At the meeting of New Frankley in Birmingham Parish Council, held on 20th April 2026 in the parish office, 12 Arden Road, B45 0JA, at 19:00 hours.

Cllrs Present:	J. Walker (in the Chair) S. Bradley, L. Coates, M. Kenyon, T. Hill, K. Strachan, P. Johnston, A. Cowie.
Also, Officers:	R. Anstey (Proper Officer), M. Fackrell (Responsible Financial Officer)
Members of Public:	5
Absentees:	S. Baker, A. Sheridan-Hunt.

MINUTES

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCES

7328 The apologies for absences received on behalf of the absent Councillors, Sheridan-Hunt and Baker, unable to attend the meeting, for personal reasons, were accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

7329 There were no declarations of interests.

PUBLIC REPRESENTATION SESSION

7330 There were no representations made by members of the public present.

MINUTES

7331 **It was RESOLVED: That, minutes of the parish council meeting held on 16th March 2026, be approved.**

CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

7332 Following receipt of the Statement of Nominated Persons for Councillors for the parish council's 12 seats, the Elections Office confirmed it was uncontested and there would be no election this year.

Cllr Walker apologised for making an error with one of the councillor's paperwork, she had been acting in the capacity of their nominated agent. She was thanked for her time and effort.

This would be her last meeting in the Chair, she would be stepping down, she reminded members to address the Chair with their hand raised, if they wished to speak so that they would be granted one at a time.

FINANCE

(INTERLEAVED DOCUMENTS 1-5)

7333 The bank reconciliation balanced against the bank statements and the payments were the usual ones.

The Year End Budget Review for Year 1st April 2025 to 31 March 2026 report was read aloud.

It was RESOLVED: That, the financial reports, included bank reconciliation, payments schedule and explanation of expenditure and receipts, budget monitoring report, be approved.

7334 It was RESOLVED: That, the Howden insurance cover for the truck (for the policy term 7/4/2026-6/4/2027), quoted at half the amount of another, at £3,878.96, be approved.

7335 It was RESOLVED: That, the chipping/mulching of green waste with the usual contractor at a cost of £450, be approved.

7336 It was RESOLVED: That, the boiler service charge, which was largely dependent on its condition ranged between £110-150, originally to be held on 15th but was rebooked for 21st April, be approved.

7337 It was RESOLVED: That, the annual fire safety equipment inspection, conducted by Brookside Fire Service, for £49.52 +VAT and scheduled on 15th April, be authorised.

7338 **It was RESOLVED: That, 4000 x doggie scoop bags, supplied by Ecohound, at £737.10, be approved before prices increased.**

7339 **It was RESOLVED: That, WALC & NALC annual combined membership fees at £1,287 included VAT, be approved.**

7340 Scribe were increasing their subscription by £8.40 per month effective from next month.

BLEED KIT AND TRAINING

7341 A local safeguarding group, requested a funded bleed kit and training, yet didn't qualify for a grant. It was agreed that the lifesaving equipment was now commonly seen widespread. Prices for a bleed kit to be housed alongside the defibrillator inside the Heritage supermarket, and training, would be sought.

LOCONOMY

7342 A grant application for £5,000 submitted by Loconomy, who are working in partnership with NCP, in Frankley library to provide employability advice, would be

reviewed by the Finance & Management Committee, meeting next on Friday 1st May 2026, at 1pm.

ADMINISTRATION

7343 The new date for an internal audit date 2025/26 would be 29th April 2026.

7344 The parish office had resumed bookings of bulky waste items for collection, with the exception of furniture that contained Persistant Organic Pollutants (POP), suspended since 18th March with no date set for shifting it.

The City Council were in the process of resuming their bulky waste collection service in some areas, at an increased cost of £49.

TRAINING

7345 Members were reminded to use their councillor email address and inform the office of any problems. Currently, there were a few members experiencing issues so the provider would be approached to resolve issues and provide solutions.

7346 Any training for the new Chair to take place after the Annual General Meeting.

New councillors taking their seat following the election, would be informed of training opportunities available:

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Councillor one: cllr foundations – 7 May 2026

At a cost of £35 per member, the cost of the in-house trainer would also be sought.

7347 The RFO would book onto WALC's 'Data Protection for Councillors' training course on 19 May 2026.

7348 Councillors were reminded to book a course via the office and a copy of the certificate provided to the office to be kept on file.

7349 Defibrillator training was in the process of being arranged via Community Heartbeat over 2 sessions, potentially on a Monday, Friday morning or Saturday.

PLANNING

INTERLEAVED DOCUMENTS 6-7

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On the planning decisions noted below, the first planning outcome received on 16 April, had been objected to, however the consultation received on 2 April, gave 4 working days notice to comment due to public holidays.

Application No.	2026/00018/PA
Site Address	95 Lysander Road, Rubery, B45 0EN

Proposal	Change of use from dwelling (Use Class C3) to children's care home (Use Class C2)
Decision	**Approved subject to conditions, this put a limit on accommodating 2 children.**

Application No.	2025/06832/PA
Site Address	Recreation ground at Boleyn Road, B45
Proposal	application to vary a condition 1 (approved plans), vary condition 15 (contamination remedy scheme)
Decision	**Approved subject to conditions which can be viewed at www.birmingham.gov.uk/planningonline**

COMMITTEES & EXTERNAL GROUPS

7351 The Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee

Their Terms of Reference to be reviewed by the Finance & Management Committee at their next meeting concerning addressing the item above.

They commented that the Bus service 27 was now provided by Diamond buses, with no change to the route or times, with 2 new bus stops on New Street.

The issue should be raised with the West Midlands Combined Authority, local MP and District Cllr about residents having to pay 2 providers: Diamond Buses and

NXWM. Even with the 'N Pass' it cost £5.20. It was seen as a deliberate act to make people pay twice.

7352 Frankley Carnival & Events Committee

The Easter event saw 145 children enjoying the festivities. New Starts were thanked for the donation of chocolate bunnies. The team were turning their attention to the carnival.

REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

7353 A reminder went out to the District Cllr that if he served another term following the election, a written report would be acceptable, to keep residents informed at City Council level.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7354 Two River Rea champions carried out restoration works and were governed by the Environmental Agency.

7355 A discussion about the Coldstream public house being nominated as a community asset and should be registered as such, for the benefit of the people. It was sadly being vandalised but was in the process of securing it by Property Services.

7356 'Good Life in Frankley Project' had highlighted a few suggestions, to have separate coloured litter pickers bags in blue, like in other areas such as Worcestershire, they used grey for Street Cleansing. The leader of the local litter picking group had blue ones and kids litter picking equipment in storage. Apparently it was a matter of registering with BCC to get hold of them for free.

7357 It was suggested to give advance warning in the media about the use of unlicenced waste carrier hired to removing rubbish, after seeing a rise in people coming from outside the area to dump in the Frankley parish. Prosecutions had resulted after tracing back to the owner of the dumped rubbish, who were the ones liable for disposing of it correctly.

7358 Fix My Street had been useful to report a number of pot holes on Boleyn Road, which was suspected to be long overdue a resurface.

7359 The Vicar at St Leonard's Church had been given suggested dates for holding the Remembrance Service in November, if it was held on Wednesday the flagbearer was available as well as the Community Hub from midday.

7360 Grant funding from the National Lottery was available, that any councillors could apply for to go towards making the place a more positive place to live, changing the negative perception, suggestions of requesting seating for eating takeaways or

dropping the kerbs at the River Rae to allow accessibility with pushchair and wheelchairs, and the provision of an outside gym.

AUTHORITY TO ACT BETWEEN MEETINGS

7361 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 20:19pm

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