



At the meeting of New Frankley in
Birmingham Parish Council held on 16th
February 2026 in the Parish Office, 12
Arden Road, B45 0JA, at 19:00 hours.

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

In attendance: Margarita Fackrell (RFO)

Members of the
Public: 4

Absentees: Alarra Cowie
Phil Johnston
Angela Sheridan-Hunt

MINUTES

NEW COUNCILLOR

7280 Tony Hill was co-opted in as New Parish Councillor and welcomed by all. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests will be completed at the next meeting.

APOLOGISES FOR ABSENCES

7281 Apologies for absences were received on behalf of Cllr Johnston, Cllr Cowie and Cllr Sheridan-Hunt. The reason for absences, due to personal circumstances were accepted.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

7282 No declarations of interest were made.

PUBLIC REPRESENTATION SESSION

7283 An introduction was made on behalf of President Chris Henderson and Treasurer Anne Gough from the Women's Institute. The Women's Institute support a charity every year, previously supporting the Church and NewStarts. This year they would like to help lonely people in the Community. Councillor Kenyon welcomed this and discussed a resident wanting to form a monthly Bereavement Group Cafe and suggested the Women's Institute could help support this project. Councillor Kenyon mentioned there was a monthly Bereavement Group based at Hollymoor, however it would be nice to have a group in Frankley. NewStarts could provide the space and pastoral support and let the group run itself. The Women's Institute will discuss this with their Committee Members and feedback on how they could support this project and contact Councillor Kenyon directly.

MINUTES

7284 It was RESOLVED: That, the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting dated 12th January 2026, be approved. Proposed by Cllr Kenyon, seconded by Cllr Bradley.

CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENT

7285 Flooding and leaks on Arden Road Shops, from the Chip Shop to the Dentist were still affecting businesses. The drains are all blocked, so standing rainwater is causing flooding and damage to

premises. This has been reported many times to Property Services. Severn Trent Water and the Environment Agency had also been contacted. Severn Trent Water advised they were unable to resolve the problem until standing water had gone. Newly appointed, Property Services Manager Ali Sadique came out to survey the area and gather information from us of previous reporting. No response yet has been received from Birmingham City Council or the Environment Agency. The Chair advised that we should now contact the Ombudsman.

7286 **PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

The Chair announced, Parish Council Elections were taking place on 7th May 2026 and that an election address to the Frankley residents was needed in case a ballot was required, which will explain the process involved. The Chair announced she would like all Councillors to decide if they wished to stand in the next elections by the next Parish Council meeting in March so forms could be completed on time. The Clerk should obtain necessary forms from the Elections Office as soon as possible. The deadline for the delivery of nomination papers to the Elections office is Thursday 9th April at 4pm, by appointment only.

FINANCE

7287 The bank reconciliation was checked and balanced against the bank statements. All expenses were explained and the budget spendings reviewed.

RESOLVED: That, all financial reports, comprising of bank reconciliation, payments schedule, explanation report, be approved. Proposed by Cllr Kenyon, seconded by Cllr Coates.

ADMINISTRATION

7288 Outsourcing the work to Aubergine to improve overall accessibility on the website to meet compliance with the standard WCAG 2.2 AA was discussed.

RESOLVED: That, a formal quote from Aubergine should be obtained by the RFO and discussed further at the next F&M meeting on Wednesday 25th February at 1:15pm.

7289 It was **NOTED:** That, the mobile recycling centre will be visiting Arden Road Shops on 26th February and a query raised as to whether they would also be attending on 2nd March.

To Note: That, the front office would clarify with Birmingham City Council if the 2nd date was correct and publish accordingly.

INTERNAL COMMITTEES & EXTERNAL GROUPS

7290 Finance & Management Committee is rescheduled for Wednesday 25th February.

7291 New Councillor, Tony Hill will be taking over as the Resilience & Flood Officer.

PLANNING

7292 It was **NOTED:** Planning Application Reference 2025/066080/PA was not within our boundaries.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT WARD COUNCILLOR

7293 The District Ward Councillor was not present.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7294 A query was raised as to whether the Parish Council could pay a contractor to dispose of the fly tipping along the River Rea towards the Lickey Banker which is creating dams. The amount of rubbish, shopping trolleys, fallen trees is too big a task for one group of litter pickers to tackle. It was suggested that once cleared by an official contractor who can access the water safely to remove the rubbish, would enable the litter picking groups to regularly maintain it. Cllr Strachan will compose a letter to the Rivers & Canals Trust, Severn Trent Water and Birmingham City Council to ask for assistance and guidance.

- 7295 Cllr Kenyon has applied for grant funding, Pride of Place, on behalf of the Parish Council, the funds could provide dropped pavements on the River Rea walk to enable all residents access to the River Rea. Another suggestion of a pagoda around the memorial mound with a sensory garden.
- 7296 Discussions had taken place regarding educating people in the prevention of littering. A suggestion of a sign/noticeboard outside the Parish Office, highlighting how long various items take to breakdown i.e paper, plastic bottles, chewing gum and display alternative ways to dispose, recycle, reuse. Cllr Kenyon will provide costs involved.
- 7297 Frankley Carnival Committee Jumble Sale will be taking place on Saturday 21st February 2026 at the Hub, Arden Road.

AUTHORITY TO ACT BETWEEN MEETINGS

- 7298 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 the 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 Parish Council meeting, outlining why the authority had been used.

Meeting closed at 20:10

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