



At a meeting of the New Frankley  
in Birmingham Parish Council held  
at the Parish Office, 12 Arden Road  
on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023, at 19:30

Present: Councillor Linda Coates (Chairperson)

Councillors Ray Price, Joanna Walker, Tammy Clayton, Mike Murphy,  
Marion Kenyon, Ian Bruckshaw and Sam Goodwin.

Also present: Rachael Anstey (Clerk), Margarita Fackrell (Responsible  
Financial Officer).

Members of  
the Public: None

## MINUTES

### APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

6323 Apologies for absences were received, on behalf of Councillor Alarra Cowie (maternity leave), Kate Strachan and Sue Baker (personal circumstances). The apologies were accepted. A resignation had been received on behalf of Bruce Pitt.

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

6324 There were no declarations of interest with regard to items on the agenda.

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

6325 No items were raised by the Member of the Public with respect to items on the agenda at this point of the meeting.

### TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

6326 **RESOLVED:** That, the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

#### **CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

6327 On the issue of fly tipping, Councillor Bruckshaw requested councillors to check their areas, his area would be checked by Councillor Price and himself. The Chairperson mentioned that Councillor Kate Strachan had also been checking whilst litter picking as well as the Stuart, the street sweeper.

6328 There have been instances of collections that have been booked via the office, which upon collection day had turned out to be a load more. There was a request for the Clerk to reiterate to the administrative team that it was a service for approximately 6 bulky items. They would not take concrete, slabs, soil, household waste, paint, cookers. The suggestion was to stick to the items booked on the sheet and to leave whatever was not booked behind. If any tension arose because of this the volunteers would have to inform them to phone the office to rebook items in.

6329 Sid Grey agreed to take on the next newsletter and a request was made of getting articles over to him in February, ready for printing in March. An example was information about Shencare Community Transport's new initiative, Let's Chat to help tackle loneliness.

6330 Following the news of the sudden passing of Frankley's poet, Ronnie over the Christmas period, there were no details available about the funeral as yet.

6331 The Chair had managed to get a meeting with the local MP, Gary Sambrook, on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 10am, when there was the social café at the Hub, to discuss the new school development plans.

6332 Shencare had approached the Parish Council about subsidising the cost of the transport to the Northfield Stroke Club at the Reaside Centre, because although it had been previously agreed it had now expired. The request was to fund, at a cost of £45 per week, commencing 1<sup>st</sup> week in January for a 6-month period and then to be reviewed. The Chairperson would pop over to the Stroke Club and find out further information to bring to the Finance & Management Committee.

6333 There was a Warm Spaces initiative at the Library, and the Children's Centre, and the Chairperson asked if anyone was interested to along to the Library on Wednesdays between 10:30am and 12:30pm, to help inform about the Parish

Council. Also, Weoley Castle Community Centre had been identified as a warm space only a bus ride away, which was open Monday to Friday, 11am until 1pm.

## QUESTIONS

- 6334 A question was raised about the boards opposite the school being repainted due to two organisations that had gone: Grace's Church and the military school. One suggestion was to paint them black and make them into a memorial board and getting the community involved in repainting them, particularly to mark people who had had been lost to Covid or suicide.
- 6335 There was a query about the chemist closing, the Chair informed it wasn't, it would be changing hands and going to be called Frankley Pharmacy, selling mainly medicine.
- 6336 There was a query about the old Post Office space as it was vacant but not advertised.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

(Interleaved Document No. 1-4)

- 6337 There were three bank statements that had been circulated and read. The RFO pointed out that the main bank had been split and the interest received was £141.91.

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

- 6338 **RESOLVED:** that, the payment schedule be approved.

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

- 6339 **RESOLVED:** that, the attached bank reconciliation be approved.

For those querying the future precept for 2023/24, Roger Griffiths, the previous RFO, had provided clarification on the attached Council Tax Calculations for Property Bands. The green was the example of band D.

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

- 6340 **RESOLVED:** to submit the precept figure of £59,755, which was the projected expenditure minus Localising Council Tax Support Grant, to the local authority.

### **DOGGIE POOP SCOOP BAGS**

Gaz Bags had 26,000 dog waste bags left, priced at £10 per £1000, which could be delivered free of charge. As well as 1000 black bags at £99.75+VAT (no price change) and 1000 clear bags for £359.21+VAT (slight price increase).

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

- 6341 **RESOLVED:** to purchase 26,000 dog waste bags, 1000 black bags and 1000 clear bags, at a total cost of £810.75, under the provision of Section 137 and 139 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S ALLOWANCE**

Upon the resignation of Councillor Bruckshaw and the appointment of Councillor Linda Coates as the Chairperson, it proposed by Councillor Joanna Walker, seconded by Councillor Tammy Clayton, with none dissenting, was-

- 6342 **RESOLVED:** that, the remainder of the budgeted Chair's allowance of £320, for the 4 months, be approved and paid to the Chairperson.

### **TO CONSIDER A PAID RECEPTIONIST**

- 6343 To defer the decision about employing a paid receptionist until the next meeting so it could be discussed. It was recognised that the volunteer would have to apply in the usual way as the position would have to be advertised.

### **PROGRESS REPORTS**

(Interleaved Document No. 5)

- 6344 The attached document set out any outstanding minutes was circulated.
- 6345 Newstarts had bought a second-hand van, with combined double and single axle, for around £19,000+VAT. The other option was to look at leasing one as there was not enough money to buy a brand new one. It would be a matter for the Finance & Management Committee to decide on with the new budget in April.
- 6346 The new members of the F&M Committee were Councillors Bruckshaw and Goodwin to replace Bruce Pitt, following his resignation, and Councillor Tammy

Clayton, who worked full-time so couldn't make the daytime meetings. The next one was scheduled for Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 1pm.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

6347 There were no new planning applications to consider.

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

6348 The new decision made on the following planning application was noted:

Application number	2022/05617/PA
Application type	Discharge of condition
Site address	Land to the north of Conolly Drive, Rubery, B45 9WE
Proposal	Application to determine the details for condition number 5 (drainage plans for the disposal of foul and surface water flows), attached to approval 2021/05061/PA.
Decision	Approved 28-12-2022

### **TRANSPORT ISSUES**

6349 The latest bus update was that National Express West Midlands reported of 7% shortage of drivers meant 9% of scheduled mileage was not running causing the cancellations and delays. Further, NEWM warned it could cut 25% of its mileage as it was now not profitable.

There would be blue buses alongside red buses until they're changed because National Express were putting them into Birmingham due to Andy Street funding electric buses in Coventry.

There was news of an imminent bus strike.

### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

6350 There were none to report.

### **REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

6351 There was no report from the District Councillor.

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

6352 There were no members of the public present.

### **AUTHORITY TO CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS**

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

6353 RESOLVED: That the Chairperson (or in her 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 20.15 HOURS**

Chairperson.....

Date.....