

At a meeting of the New Frankley
in Birmingham Parish Council held
at the Raeside Centre on Monday,
21st June 2021, at 1930 hours

Present: Ian Bruckshaw (Chairperson)

Councillors Joanna Walker, Sidney Grey MBE, Eric Carter BEM, Sam
Goodwin, Linda Coates, Tammy Clayton, Sue Baker, Ray
Price 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

5890 There were no apologies for absences.

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

5891 There were no declarations of interest with regards to items on the agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

5892 No items were raised by the Members of the Public with respect to items on the agenda at this point of the meeting.

MINUTES

Councillor Tammy Clayton pointed out that she had sent her apologies for absence. Subject to the amendment referred to above, it was proposed by Councillor Linda Coates, seconded by Councillor Tammy Clayton, and, with none dissenting, was-

- 5893 **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th May 2021, as amended, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

(Interleaved Document No.1)

- 5894 The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th May 2021 were noted.

CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 5895 With regards to monthly accounts the Chairperson proposed to change it providing a copy every month once he was finished doing April – June accounts at the end of June from thereon the accounts would be presented on a monthly basis not an annual basis.

QUESTIONS

- 5896 There were no questions to asked at this point of the meeting.

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The following Schedule of Payments were submitted –

(Interleaved Document No. 2 & 3)

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

- 5897 **RESOLVED:** That the payments as set out in the schedules now submitted, be approved.

CHANGE OF ELECTRICITY PROVIDER

The current 3-year contract for providing electricity runs out at the end of October 2021. "The Energy Check", an organisation which offered discounted prices through bulk contracts had been in touch with the Council and initially 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 compared with the current charge of 14.4260p per unity and a quarterly charge of 36.63p per quarter from SSESWALEC.

Using the usage figures from the last quarter's usage, the figures were as follows-

SSESWALEC cost per quarter - £75.00

EDF cost per quarter - £64.94

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

- 5898 **RESOLVED:** That given the above figure, the Council would enter into a 3 year contract with EDF for the supply of electricity at a cost of 17.73p per unit and a standing charge of 23.25p.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

It was noted the accompanying paperwork to the grant applications below were available to view upon request.

(Interleaved Documents No. 4)

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 1st April to 31st March 2022.

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

- 5899 **RESOLVED:** That the funding of £6020, for newsletters and future community based projects, be approved.

(Interleaved Documents No. 5)

B) COMMUNITY TRANSPORT (TRUCK)

An application for funding of £9,000 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 the Lifford Lane Refuse Centre.

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

- 5900 **RESOLVED:** That the 3rd instalment of a target of £27,000 for a replacement of the truck, be approved.

(Interleaved Documents No. 6)

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 the 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.

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

- 5901 **RESOLVED:** That the application for funding of various community projects at the cost of £2,800, be approved.

(Interleaved Documents No.7)

D) TRUCK RUNNING FUNDING

An application for funding of £5,644 for the cost of running the truck from 1st April to 31st March 2022.

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

- 5902 **RESOLVED:** That the application for funding of the truck from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 at the cost of £5,644 be approved.

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

FRONT OFFICE COVER

- 5903 The Front Office required cover since Councillor Carter's departure. From September there would be one less paid member of staff. The Front Office would need cover Monday to Thursday. Councillors discussed arrangements for committing to one morning a week on an ongoing basis. Members agreed to email the Chairman about which days they could do tomorrow.

Thanks went to Councillor Sue Baker who does an excellent job covering Fridays.

POET FOF FRANKLEY

- 5904 It was agreed to give a local poet 'Poet monkey' the official title of Poet for Frankley as long as his poems were non-political.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(Interleaved Document No. 8)

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 story rear extension. Maximum height 3.5 metre, eaves height 3 metres.

- 5905 The above planning application would be checked out by Councillor Goodwin and who would report back if there was an issue with the dimensions.

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 5906 There were no decision made on planning applications.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- 5907 Councillor Sue Baker stated that the overgrown flowerbeds outside the front of the library needed attention and would be willing to spend a few hours clearing it if anyone could assist her. The Chairman would speak to community group involved to find out more on this tomorrow and report back. He raised the point about the boards by the dentist needed cleaning as they were never treated. The RFO to provide the details of the man who did the boards to see what he suggests remedying them.

Regarding the CCTV the Clerk informed that Keith Bray, at Birmingham Control Centre, had confirmed it would be another week until the paperwork would be signed off due to his workload with the Commonwealth Games then he would instruct ATEC security.

REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

5908 There was no report from the District Councillor.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

5909 There are no issues raised by members of the public.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS

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

5910 **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.

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 Candidate for Co-option to the Council

Following the recommendations of Councillors Bruckshaw, Goodwin and Linda Coates regarding the co-option of Ms Alara Cowie, members were given the chance to ask questions. Alara introduced herself and gave a brief overview of her skills with a background in hospitality and event management, she had lived in Frankley for 3 years.

It was proposed by Councillor Tammy Clayton, seconded by Councillor Sue Baker, and, with none dissenting, -

5911 **RESOLVED:** That Alara Cowie was informed of the Council decision to become a new Councillor.

Meeting Ended at 20:00 hours

Chairperson.....

Date.....