

At a meeting of New Frankley
in Birmingham Parish Council,
on 28 April 2025, at
12 Arden Road, Rubery, at 7pm.

Present: Jo Walker (in the Chair)
Linda Coates
Sue Bradley
Sue Baker
Kate Strachan
Lee Osbourne

In attendance: Margarita Fackrell (RFO)

Members of the Public: 0

Absent: Marion Kenyon
Mick Murphy
Alarra Cowie
Phil Johnston

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

7062 Apologies were received on behalf of Rachael Anstey, Cllr Johnston and Cllr Cowie. The reasons for the absences, which were all due to personal circumstances were accepted.

7063 ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY A NEW MEMBER

Following an interview recommendation by the Staffing Committee, to the Council, of Mr Osbourne's suitability in becoming a new member. It was **RESOLVED:** that this was accepted. Mr Osbourne will be issued with a Declaration of Acceptance to read and sign, and this will be signed at the next Parish Council meeting as relevant paperwork wasn't available at tonight's meeting. Mr Lee Osbourne was welcomed as a Parish Councillor.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

7064 No declarations of interest were made in regard to items on the agenda.

It was **NOTED**: that before the next Parish Council meeting we must make sure all Declarations of Interests are up to date for all Parish Councillors.

MINUTES

- 7065 It was **RESOLVED**: That, the minutes from the last Parish Council meeting held on 17th March 2025, could not be approved due to the fact that the Councillors present at tonight's meeting were not present at the meeting held on the 17th March 2024.
- 7066 It was **RESOLVED**: That, the minutes of the 16th September 2024 Parish Council meeting were approved.
- 7067 It was **RESOLVED**: That, the minutes of the November 2024 Parish Council meeting were approved.

CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENT

- 7068 The Chairperson discussed Carers Allowance and proposed a wage increase for the Responsible Finance Officer. It was **RESOLVED**: that the wage increase be approved. Proposed by Cllr Coates, seconded by Cllr Strachan, with all in favour. According to Birmingham City Council all household waste is now being collected, however several residents are reporting that specific roads are not being collected, a log was being kept of the roads having no collections.

A REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

- 7069 There was no report from the District Councillor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- 7070 Bank balances of 31/03/25 were £61,725.09 (Current A/C). £48,527.45 Deposit A/C. The total of expenses were £6,469.62. All bank accounts balanced with all planned expenses paid. The remaining balance of £12,979.34 would be carried over to 2025/26 (6% of the budget). It was **RESOLVED**: That the finance reports were accepted and approved.

INSURANCE

- 7071 Newly appointed Cllr Osbourne reported he had his own Home Improvement business and from his own experience Gallagher Insurance were very expensive. Cllr Osbourne suggested if the Clerk needed help with obtaining future insurance

quotations, he would be open to help receive calls from the insurers, he empathised the fact there was a need to negotiate harder with Gallaghers Insurance.

- 7072 It was **RESOLVED**: The Council approved the payment of £3,921 to Howdens for the annual truck insurance.
- 7073 It was **NOTED**: The questionnaire for the insurance of the Parish Office needs to be reviewed and completed by the Finance & Management Committee.
- 7074 It was **RESOLVED**: that the Finance & Management Committee needs to approve the funding of up to £300 for the entertainer for the Frankley library event in May 2025.

VE DAY

- 7075 It was agreed that our VE Day event to mark 80 years will take place on Thursday 8th May at 10:30am with the raising of a flag and tea & cakes outside the Parish Office.
- It was **RESOLVED**: that £30 be approved, this will come from the Chairs allowance.
- It was **NOTED**: Following the retirement of Rev. Jane Platt and with St Leonards not currently having a newly elected Vicar, a suggestion to contact Marion Kenyon to see if she would like to hold a small service around the mound although it was appreciated this is short notice.

7076 ADMINISTRATION

Outstanding matters: Caseworker from the MP's office had asked to be forwarded any complaints to take up directly with the Fortem Manager regarding new kitchen and bathroom installations. The main gripe being workmanship and the length of time taken in completing jobs.

7077 PLANNING

There were no new planning applications or decisions.

7078 LITTER PICK UPDATE

Cllr Strachan provided an update on the recent group litter picks around Frankley. It was disappointing that there was only one resident who came to clean their own road on the scheduled days. Only a small handful of people turned up to the Saturday event which we had hoped a Saturday event would allow working families to get involved. Despite it being advertised in our newsletter and on the noticeboards. It was suggested better advertisement was needed. Cllr Osbourne

and Cllr Strachan to sit and discuss a more effective way of getting residents involved with future litter picking events.

Meeting Closed 8:10 pm

Chairperson Date