

At a meeting of the New Frankley  
in Birmingham Parish Council held  
via Zoom on Monday,  
17<sup>th</sup> August 2020, at 1930 hours

Present: Ian Bruckshaw (Chairperson)

Councillors Linda Coates, Joanna Walker, Sidney Grey MBE, Sam  
Goodwin and Marion Kenyon.

Also, in Sarah Whittaker (Clerk)  
Attendance Roger Griffiths (Responsible Financial Officer)

## MINUTES

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

5671 Apologies for absences were received on behalf of Councillors Carter, Price, Tammy Clayton and Sue Baker (IT issues), Pitt (holiday) and Cartwright (Work commitments). The apologies were accepted.

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

5672 There were no declarations of interest with regards to items on the agenda.

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

5673 No items were raised by the Member of the Public with respect to items on the agenda.

## MINUTES

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

5674 **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

## 5675 CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairperson informed the council that several items had been stolen from the yard at the rear of the office. This included a hose pipe, shovel and container from Lifford. Councillor Goodwin suggested adding an additional camera to the current system which was considered to be a possibility.

A quote had been obtained for a custom fit container for the other side of the yard of £2250.

A local flytipper had once again been witnessed dumping rubbish the previous weekend, emptying a van and wheelie bins. A local resident had video evidence of this and had been advised to report this to the police.

A city surveyor was due to attend to assess the possibility of placing bollards at Princess Diana Walk to prevent further vehicles fly-tipping.

Councillor Grey advised that he had highlighted the fly-tipping issue in the upcoming newsletter. Councillor Marion Kenyon suggested putting the link to the environment agency where residents could check if those that collected rubbish for payment were registered. It was also suggested that residents should be reminded of what items could and couldn't be collected by the Street Champions as some items recently left for collection could be deemed commercial waste.

## 5676 QUESTIONS

Councillor Linda Coates queried about the progress of the CCTV outside the shops on Arden Road. Councillor Grey advised that due to the fact that the City Council were due to install new cameras for the upcoming Commonwealth Games which has been delayed due to Covid 19, as a result was there was now a long delay to installation of the cameras on Arden Road.

Councillor Goodwin queried whether the City Council are likely to assist an elderly resident who has an overgrown tree. The Clerk suggested doing a Futureproof referral who may be able to assist.

**5677 PUMP TRACK PROPOSAL**

Councillor Grey MBE queried why the pump track proposal had not been presented to the Finance and Management Committee before being submitted to the Full Council. It was pointed out that the Finance & Management Committee had not met since the Covid 19 Lockdown.

The RFO proposed that a Finance and Management Committee meeting should take place as there are several questions regarding the proposal which needed to be discussed. It had been suggested that the land at the side of King Edward VI Balaam Wood School could now be a site for the pump track. Councillor Marion Kenyon said that the school had the lease of the land which could also be the site for the outdoor gym, making the area a more appealing place to visit alongside the proposed Erractics trail.

It was suggested that a meeting was needed in person so that all councillors could be involved. The Reaside Centre was suggested as a suitable venue due to its large size. The Clerk reminded the council that both the Government and NALC guidance was to meet remotely where possible and that there was the option for councillors to join meetings via telephone if they could not use video call technology. Should any meetings in person take place then risk assessments would need to be completed. The Chairperson agreed to attend the Reaside Centre to see if the space is suitable and check their current procedures for cleaning and minimising risk.

**SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted –

(Interleaved Document No. 1)

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

**5678 RESOLVED:** That the payments, as set out in the schedule now submitted, be approved.

**5679 PURCHASE OF DOG WASTE BAGS**

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

RESOLVED: That the purchase of a further 50,000 “Poop-Scoops” at a cost of £491.50 plus VAT be approved.

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

**5680 EXTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT AND CERTIFICATE**

The attached report was noted.

(Interleaved Document No. 2)

**5681 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were no planning applications to report

**5682 DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**114 Holly Hill Road, Birmingham, B45 0EF**

Application Number 2020/03223/PA

Site 114 Holly Hill Road, Birmingham, B45 0EF

Proposal Installation of ramped access and handrail to front and installation of flat roof to porch

Decision Approved subject to Conditions

**3 Titania Close, Rednal, Rubery, Birmingham, B45 0EE**

Application Number 2020/03219/PA

Site 3 Titania Close, Rednal, Rubery, Birmingham, B45 0EE

Proposal Installation of platform lift to front and flat roof to existing porch.

Decision Approved subject to Conditions

The planning decisions were noted

**5683 TRANSPORT ISSUES**

Councillor Cartwright reported via email that he had been in touch with National Express about the changes to bus routes on Frankley and would provide feedback once he had had a response.

**5684 LOCAL ISSUES RAISED/ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Councillor Cartwright via email raised the issue of ill mental health, particularly with younger residents due to the Lockdown. Councillor Cartwright has spoken to local charities and Mind had increased their support lines to 24 hours a day, any family member with a child under 5 can also contact Barnardos for support.

**5685 REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

No report from the district councillors was received.

**AUTHORITY TO CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS**

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

- 5686 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.

**5687 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It is recommended 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 consideration of the following –

Review of Officers' Salaries

**ANNUAL SALARY REVIEW**

The RFO advised that , in accordance with the provisions of the Officer's Contracts of Employment, the Council was required to undertake a reviews of the salaries of the

Clerk and Assistant Clerk annually. Although it was normal to award one incremental point for satisfactory services, having spoken to the Chair, it was felt that, in recognition of the work carried out by the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk to keep the Parish Office functioning through the lockdown, an award of 2 increments should be made on this occasion to show the Parish Council's gratitude.

- 5687 RESOLVED: That in recognition of the work carried out during the Lockdown, the Council agreed that the salary for the Clerk and Assistant Clerk should be increased by 2 spinal column points within the officer's salary scales with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

**Meeting Ended at 8:10 hours**

Chairperson.....

Date.....

DRAFT subject to council approval