid in 10 instalments starting with the payment at the end of May, be approved.

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted –

(Interleaved Document No. 1)

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

- 5624 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the schedule now submitted, be approved.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were submitted –

(Interleaved Document No. 2)

Application Number: 2020/03181/PA

Site 28 Crychan Close, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham, B45 0JQ
Proposal Installation of access ramp to front and alterations to porch roof

Application Number: 2020/03219/PA

Site 3 Titania Close, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham, B45 0EE
Proposal Installation of platform lift to the front

Application Number: 2020/03222/PA

Site 7 Titania Close, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham, B45 0EE
Proposal Installation of ramp with railings to front, side and associated works.

- 5625 Councillor Grey had emailed comments noting that the above planning applications were for disabled access.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 5626 There were no decisions made on planning applications.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR GLACIAL ROCKS PROJECT

Following the presentation back in February from Professor Ian Fairchild, Councillor Pitt requested the Parish Council's send a letter of support for the project.

Discussion ensued about the reasons why Councillors felt it was an important project, namely as a historical and visitor attraction tying in with the moat. Councillor Joanna Walker felt it should link in with schools educating the children on the history of the area covering King Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn. Councillor Marion Kenyon advised if there was a way to make it an interactive activity and advertise what the moat would have looked like, it may detract vandals fly tipping in the moat as it was described as looking more like a piece of waste land.

- 5627 **RESOLVED:** That, the Clerk would write a letter of support for glacial rocks project on behalf of the Parish Council.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praise for Parish Councillors, staff and volunteers

- 5628 Councillor Bruckshaw wanted to thank Councillors and staff for continuing the work of the Parish council, whilst the office was closed. Special thanks were passed on to Cllr Grey MBE, John and Tom, who had done fantastic work in clearing the massive amount of dumped rubbish in Frankley.

Purpose built container

- 5629 The Chairperson was obtaining a price for a bespoke container for the yard.

Financial Accounts

- 5630 Councillor Bruckshaw confirmed he would be finishing off all accounts for the Street Champions in a week's time.

Awaiting a date for hip operation

5631 The Chairperson declared he was incapacitated at the moment, unfortunately he could hardly walk and was using a stick and crutch, he informed he was awaiting a date for the operation on Wednesday.

QUESTIONS

5632 Councillor Goodwin enquired if there were plans to reopen the Parish Council's office now the lockdown had eased. The Chairperson told him there were no plans but intended to have a discussion at the end of the month. Councillor Pitt brought up the fact that the majority of Councillors were over 70 years old. The Clerk reminded of the Government's advice that if you could work home, you should and also reminded Councillors that the Parish Council was still operating and receiving calls daily. Councillor Goodwin has a supply of doggy poop bags if anyone needed any they could knock on his door. The Clerk has a supply of hearing aid batteries if anyone requested them, she would post them out.

5633 The Clerk clarified that the Newsletter would advertise that the Parish Council was still open, as well as a list of local foodbanks. It would feature a list of all the organisations that deliver food. Councillor Marion Kenyon added that New Start's Foodbank had continued to operate across two sites, providing 11,000 meals in April. Highlighting there was a growing need for the Foodbank with people furloughed, unemployed and in huge debt. The plan was the shop would not reopen until at least August, having lost 70% of their income, the Frankley site could not operate as both a shop and a Foodbank, she felt the Foodbank should take precedence.

5634 In answer to a query about rubbish still being collected by the Street Champions, the example was Regina Close, Councillor Bruckshaw concluded they were still operating 4 days a week, any rubbish reported needed to be emailed to the Parish email address. As far as green waste was concerned it was on hold as they have been inundated and therefore flytipped waste took priority. Highways were responsible for clearing green waste from the top carpark on Cornwall Road, he would let them know. There was a massive amount of green waste by the doctor's surgery that needed shredding and he would obtain a quote from the tree surgeon next week.

ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2020

A Annual Governance Statement

It was proposed by Councillor Bruckshaw, seconded by Councillor Marion Kenyon, and,

5635 RESOLVED: That the Annual Governance Statement be approved.

B Statement of Accounts

It was proposed by Councillor Joanna Walker, seconded by Councillor Bruckshaw,
and,

5636 RESOLVED: That the Statement of Accounts be approved.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

5637 There were no members of the public present.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS

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

5638 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 20.04 HOURS

Chairperson.....

Date.....