



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

Present: Jo Walker (in the Chair)  
Sue Baker  
Sue Bradley  
Linda Coates  
Alarra Cowie  
Phil Johnston  
Marion Kenyon  
Mick Murphy  
Kate Strachan

In attendance: Margarita Fackrell (RFO)

Members of  
the Public: 2

Absent: Rachael Anstey  
Tom Day

## MINUTES

### MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

7029 Apologies for absences were received on behalf of Rachael Anstey, Clerk and Cllr Day. The apologies, due to personal circumstances, were accepted.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

7030 No declarations of interest were made in regard to items on the agenda.

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

7031 It was **RESOLVED**: That, the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025, be approved. Proposed by Cllr Johnston, Seconded by Cllr Strachan, with all in favour.

7032 It was **RESOLVED**: That, the minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> September Parish Council meeting were not approved as Item 6946 was still incorrect.

### **CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENT**

- 7033 The Chair announced that Cllr Bradley and Ian Bruckshaw will be visiting Ex Councillor Eric Carter to present him with a plaque in recognition of his services to the Community for his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

### **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR / MP**

- 7034 There was no report from the District Councillor / MP

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- 7035 The RFO read aloud the financial reports. It was –  
**RESOLVED:** that, the Bank Reconciliation and Payments List for January 2025 were accepted and approved. Proposed by Cllr Cowie, Seconded by Cllr Kenyon, with all in favour.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

- 7036 To consider and approve the Risk Assessment Report 2024-25 it was –  
**RESOLVED:** that, the Parish Council would delay the approval of the Risk Assessment until the next Parish Council meeting.

### **INTERNAL AUDITOR**

- 7037 To consider the authorising and instructing of the new Internal Auditor, Louise Badet, backed up by WALC. It was –  
**RESOLVED:** - that, this be approved.

### **PARISHIONERS CORRESPONDENCE**

- 7038 Following a complaint received from a resident regarding a refusal to advertise activities in neighbouring areas: Rubery and Northfield. It was –  
**RESOLVED:** - that, a reply had been sent to the resident, with an apology by Cllr Walker, Chairperson. Moving forward all advertising of groups, events and activities should be welcomed by the Parish Council. These can then be passed to Angie the Community Builder who can display in the Hub.

### **UNRESOLVED REPAIRS**

- 7039 There had been no updates received from Birmingham City Council with regards to the unresolved repairs to the holes in the canopy roof above the walkway alongside the Supermarket 20 Arden Road leading to the Dentist, where debris has fallen from.

There had been no updates either received from Property Services with regards to the rotting sewage smell in 12 Arden Road either.

### **DISCIPLINARY POLICY & GRIEVANCE POLICY**

7040 To consider and approve the submitted policies. It was -

**RESOLVED:** - That, both the Disciplinary & Grievance Policy be adopted. Proposed by Cllr Coates, Seconded by Cllr Bradley with all in favour.

### **PLANNING**

7041 Planning application 2025/00134/PA and planning application 2025/00037/PA. It was-

**RESOLVED:** That, the planning applications were noted.

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

7042 There was no meeting of the Planning, Environment, Highways and Public Transport Committee's

### **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR / MP**

7043 There was no report from the District Councillor / MP

### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

7044 **Balaam's Wood Group**

The group are currently doing mapping of a tree trail supported by Beatrice, a University Student. Once complete they look forward to sharing this with the Community.

7045 **Big Spring Clean Litter Pick Event**

Cllr Strachan and Cllr Bradley are currently organising a map / schedule for the upcoming cleaning event. There will be a meeting taking place with Councillors and Rubery Wombles to finalise the organising of the event. BT Open Reach were kindly supporting the event on 21<sup>st</sup> March. It was raised that a Saturday event should be included, so Children and working families can take part. There was a suggestion of Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, and this will now get added to the schedule.

Cllr Strachan had requested 'No Fly tipping' signage for the Hot Spot areas in Frankley. Birmingham City Council had been previously approached but were unable to provide us with these. Ian Bruckshaw advised he would speak to the

Housing Liaison Board to see if they were able to assist with obtaining signage in readiness for the Big Clean Event.

7046 **HP Printer Update**

An announcement about the HP Printer situation was made by the RFO and Councillors were informed that the Parish Council had been issued with an invoice for the HP Printer, which was no longer owned by the Parish Council.

The HP Printer had been donated to NewStarts following the instruction from SHARP to recycle or send to Charity. Cllr Kenyon and CEO of NewStarts explained the HP Printer was too big for NewStarts so wasn't used and was sold on to a third party.

It was stated that SHARP has no right to charge the Parish Council for usage following the expired contract. The RFO was still in discussions with SHARP to get this resolved.

Meeting closed: 19:40pm

Chairperson

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Date.....