



At a meeting of New Frankley  
in Birmingham Parish Council,  
on 17 March 2025, at  
12 Arden Road, Rubery, at 7pm.

Present: Jo Walker (in the Chair)  
Marion Kenyon  
Alarra Cowie  
Phil Johnston

In attendance: Margarita Fackrell (RFO)

Members of the Public: 4

Absent: Linda Coates  
Sue Bradley  
Sue Baker  
Mick Murphy  
Tom Day  
Kate Strachan

## MINUTES

### MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

- 7047 Apologies for absences were received on behalf of Cllr Coates, Cllr Bradley, Cllr Baker, Cllr Strachan, Cllr Murphy and Cllr Day. The apologies, due to personal circumstances, were accepted.

### DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- 7048 No declarations of interest were made in regard to items on the agenda.

### MINUTES

- 7049 It was **RESOLVED**: That, the minutes from the last Parish Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025, be approved.
- 7050 It was **RESOLVED**: That, the minutes of the parish council meeting dated 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 were not approved. The proposed amendment at item 6946, due to it not being on the agenda and only raised under Clerks' announcements, so

no resolution could be taken, was:

*The Clerk provided details of CiLCA course fees, which had commenced at a time when the Clerk was on annual leave. It raised the question whether the other parish council, that the Clerk worked for, would be prepared to share the cost as they would benefit from it. As well as consideration of WALC's recommendation of granting time off or paying overtime to the Clerk to complete it. A decision was made for the Clerk to report back.*

#### **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

- 7051 The Chair announced that the first group litter pick took place with 8-10 people attending with 380kgs of litter being collected.

#### **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- 7052 There was no report from the District Councillor, who was absent.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Bank balances by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025 were £95,710.12 (current). The total of expenses for February 2025 amount of £4,057.69 and without VAT (£40.50) it is £4,017.19.

Most of expenses are monthly payments for phones, printer fees, gas, electricity and water bills, staff pay, pensions, cleaning materials.

Truck running costs recorded this month are only fuel and tyre repair of amounts respectively £85.01 and £16.

The spring newsletter version was printed in 3500 copies and it cost the Parish Council £390.

New asset office paper shredder purchased in January was added to the asset register to replace the broken one which we had a refund for from Amazon.

Also, the founder of the Parish Council Eric Carters 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday was celebrated in February and Cllr Sue Bradley had purchased a plaque and a card on behalf of the Council at the amount of £86.79

You would notice at the end of the payment list that the amount of £3478.59 was taken out of the bank account and back in on the same day.

This was due to the SHARP company charged us wrongly for the last year contracted printer HP which they agreed for us to donate to New Starts Charity.

After an official complaint was raised and managers involved the amount taken by SHARP was returned into our bank account.

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7053 It was **RESOLVED**: That the finance reports were accepted and approved. Proposed by Cllr Phil Johnston, Seconded by Cllr Alarra Cowie, with all in favour.

7054 It was **RESOLVED**: the financial risk assessment having previously been circulated and approved by the F&M Committee in November 2024 was approved by the Parish Council.

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

7055 Clean UK awarded the Parish Council Office one of their national litter picking hubs status and provided free litter pickers. Groups and individuals were invited to take part in the Big Spring Clean project, with a list of dates and routes displayed on social media and local noticeboards.

7056 The local MP, Laurence Turner, held a surgery last month, those who came to see him were happy with the outcome.

7057 The rotten smell reoccurring in the Parish Office had been reported to Birmingham City Council several times. It was noted that this needs to be re-reported.

7058 It was noted that the Mobile Recycling truck will be visiting 24<sup>th</sup> March at the Doweries, Cockhill Lane with an offer of free wheelbarrow assistance.

7059 The Equality Policy and Data Protection were adopted.

#### **PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND EXTERNAL WORKING GROUPS**

7060 It was noted that we have received no feedback or complaints recently from the members of the public with regards to the bus services in Frankley.

7061 The Staffing Committee approved Mr Osborne as a new Parish Councillor, following his interview last week, with the three members present and in support.

Meeting Closed 19:30pm

Chairperson ..... *Walker* ..... Date *30.4.28* .....