



At a meeting of New Frankley  
in Birmingham Parish Council, at  
the parish office, 12 Arden Road,  
on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025, at 19:00pm.

Cllrs present: Jo Walker (in the Chair)  
Linda Coates,  
Alarra Cowie,  
Kate Strachan,  
Mick Murphy,  
Sue Bradley,  
Marion Kenyon.

Also, present: Rachael Anstey (Clerk),  
Margarita Fackrell (RFO)

Members of  
the Public: 3

Cllrs absent: Sue Baker,  
Phil Johnston,  
Tom Day.

## MINUTES

### Absences

- 7010 The apologies, and reasons, for absences received on behalf of Councillors Baker, Day, Johnston were accepted.

### Declarations of Interests

- 7011 There were no declarations of interest received relating to items on the agenda.

### Minutes

- 7012 It was **RESOLVED**: That, the minutes of the last parish council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024, be approved.
- 7013 The minutes of the September parish council meeting would be deferred until next month's meeting, once a draft of the proposed amended copy had been circulated

for consideration. Similarly, with the minutes of last meeting of Finance and Management Committee which required a correction to be made and then reissued.

### **Chair's Announcements**

- 7014 A bill of £3000 had been received from the printing supplier, yet disputed over the belief it was not all our usage, the counter was not doing its job, the company had been contacted about this and was in hand. In the meantime, it was proposed to record number of printing and photocopies currently being produced in the office to determine the actual usage. It required anyone using the machine to log the date and figure in the table produced located on the machine.
- 7015 A lot of queries had arisen as chair so a ticket had been raised with WALC to set up a meeting to help determine and provide clarification on staff and councillor roles and responsibilities to prevent an overlap.

### **Finance Reports**

(Interleaved Document No. 1-4)

- 7016 The RFO read aloud the financial reports. It was noted that the bank reconciliation aligned with the bank statements down to every penny. Budgeted expenses for 2024-25 had fallen within the budgeted rate. It was –

**RESOLVED:** That, the bank reconciliation, payment schedule, detailed budget summary for 20204-25, and a final budget for 2025-26 be approved. Further that, the precept letter for 2025-26, requested a total of £48656, be submitted to the Financial Strategy department by the RFO.

### **Planning**

(Interleaved Document No. 5-6)

The following planning consultation was considered:

95 Lysander Road, Birmingham, B45

Application Number: 2024/06370/PA

Proposal: Change of use from dwelling house to children's care home (use class C2 for up to 3 children)

- 7017 It was **RESOLVED:** That, a comment of no objection would be submitted by the deadline 5 February 2025.

Minerva Centre, Thornthwaite Close, Birmingham, B45 0DS

- 7018 A planning consultation needed further clarification before a comment be made:

Application Number: 2025/00134/PA

Proposal: Application for a prior notification for the proposed demolition of an existing building.

The housing officer would be approached about the reason for the demolition before any comment could be made prior to the deadline of 23 January 2025.

7019 The following planning decisions were noted:

5 Tresco Close, Rubery, B45 0HY

**Final Decision: seen & noted by authority**

Application number: 2023/07852/PA

Development: Telecoms Licence Advisory for installation of fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus.

10 Cranbourne, B45 0DN

**Final Decision: Approved subject to conditions**

Application number: 2024/07381/PA

Proposal: Installation of a lift to front.

76 Radnor Close, B45 0JN

**Final Decision: Approved subject to conditions**

Application number: 2024/07371/PA

Proposal: Installation of a ramp access to front.

PARISH COMMITTEES:

7020 There were no reports from parish council committees, although community engagement had taken place as part of Jolly January NCP initiative by Cllr Cowie who went door knocking to gain feedback from residents. In summary, there had been positivity about local events and activities, however getting to them was problematic for some. Car sharing was a possible option but looking at other options could be focused on.

EXTERNAL GROUPS (grant recipients):

**Balaam's Wood**

7021 The annual Wassail was held on Saturday 18 January 2025. A suggestion was put forward about providing an explanation to residents of what the event entailed on the poster, the organiser would be notified for next year to boost numbers. A proposed tree trail, which may also look to incorporating local historical features was mooted. The work of identifying species would be undertaken by a university student on a 10 week secondment, which could benefit from a tree survey if the Ranger was willing to identify species.

## **Report of the District Councillor**

7022 There was no District Councillor report.

## **Items for Information Only**

- 7023 Cllr Kenyan had read the white paper on devolution of power from surrounding district and county councils amalgamating them all into one big local authority proposed as the West Midlands Combined Authority and to be aware it was being fast tracked through. The knock on effect to parish councils was the expectation to step up and take on more of the service provision or be faced with being disbanded.
- 7024 A query about whether we could have the two councillor vacancies could feature in the newsletter.
- 7025 With fly tipping a real problem, and questions raised what the parish council was doing about it, a community event had been proposed, involving councillors and residents cleaning up outside their home. The idea was to hold it in line with the national Big British Spring Clean campaign between 21 March – 6 April 2025 and put an article in the newsletter asking people to help do their bit.

## **Public Participation Session**

- 7026 It was explained to the two members of the public present that they could speak only on matters relating to the parish, after they had queried the term 'precept', to gain an understanding of where the parish council funding came from. They left their leaflets to be passed on for information only afterwards.
- 7027 Another member of the public queried if the Street Champions truck was still running a service, a few single parents had been unable to get rid of bulky items to the tip. It would go out this week to clear the back log.

## **Authority to Chairperson and the Proper Officer**

- 7028 Cllr Jo Walker proposed a move to the Chair (or in her absence, the Vice Chairperson) authorised to act until the next meeting of the parish council, except in respect of the Council's functions, in which case the Proper Officer was hereby authorised to act in pursuant of the powers delegated to her in consultation with the Chair. Further, that a report of any actions taken under this authority would be submitted to the next meeting of the parish council and that such a report should explain why this authority was used.

Meeting closed at 20:18pm.

Chairperson.....

Date.....