

PAULTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 16th March 2021 at 7.00pm held by Video Conference

PRESENT: Councillors T Bridgeman, G Dix, D Garlick, G Garlick (Chairman), L Hardman, G Johnson, A Lyons, P McSherry, A Meaton, H Warren and R Wollacott.

IN ATTENDANCE: Carol Hall – Clerk

1255. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors M Colliver and L Quinn.

No apologies were received from Councillors Z Escott, J Humphries and C Mitchard.

1256. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

1257. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was none.

1258. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 2021 were confirmed as a true record and electronically signed by the Chairman.

1259. FINANCES (MONTH 11 – FEBRUARY 2021)

Resolved – that the following finances for month 11 (February) were approved:

- Bank Reconciliation as at the end of month 11
- Receipts
- Income and expenditure showing % against budget
- 37 payments, totalling £25,803.20 (net)

1260. EARMARKED RESERVES

Resolved – that the earmarked reserves were approved with the following amendments:

- I. The cemetery lodge contingency for repairs and maintenance is increased to £20,000 to allow for modernisation works to be carried out, in particular the Kitchen and Bathroom.
- II. That an additional £5500 is added to the wooden classroom reserves and £5500 to the swimming pool, this decision was reached as the monies budgeted in the 2020/2021 budget for the loan repayments for a pool extension did not happen.

It was also noted that there was S106 monies remaining, the Clerk would look at how this could be spent.

1261. PUBLIC SECTOR DEPOSIT FUND

Resolved – that Paulton Parish Council's investment would remain in the fund and would be reviewed monthly by the full Council.

1262. NALC/ALCA – MEMBERSHIP 2021/2022

Resolved – that the annual subscription of £911.59 was approved.

The Clerk reminded everyone that NALC was there to support the Council as a whole and therefore she would ensure that the Councillors had access to the information available to them through the NALC website.

1263. OPEN SPACES SOCIETY

Resolved – that the renewal of the membership to the Open Spaces Society was approved at a cost of £45.00 for 1 year.

1264. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Clerk explained that the legislation permitting remote meetings expires on the 7th May 2021. It is currently unknown if this will be extended and guidelines may restrict face to face meetings until 21st June, therefore the Clerk recommended bringing the Annual meeting forward to the 4th May 2021.

Resolved – that the Annual Meeting of the Council will be held via Zoom on the **4th May 2021** at 7pm.

The Clerk also reminded all Councillors that any urgent business needed to be conducted prior to the 7th May and to notify her of any items to be considered for the agenda.

1265. ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ELECTORS

The requirement to hold an annual meeting of the electors between the 1st March and the 1st June 2021 was discussed. It was felt that a meeting could not take place safely within current Government guidelines.

Resolved – that as there is no legislation insisting that the Council call an annual meeting of the electors, this year it would be cancelled. Paulton Parish Council will look to hold a community engagement event once it is safe to do so.

1266. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2020/2021

The schedule of meetings was noted, with a change to the Paulton Pool meeting start time to 10am.

It was explained that the meetings may be subject to change dependant on the ability to meet face to face and any change in legislation. The forthcoming organisation and operational review may also create a change.

1267. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

It was noted that Councillor G Garlick has joined the Paulton Community Pool Management Committee.

1268. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is to be held on **13th April 2021** at 7:00pm.

1269. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved - that pursuant to the provision of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business by reason of the confidential nature of business to be transacted – to consider commercial matters.

1270. RENT FOR THE CEMETERY LODGE

A rent review was completed for the Cemetery Lodge.

Resolved – that the rent was approved for the forthcoming 12 months and is detailed on the confidential report held on file. It was agreed that we needed to look at updating the property to ensure we continued to meet our obligations as a landlord, once this has taken place a valuation would be obtained for rental income purposes.

Meeting ended at 8.05pm

Signed: Date:
(Chairman)