



At the meeting of New Frankley in Birmingham Parish Council, held on 19th January 2026 in the parish office, 12 Arden Road, B45 0JA, at 19:00 hours.

Present: Cllr Walker (in the Chair)

Cllr Cowie,
Cllr Bradley,
Cllr Coates,
Cllr Kenyon,
Cllr Osborne,
Cllr Strachan.
Cllr Sheridan-Hunt.

Also, Officers: R. Anstey (Proper Officer),
M. Fackrell (Responsible Financial Officer)

Members of Public: 3

Absentees: Cllr Baker,
Cllr Johnston.

MINUTES

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCES

7253 Apologies for absences were received on behalf of Councillors Johnston and Baker. The reasons for absences, due to personal circumstances, were accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

7254 No declarations of interest were made.

PUBLIC REPRESENTATION SESSION

7255 An introduction was made on behalf of Frankley Safeguarding, a newly formed group that helped out in the community, with clearing snow, litter picking and supporting the elderly. The initiative was recognised by local schools. The leader of

the current litter picking group welcomed the idea of joining forces. Frankley's new Community Navigator thought it would be useful to meet up as well.

- 7256 The other group representative clarified that they weren't the same group as the Frankley Safeguarding. The group leader reported that she had knocked on a door and called the person to get rid of their rubbish. Members informed her that if she joined as a parish councillor she wouldn't be able to do that for safety reasons.

MINUTES

- 7257 **It was RESOLVED:** That, the minutes of the last two previous parish council meetings, dated 17th November and 15th December 2025, be approved.

CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 7258 Members were reminded that if they wanted to speak they must put their hand up and address the Chair.
- 7259 Jolly January campaign commenced in Frankley on 21st January, with Cllr Cowie and Sheridan-Hunt in attendance. It would be an opportunity to engage with the community on their well-being and concerns.
- 7260 The Chair offered sincere condolences to Councillor Osborne and family on the occasion of the death of his father-in-law. Eric Carter (101 years) was an 'Honorary Freeman of the Parish' and a founder member of the parish council. If members wanted to attend the funeral was scheduled for Thursday 29th January 2026, at 3pm, at the Waseley Hills Crematorium.

The other sad news announced of the sudden death of Tom Day (72 years) last Wednesday at Arden Road shops. Tom had been a parish councillor, and over the years worked as a volunteer delivering agendas, posting notices, clearing dumped rubbish, emptying bins and driving the truck collecting bulky waste to take to the tip. Tom had a prepaid cremation; it was unlikely he would have a funeral service.

A resident had requested a memorial bench funded by the parish council but was told previously that it wasn't feasible to do this for one individual, and not another, amongst other practicalities. Instead there was the provision of memorial boards, around the corner of the supermarket at the end, and the paints were provided by New Starts for etching a name on as act of remembrance. The mound was a designated memorial space to sit quietly and contemplate.

FINANCE

INTERLEAVED DOCUMENTS

- 7261 The bank reconciliation was checked and balanced against the bank statements. The payments were the usual ones and a credit to the deposit account on 31 December 2025 noted.
- 7262 The precept demand letter sent to the City Council on 5th January 2026 for the budget financial year 2026-27, along with next financial year's Council Tax calculation bands, were noted. Council Tax payable per property band, ranged from AB/A to K, with band D regarded as an average at £34.76. The
- 7263 An invoice received for annual gardening services, reflected a slight increase in rates, from £120 to £130, however it had not been increased for 5 years, it was to be expected. Overall, the service was regarded as efficient and good value. It was proposed by Cllr Kenyon, seconded by Cllr Osborne, with none dissenting-
- RESOLVED: That, all the financial reports, comprising of bank reconciliation, payments schedule, explanation report, budget for 2026-27 and the precept demand of £49,051, be approved.**
- 7264 A volunteer requested new steel capped boots again, the last pair were issued in July, no receipt was provided, instead a bank statement showed a purchase to Amazon. Even though he had been advised to purchase sturdy and durable ones from Screw Fix. Next time PPE should be ordered up on volunteer's behalf and issued with the advice to use equipment solely for use of parish council work and should be left in the office.

ADMINISTRATION

Parish Office

- 7265 Fire Policy was pending from New Starts. Smoke alarms were in working order. Fire safety risk assessment could be provided at a cost of £450+VAT from a reputable provider, Brookside Fire Service. Compared with Elevate's came in £100 cheaper. The matter would be reviewed by the Finance & Management Committee at their next meeting.
- Property Services had appointed a new Surveyor to replace the last key contact, who made a visual inspection of the long list of issues that were still outstanding affecting the parish office earlier this afternoon. He would commence his investigations. In the meantime, he requested a copy of the emails that had

previously been sent to his predecessor at Property Services that he hadn't been a privy to.

7266 The Chair informed the City Council's appointed Independent Remuneration Panel, in her opinion, the current Chair's allowance, of £800 per annum, was more than adequate, and had thanked them for their consideration.

7267 Mobile Recycling Centre visits Arden Road, on Monday 26th January 2026 from 7:30am - 12:30pm.

COMMITTEES UPDATE

7268 The representative of the Frankley Carnival and Events Committee reported that the Wassail event, held on Saturday 17 January, was well attended by approximately 35, including Morris dancers.

The next event was a Jumble Sale on 21st February, followed by the annual Easter event and the Summer Carnival was planned to take place on last Saturday in June. Articles for the next newsletter were welcomed by its editor.

PLANNING

INTERLEAVED DOCUMENTS

7269 New planning applications were considered below:

Reference	2025/00079/PA
Site Address	5 Queen Elizabeth Road, B45 0NE
Proposal	Erection of 5m deep single storey rear extension. Maximum height 3.4m, eaves height 2.9m.
Comment:	No comment as it was within parameters.
Application Ref:	2025/07098/PA
Site address:	Recreation ground at Boleyn Road.
Proposal:	Application to determine the conditions for 5, 7, 11, 15, 18, 24, 25 attached to planning approval 2022/03860/PA
Comment:	No comment.
Application Ref:	2025/06832/PA
Site Address:	Recreation ground at Boleyn Road.
Proposal:	Application to vary condition 1 of approved plans vary 27 affordable housing and remove condition 23 (BNG) on application 2022/03860/PA

Comment: Comments before 4 February 2026, there existed a public right of way and frequent risk of flooding.

7270 There were no planning decisions.

ELECTION YEAR

7271 The Elections Office confirmed this year was an election year for the parish council. The elections would be held on 7th May 2026. The parish council had 12 seats, one for each councillor. In the event of 12 applicants or less standing, there would be no election; conversely if there were more than 12, an election would be called.

There was a need to get leaflets out to all houses, as well as via social media.

7272 Currently, the parish council had 10 councillors, with 2 casual vacancies. Interviews were proposed to take place on 28th January 2026 to co-opt the new members.

REPORT OF DISTRICT WARD COUNCILLOR

7273 The District Ward Cllr was not present.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7274 Cllr Kenyon intended to run surgeries for residents in the new year. She would write a strategy plan, which would be put out to residents to comment on what they liked or disliked. There was grant funding available, Pride of Place, to cover project that can build community.

7275 On the Snowman collection to raise money for a charity, in lieu of sending out Christmas cards, this year the total was a lot lower than in previous years, it was topped up to make £40 for Acorns Hospice. They had been contacted last week for a new collection tin but had no reply.

7276 A query was raised about what was happening with the truck, it would return to being run separately as the Street Champions.

7277 A query was raised about whether all the fly tipping was reported to the city council, such as when it's collected by truck's crew. Currently it wasn't the case as it would generate a job that the crew were already dealing with, however the evidence available was records of monthly weigh-ins at Lifford tip reflected the scale of the problem. This data should be shared to keep City Council fully informed of the bigger picture.

The suggestion to set up a What's App business account, to encourage the public to send their photos in of issues and locations in order to establish a file on a certain area, recording all the reoccurring problems there and forwarded to the City Council

so they can ascertain the bigger picture. As the idea had been proposed by Cllr Osborne, he agreed he take the lead on the set up.

7278 A resident's correspondence received today, complained about the amount of fly tipping in the neighbourhood, and has asked what the parish council could do about deterring it.

After a discussion, a suggestion was of putting out an article in the newsletter to serve as a reminder to residents that it was a crime to pay to have someone illegal remove their rubbish, if using an unregistered waste carrier who would not dispose of it responsibly.

Also, 3 people had recently been prosecuted for fly tipping to serve as a warning.

Another suggestion put forward was putting out a leaflet that stated although the parish council don't have the power to prosecute fly tipping offenders, for that was the responsibility of the city council but asking residents to be vigilant, and capture any evidence of the offenders caught in the act to submit to city council for follow up, like a neighbourhood watch initiative.

7279 Other ideas about educating people in the prevention of littering, came about from a brief brainstorming discussion, as follows:

- stall at the Frankley Carnival asking people to consider how long it takes for a sweet wrapper or crisp packet to decompose in the environment.

- commission a piece of art sculptured out of litter to make people stop and think before dropping litter.

- run another 'Big Clean Up' event for consistency and to build on the momentum.

AUTHORITY TO ACT BETWEEN MEETINGS

7279 It was noted that the Chair was hereby authorised to act in between meetings; except in accordance with council's function.

In which case, it was Proper Officer authorised to act in pursuance of council's functions, in conjunction with the Chair.

Further, that a report would be submitted to the next meeting of the parish council, outlining why this authority had been used.

Meeting closed at 20:24pm

Chairperson..... Date.....