

At a meeting of the New Frankley in  
Birmingham Parish Council held at the  
Raeside Centre, Ormond Road, Frankley,  
on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021, at 1930 hours

Present: Councillor Ian Bruckshaw (Chairperson)

Councillors Sue Baker, Linda Coates, Sam Goodwin,  
Sidney Grey MBE, Bruce Pitt, Ray Price and Joanna  
Walker.

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

Members of  
the Public 1

## MINUTES

### ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

It was proposed by Councillor Pitt seconded by Councillor Linda Coates, that Councillor Bruckshaw be elected Chairperson of the Council for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2022.

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

5848 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2020, Councillor Bruckshaw be elected Chairperson of the Council.

### DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

5849 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 Grey, seconded by Councillor Bruckshaw, that Councillor Linda Coates be elected Vice-Chairperson of the Council.

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

5850 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2022, Councillor Linda Coates be elected Vice-Chairperson of the Council.

**APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

5851 An apology was received from Councillor Tammy Clayton (illness). The apology was accepted. A late apology was sent from Andrew Cartwright (1950 hours).

**APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

**(i) City Council's Standards Committee**

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was –

5852 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2022, Councillor Bruckshaw be nominated to serve as the Parish Council's representative on the City Council's Standards Committee.

**(ii) Longbridge Consultative Group**

5853 The Longbridge Consultative Group no longer exists.

**(iii) Longbridge Transportation Visioning Workshops**

5854 The Longbridge Transportation Visioning Workshops no longer exists.

**(iv) Balaam's Wood Management Committee**

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was –

5855 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2022, 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 –

5856 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in

May 2022, 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 –

- 5857 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2022, Councillor Linda Coates be nominated to attend meetings of the Frankley Carnival Committee as a representative of the Parish Council.

**(vii) Community Governance Cross Party Working Group**

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was –

- 5858 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2022, Councillor Bruce 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 2021/2022**

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

- 5859 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 –

**2021**

21<sup>st</sup> June; 19<sup>th</sup> July; 16<sup>th</sup> August; 20<sup>th</sup> September;  
18<sup>th</sup> October; 15<sup>th</sup> November; 20<sup>th</sup> December.

**2022**

17<sup>th</sup> January; 21<sup>st</sup> February; 21<sup>st</sup> March; 18<sup>th</sup> April  
with the Annual Meeting of the Council and the Annual Parish  
Assembly on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

**PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMMITTEE  
FOR THE 2021/2022 MUNICIPLE YEAR**

Following receipt of nominations, it was proposed by Councillor Linda Coates, seconded by Councillor Grey, and, with none dissenting, was -

- 5860 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2022, Councillors Tammy Clayton, Goodwin, Joanna Walker, Linda Coates and Bruckshaw 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 2021/2022 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Following receipt of nominations, it was proposed by Councillor Linda Coates, seconded by Councillor Grey, and, with none dissenting, was-

- 5861 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2022, Councillors Linda Coates, Pitt and Joanna Walker be appointed to serve on the Staffing Committee and that Councillor Pitt 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 2021/2022 MUNICIPLE YEAR**

Following receipt of nominations, it was proposed by Councillor Linda Coates, seconded by Councillor Goodwin, and, with none dissenting, was-

- 5862 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2022, Councillors Grey, Goodwin and be appointed to serve on the Appeals Committee and that Councillor Sue Baker be appointed as a new member and that Councillor Bruckshaw 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 FOR THE 2021/2022 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Following receipt of nominations, it was –

- 5863 **RESOLVED:** That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2022, Councillors Tammy Clayton, Grey, Linda Coates, Joanna Walker and Bruckshaw 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.

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

- 5864 No Declarations of Interest were made at this point in the meeting.

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

- 5865 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 Grey, seconded by Councillor Goodwin, and was, with none dissenting, was -

- 5866 **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 2021.

### **HEREON, THE CHAIRPERSON, COUNCILLOR BRUCKSHAW RESUMED THE CHAIR**

### **COUNCILLOR BRUCKSHAW IN THE CHAIR**

### **MINUTES**

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

- 5867 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 5868 The Chairperson announced, with pleasure, that a local resident had expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Parish Council. An interview was to be arranged and he would let him know.

### **QUESTIONS**

#### **Volunteers for the Truck**

- 5869 The Chairperson declared that a new volunteer had started on Friday. There were some possible other volunteer drivers that the Chairperson would liaise with, as a former volunteer is still poorly with back problems and not in communication.

### **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted –

(Interleaved Document No.1)

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

- 5870 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the schedule now submitted, be approved.

### **INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT**

(Interleaved Document No. 2)

- 5971 The following report of the Internal Auditor was noted. The Responsible Financial Officer was thanked for the excellent work he has done with the accounts.

### **WALC ANNUAL RENEWAL SUBSCRIPTION**

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

- 5872 RESOLVED: That the annual subscription to WALC and NALC, costing £1083.80, be approved.

### **ANNUAL INSURANCE COST**

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

- 5873 RESOLVED: That the council insurance with Cane & Company, at a cost of £1161.75 for 2021/2022, be approved.

### **ADOPTION OF GENERAL POWER OF COMPETANCE**

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

- 5874 RESOLVED: That, the Parish Council meet the criteria for eligibility to exercise the General Power of Competence as defined in the Localism Act 2011 s1(1), namely that a) the council has a CILCA qualified clerk and b) that the number of elected councillors at the last ordinary election exceeded two thirds of its total number of councillors.

### **DOGGIE POOP SCOOP BAGS**

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

- 5875 RESOLVED: That, the Council purchase of 50,000 standard degradable vest style poop scoop bags estimated at a cost of £601.80 be approved in accordance with its powers under the General Power of Competence as defined in the Localism Act 2011 s1(1).

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 5876 There were no planning applications for consideration.

### **DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 5877 There were no decisions on planning applications to report.

### **TRANSPORT ISSUES**

- 5878 Bus timetables were brought to the attention due to the fact that the bus companies have stopped printing them in a leaflet format and expected customers to print their own, which was proving to be a challenge as some were big documents approximately 15 pages long and included every street. The Clerk has

emailed them to express concerns about not being printer friendly at the exclusion of majority of their customers.

#### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

##### **5879 River Rea**

There was no further news on what had caused the problem stemming from the River Rea despite follow up emails to both Severn Trent and the Environmental Agency.

##### **5880 Bikes**

Last Tuesday night Police had taken a stolen car, burnt out and bikes away on Queen Elizabeth Road. Anyone who saw bikes could report it to the Police.

##### **5881 CCTV Update**

There had been a meeting with BCC which should result in new CCTV being signed off and fitted in the next couple of weeks at the Arden Road shops.

##### **5882 Replacing Street Lighting**

The replacement of lampposts had begun at Great Park but they had not finished off the ones in Frankley before moving on. Also, there was concern about leaving barriers behind after completion of works at what must be a great cost to the City.

##### **5883 REPORT OF THE DISTRICT WARD COUNCILLOR**

There was no report from the District Ward Councillor.

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

5884 The three main issues were raised:

- 1) Lighting – Bartley Green has had lighting relaced twice since the lights were done around here, all LED ones.
- 2) Trees – whole estate was suffering and needed sorting, some trees were leaning over threatening to fall on property or roads.
- 3) Flooding – the drainage system on the whole estate needed cleaning out otherwise it would cause major problems in the next 5 years. For example, in Jubilee



Road, where there was an underground stream, the drains had not been looked at in 40 years.

For the threat of flooding to people's homes the Chairperson suggested getting in contact with the Parish Council who have provided lightweight Aquasacks, for prevention of flooding far superior to traditional sandbags.

**AUTHORITY TO CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS**

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

- 5885 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 20.20 HOURS**

Chairperson.....

Date.....