



At a meeting of New Frankley
in Birmingham Parish Council, at
Parish Office on 12 Arden Road,
15th January 2024, at 19:00 hrs.

Cllrs present: Sid Grey MBE (in the Chair)
Joanna Walker,
Sue Baker,
Bruce Pitt,
Mick Murphy,
Sue Bradley
Marion Kenyon.

Staff present: Rachael Anstey (Clerk),
Margarita Fackrell (RFO)

Members of
the Public: 3

MINUTES

Apologies for Absences

6723 Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors: Clayton, Strachan, Price and Coates, the reason for the absences due to personal circumstances, were accepted.

Declarations of Interests

6724 There were none.

Minutes of Parish Council

6725 It was **RESOLVED**: That, the signing of the minutes from the parish council meeting on 18th December 2023, be approved.

Chair's Announcements

6728 There were no announcements at this point of the meeting.

Questions

6729 A query was raised about what statement should be made to members of the public enquiring about the status of the Street Champions truck service. The Chairperson put it simply that the truck was off the road. At this time a booking service could

not be provided, when a crew became available it could go around and pick up on an ad hoc basis. The service was meant only for bulky large items, to reduce fly tipping, not increase it. A decision about its continuation couldn't be made, it was down to crew numbers and having a renewed licence in place to tip at Lifford Lane in April.

For the large green bins, Birmingham City Council charged £60, to make this cost affordable a suggestion made was to get a few neighbours together and take it in turns.

Financial Matters

(Interleaved Document No. 1)

The RFO had submitted the precept request of circa £59, 000 to BCC, it was for the same amount as last year.

The bank reconciliations had all reconciled with £45,000 in the deposit account. Good interest had been received. All funds stood at £89,800.

On the payments schedule, it was noted £7,466.41 was the total monthly expenditure for December 2023.

The Street Champions still had £16,000 set aside. If Lifford tip closed, Perry Barr tip was deemed too far to travel to. A suggestion of approaching the City Council to subsidise a paid for service for Frankley residents to counteract the £8,000 paid for insuring senior drivers annually, over 70-year-olds should not be driving the truck.

The budget report itemised how much spent each month and there was no overspend on each cost centres with three months to go until year end.

6730 It was **RESOLVED:** that, all the submitted financial documents in a report dated December 2023, be approved.

Commemorating D-Day's 80th Anniversary

(Interleaved document No. 2)

6731 On the 80th anniversary of D-Day the Government asked parish councils to set aside 6 June 2024, or weekends before and after, to mark it. Members put forward ideas of holding an event on the mound and a window display in the office, featuring film clips and on the newsletter. The Clerk put forward a suggestion of installing a digital monitor in the office window to display footage on. This could be rolled out for use throughout the year, to inform members of the public of consultations, surveys, bus

cancellations, road closures, forthcoming events and seasonal festivities in the calendar. It would provide a more modern customer facing front, similar to the one next door as an example. RFO suggested contacting the pharmacist to find out who their supplier was for an idea on costings.

Planning

(Interleaved document No. 3)

6732 The following new planning application was discussed:

Application Number	2023/07669/PA
Application Type	Householder
Site Address	63 Oberon Close, Rubery, B45 0EG
Proposal	Installation of passenger lift with steps to rear garden.
Comment made:	No objections on lift to access the property

6733 There were no planning decisions.

Reports on Administration and Updates from Committees

6734 Instead of a new boiler when the current one worked, it was proposed –
RESOLVED: To replace the small radiator in the smallest front office with a larger one, and to follow the recommendation of fitting magnetic and slow draining of base at £352, plus labour costs of £250, total expenditure of £604, be approved. The Clerk would instruct Peachy Plumbing Limited to carry out the work.

6735 The community conversations were proposed to take place one Saturday around a craft evening, with advertisement of other events that offered different times to capture different people.

6736 The next date for the mobile recycling unit would be Monday 12 February from 7:30am until 12:30pm in the front car park at Arden Road shops.

6737 Parishioner's correspondence received from the new development of houses at the top of New Frankley, commented that Street Champions did not pick up from his location. It was explained to him that the Street Champions had on occasion picked up from that way.

6738 The feedback on getting to Queen Elizabeth hospital, there were no direct buses to the station. Their Contact Centre determined which hospital referrals were made to, as they no longer had a fracture clinic, which could mean Heartlands or Solihull.

Report of the District Councillor

6739 There was no report.

Any Other Business

6740 A proposal was made to fit a dehumidifier to the storage container with a pipe to empty on a weekly basis. RFO to obtain a quote.

6741 Flooding in the drain outside the rear entrance of the office, the problem had been reported to Property Services to investigate. The leader of Resilience had been booked onto two sessions covering Community Emergency Planning and signed up to receive alerts.

Motorway run off was into Fisher Close, on Housing land. Historically, the Housing Liaison Board provided a grant to clear out the soil, once dug out was left to dry with removal of the pile six months later.

Three blocked drains this side of Boleyn Road, at the end of Norfolk and Devon Roads. On inspection of Princess Diana way there was four feet of leaves up there, caused if water doesn't drain away from field, at back of Lickey banker into Cornwall Road.

6742 Proposed to get a panel fitted on the Erratic's boulder installation at the front of the Arden Road shops and information about the project for the website. The Clerk to make contact about a link to their website.

6743 Balaam's Wood had planted three silver Birch trees at the mound.

6744 Two resignation letters were received from a member of staff and a councillor:
i) Administration Assistant giving notice of her last day on 9th February 2024.
ii) Sid Grey MBE stood down as councillor and Chairman with immediate effect, by the handover of office keys. His reason was he felt he had failed in his mission to get the Parish Council working together effectively. He was thanked for his contribution on exit.

Members of the Public Participation Session

6745 There were no representation from members of the public.

Authorisation To Act Between Meetings

6746 It was **RESOLVED**: That, the Chairperson was hereby authorised to act until the next meeting of the Parish Council, except in respect of the Council's functions.

In which case, the Clerk was authorised to act in pursuant of the powers delegated to her as the Proper Officer, in consultation with the Chairperson.

Further, that a report of all actions taken under this authority be submitted to the next meeting, held on 21st February 2024, with an explanation of why such an authority was used.

Meeting Ended at 20:00 hours

Chairperson.....

Date.....