



NEW FRANKLEY IN BIRMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the New Frankley in Birmingham Parish Council, at 12 Arden Road in Frankley, on **Monday 18th March 2024**, at 7pm.

R. Anstey

14th February 2024

AGENDA

1 Chairperson's welcome and announcements.

The Monitoring Officer had been informed of a councillor resignation, on behalf of Tammy Clayton due to lack of time with her current commitments of university studies.

2 Apologies: To receive any apologies for absence from members.

3 Declarations of interest: To receive any declarations of interest.

Attached 4 Minutes: To accept and sign minutes of the last parish council meeting held on 19 February 2024.

Attached 5 Minutes of the Finance and Committee: To note the meeting was held on 6th March 2024.

Attached 6 Finance:

i) To note bank statements.

ii) To approve the payments in the schedule.

iii) To approve the expenditure for more bags totalling £842.50 consisting of:

50,000 doggie scoop vest bags at £11.75 per 1000 from Gaz Bags, included vat and free delivery = £587.50

+ 10,000 black bags at £12.75 per 1000 from Gaz Bags = £255

iv) To approve the cost of the electrical installation work on the storage container in the rear year, quoted by David Cresswell at £210 including labour and parts.

- v) To approve the cost of a replacement printer copier from current provider, a remanufactured Sharp model, over 3 years at £45 per month which had A3 printing capability was cheaper than currently paying.
- vi) To approve the truck's tailgate inspection fee at £65 plus mileage amounting to £202.20 and subsequent tailgate works totalling £745.56 no charge for mileage.
- vii) To approve the internal auditor's fees off the WALC's fee structure for 2024, at £390 and a date requested for April.
- viii) To approve the cost of the printing and delivery of the next newsletter at £590.
- ix) Following the training session with Gill Lungley, to consider the Clerk becoming a qualified CiLCA officer and approving the funding to benefit from gained Powers of Competence.
- x) To consider the cost of a flag for the D Day 80th Anniversary at a cost of £37 inc VAT for the mound or office window on 6th June 2024.

7 Administration:

i) To receive parishioners' correspondence:

- a complaint about the state of the Arden Road shops which was the responsibility of Birmingham City Council.

- a complaint about the state of a burial ground not in the Parish.

ii) Local MP Gary Sambrook had shared a response to the petition for compensation for loss of Public Open Space at Boleyn Road which the council intended to develop into housing, which has been published on the noticeboards. A request was made to Gary about how to go about formally requesting the CIL money for the parish, no response received to date. To consider the next steps in appealing the decision not to award CIL to the parish.

iii) Residents distressed by antisocial behaviour of vandalism to a gate and bus stop on Mowbray Close. Balaam's Wood Academy had been notified as well as the Community Police.

iv) Internal controls – to note visual checks were carried out on the truck, noticeboards, defibrillator, back ups completed on the one drive. Risk assessments signed off by the F&M Committee at their meeting dated 20th March 2024.

INTERNAL BODIES

Attached **8 Staffing Committee:**

There were two applicants for current councillor vacancy. To arrange an interview panel and arrange a convenient date for the interviews.

To inform of the date of the review of Grievance and Disciplinary Procedures, by the Staffing Committee, as recommended by the internal auditor last year.

9 Appeal Committee: There was no meeting.

10 Planning, Environmental, Highways and Transport Committee: to receive an update.

11 Street Champions:

i) The previous Chairperson had received an invoice sent to his home address from Bibby Commercials, the contact details were out of date and the administration assistant would update them. A date was pending for works to be conducted, the electrics were confirmed as fine.

ii) Insurance runs out on 8th April and is in the process of obtaining quotes.

iii) To consider approaching the Job Centre for volunteers for the Street Champions and Resilience team, and a driver for the truck.

Failing the above, to consider employing a volunteer driver.

A description of the roles would be the requirement to take forward by administration.

12 Flood & Resilience:

To consider funding a mini digger to remove soil washed into areas causing a build-up:

- clear the top of the Princess Diana pathway,
- create a deeper channel at the rear of the Lickey Banker public house to prevent flooding further down.

13 Matters Arising:

Articles for the next newsletter are requested to be emailed to Sid Grey in an editable format by the end of April.

To consider submitting an article about the work that the parish council is doing with the precept which wasn't raised this year as a direct response to the impact that the cost of living alongside a request for community views to shape our longer-term strategic plan.

Attached 14 Planning:

a) There were no new planning applications.

b) To note the following planning decisions:

Planning ref: [2023/07669/PA](#)
Site address: 63 Oberon Close, B45 0EG
Description: Installation of passenger lift with steps to rear garden
Decision: Approved subject to conditions

Planning ref: [2023/07906/PA](#)
Site address: 56 Charnwood Close, B45 0JZ
Description: Erection of single storey garage to side
Decision: Approved subject to conditions

15 District Councillor's report: To receive a report.

16 Public Participation Session: To receive information only.

17 Any Other Business:

A new youth club was starting up at the Hub, no. 4 Arden Road.

Birmingham's Erratic Boulder' project had published a Fire to Ice Boulder trail guides available to pick up from the parish office.

Download activities and learn more at <https://erraticproject.org/>

Trail 5 covered Frankley: [Trail-5-A4-WebPrint.pdf](#)

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