

At a meeting of the New Frankley
in Birmingham Parish Council held
via Zoom on Monday,
15th March 2021, at 1930 hours

Present: Ian Bruckshaw (Chairperson)

Councillors Joanna Walker, Sidney Grey MBE, Sam Goodwin, Linda Coates, Tammy Clayton and Bruce Pitt.

Also, in Attendance Sarah Whittaker (Clerk), Rachael Anstey (Assistant Clerk) and Roger Griffiths (Responsible Financial Officer).

MINUTES

APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

5807 Apologies for absences were received on behalf of Councillors Cartwright (work commitments) and Sue Baker (technology issues). The apologies were accepted.

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

5808 There were no declarations of interest with regards to items on the agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

5809 No items were raised by the Members of the Public with respect to items on the agenda at this point of the meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF FEBRUARY'S MINUTES

Hereon, Councillor Pitt pointed out that Mr Walker was a resident of Frankley and requested that Minute Number 5771 be amended accordingly. Subject to the amendment referred to above, it was proposed by Councillor Linda Coates, seconded by Councillor Goodwin, and, with none dissenting, was-

- 5810 **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th February 2021, as amended, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 5811 The Chairperson had been involved in reinsuring the truck today as it was due on 7th April 2021, he informed that last year the insurance cost was £3,899 but this year it had shot up to £6,844. He felt he might have to take the shortfall of £4,500 off the deposit for the new truck. The Responsible Financial Officer assured him that there was enough left in the budget if he wanted to retain the £9000 for the deposit and submit a grant for the further money. With the Clerk passing the CiLCA examination the Parish Council would no longer be bound by section 137 and could use the General Power of Competence for funding projects. The Chairperson would review the budget as he believed there might be a saving with the truck not being on the road for the last few months and would report back to the RFO.
- 5812 The new container would be delivered on 24th of this month. The yard had been cleared in preparation.

QUESTIONS

- 5813 Cllr Linda Coates raised the issue of the Frankley Litter Pickers on Facebook and felt that it was time to inform the Rangers that Frankley Street Champions are not involved. Cllr Linda Coates name was on the 'B45 Clear Up' but she was going to back out of it as a Parish Councillor she did not want to go against City Council's recommendations for no group litter picks. The Chairperson agreed to the suggestion of putting out a disclaimer that until further notice the Frankley Street Champions were not involved in any sort of group litter picking activities.

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

- 5814 The Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee Meeting held on 22nd February 2021 were noted.

(Interleaved Document No.1)

GRANT APPLICATION – NEW STARTS COMMUNITY HUB

In line with the recommendation of the Finance Committee the Grant Application from New Starts to fund a community hub, it was proposed to make the payments quarterly.

A discussion followed whereby the Chairperson agreed that sight of the invoice from Birmingham City Council for the lease should be checked.

Councillor Grey had requested that Councillor Cartwright's email had been forwarded to Members raising similar questions to his own. Overall, it was agreed that the response had raised more questions and it was still unclear on how it was going to work, apart from New Starts were going to provide the facility and other people were going to move in.

In answer to the point raised on whether Housing was to give permission to change of use, according to New Starts it was the responsibility of owners of the property to give permission of change of use not planning. The Clerk would find out who the local Planning Officer was for Frankley, Great Park, to advise on this as requested.

When asked whether it was a one-off payment, the RFO confirmed that rentals could only be paid for year. It was stipulated quarterly in case of any problems arising or if it was not working payments would stop after the first quarter.

The Clerk notified that a decision was needed at New Starts request at it was time critical otherwise they would be likely to lose the funding for the lease and they would need to look for funding elsewhere. Given the urgency the RFO suggested that the Parish Council approve the funding for the first quarter only whilst awaiting to hear their answers.

On the point of how long the lease was from City Council, the RFO stated usually it was on a six month's basis with six months' notice.

The suggestion was to put forward of raising the questions to New Starts in writing initially. The Chairperson was prepared to have a face-to-face meeting with New Starts to resolve the issues raised.

The following grant application and the questions raised about it were submitted –
(Interleaved Document No. 2 & 3)

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

5815 **RESOLVED:** That the payments made quarterly, subject to getting a resolution to points raised within three months, be approved.

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted –
(Interleaved Document No. 4)

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

- 5816 **RESOLVED:** That the payments, as set out in the schedule now submitted, be approved.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 5817 There were no planning applications to consider.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(Interleaved Document No. 5)

Application Number: 2021/01076/PA Arden Road

PROPOSAL: Telecoms Licence Advisory for the removal and replacement of 1 no. equipment cabinet with associated ancillary works

DECISION: Seen & Noted by Authority 11-02-2021.

- 5818 The decision made on the above planning application was acknowledged.

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

- 5819 The Annual Parish Meeting would be held virtually at 7pm on Wednesday 5th May 2021 in line with WALC recommended guidance.

OFFICE RE-OPENING

- 5820 The office reopening date would be Tuesday 6th April five days a week 9am -1pm.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- 5821 Councillor Goodwin mentioned that last Wednesday roads were blocked while they resurfaced the top of Boleyn Road, causing delays for bus users. No notification was given of the works.

5822 Councillor Pitt would like to thank the team operating the truck for making Frankley a nicer place to live in.

5823 Councillor Price informed that new street lights were going to be installed on Princess Diana Way.

5824 Councillor Linda Coates would send a card to Bill Hollis on behalf of the Parish Council.

REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

5825 No report from the District Councillor was received.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

5826 There are no issues raised by members of the public.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS

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

5827 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 20:16 hours

Chairperson.....

Date.....