

## **NEW FRANKLEY IN BIRMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the parish council meeting of the New Frankley in Parish Council which will be held at the Reaside Centre, Ormond Road, Frankley, on **Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021**, at 1930 hours.

**S. Whittaker**

Clerk

14<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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### **AGENDA**

- 1 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE (IF ANY)**
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (EXISTENCE AND NATURE) WITH REGARD TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Members are reminded that the Council's Code of Conduct requires that any Member, having a Pecuniary or a Non-pecuniary interest in any of the business to be transacted, must declare all such interests either at the start of the meeting or immediately before the item is discussed.

If a Member declares a non-pecuniary interest then that Member may remain in the meeting, take part in the discussion and vote on the matter.

If a Member declares a pecuniary interest, then he/she must not take part in any discussion of the matter at the meeting and must NOT vote on the matter. Members need not withdraw from the meeting but any participation by the Member at the meeting in respect of the matter in which they have a pecuniary interest is a criminal offence for which the Member may be prosecuted as well as referred to the City Council's Standards Committee.

- 3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

*[No decision on the matter before the Council shall be made at this point in the meeting]*

Where a Member has a pecuniary interest in the business of the Council that Member must declare that interest but may speak at the meeting for the purpose of making representations, answering questions, or giving evidence relating to the business providing the public are also permitted to attend the meeting for the same purpose. Any representations relating to the business contained on the agenda in which a member has a pecuniary interest or members of the public wish to speak on, should be made at this point of the meeting.

**ATTACHED 4 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

To approve and authorise the signing of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

**ATTACHED 5 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

To note the Minutes of the Finance & Management Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

**6 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive the Chairperson's announcements and any such communications as the Chairperson may wish to place before the Council.

**7 QUESTIONS**

In accordance with Standing Order 9, Members of the Council may ask Chairperson any question concerning the business of the Council.

**ATTACHED 8 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

To approve the payments as set out on the attached schedule.

**9 CHANGE OF ELECTRICITY PROVIDER**

The Current 3-year contract for providing electricity to the Council runs out at the of October 2021.

“The Energy Check”, an organisation which offers discounted prices through bulk contracts has been in touch with the Council and initially has offered a 3 year contract for electricity through EDF with a daily standing charge of 23.25p and a rate of 17.73p per unit of electricity. This compares with the current charge of 14.4260p per unit and a quarterly charge of 36.63p per quarter from SSESWALEC. Using the usage figures from the last quarter’s usage, the figure are as follows –

SSESWALEC cost per quarter -£75.09

EDF cost per quarter - £67.94

Given the above figures, it is recommended that the Council enter into a three-year contact with EDF for the supply of electricity at a cost of 17.73p per unit and a standing charge of 23.25p.

## **ATTACHED 10 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Please note the accompanying paperwork to the grant applications below are available to view upon request.

### **A) Newsletters & Future Community Projects**

An application for funding of £6,020 for the cost of: (i) publishing and distributing 4 newsletters (ii) any future community-based projects clearing pathways from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

### **B) Community Transport (Truck)**

An application for funding of £9000 for the cost of the third instalment of a target of £27,000 for a replacement of the truck. The truck is used for collecting and removing fly tipping and taking to Lifford Lane Refuse Centre.

### **C) Community Projects**

An application for funding of £2,800 for the cost of various community projects, the breakdown of which: (i) tree surgeon to

cut up branches collected from the Parish area, the mulch is then free to residents to collect if they wish to collect it. (ii) clothing (iii) insurance (iv) bags – emptying of litter bins provided by H.L.B. funding.

#### **D) Truck Running Funding**

An application for funding of £5644 for the cost of running the truck from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

*The grants, if approved, will be paid under the Powers of General Competence as defined in the Localism Act 2011 s1(1).*

#### **11 FRONT OFFICE COVER**

The Front Office requires cover since Councillor Carter's departure. From September there will be one less paid member of staff. The Front Office will need cover Monday to Thursday. Councillors are to discuss arrangements for committing to one morning a week on an ongoing basis. Thanks to Councillor Sue Baker who does an excellent job covering Fridays.

#### **12 POET FOR FRANKLEY**

A local poet 'Poet monkey' has enquired about becoming the official poet for Frankley. The Council's instructions are requested.

#### **Attached 13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

To consider the following planning application:

##### **7 Prince Charles Close, Birmingham, B45 0NB**

Application Number 2021/04756/PA

Site 7 Prince Charles Close, Birmingham, B45 0NB

Proposal Erection of 6 metre deep single storey rear extension. Maximum height 3.5 metres, eaves height 3 metres.

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

There were no decisions made on planning applications.

**15 TRANSPORT ISSUES**

Transport issues to receive a verbal report.

**16 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Members may raise items not on the agenda under this heading as long as they involve no more than an exchange of information.

**17 REPORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

The Councillors for the Longbridge Ward are invited to report of any matter pertaining to the activities of the Parish Council which are included in the foregoing agenda.

(Note: No decisions can be made on matters raised under this item. If necessary, a report can be requested for a future Council meeting.)

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

To allow members of the public to raise matters of local concern.

(Note: No decisions can be made on matters raised under this item. If necessary, a report can be requested for a future Council meeting.)

**19 AUTHORITY TO CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS**

Chairperson to move: -

“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.”

**20 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

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 –  
**Interview Candidates for Co-option to the Council**

To consider the recommendations of Councillors Bruckshaw, Goodwin and Linda Coates, regarding the co-option of Ms Alara Cowie. Subject to the approval of the council it is recommended the following procedure be adopted;

- Chairman to invite candidates an opportunity to speak if they are in attendance and to allow members the chance to ask questions of the candidates.
- Following the interview the council to reach a decision regarding the co-option by vote. It is recommended the candidate leaves the room for this.
- Once a decision is reached candidate invited back into the meeting and informed of the council's decision.

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