

# PAULTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7.00pm held by Video Conference

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PRESENT: Councillors T Bridgeman, M Colliver, G Dix, Z Escott, D Garlick, G Garlick (Chairman), L Hardman, G Johnson, A Lyons, A Meaton, C Mitchard, H Warren and R Wollacott.

IN ATTENDANCE: Carol Hall – Clerk

2 x members of the public in respect of agenda items 5 and 6.

A one-minute silence was observed following the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

## 1271. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor P McSherry.

No apologies were received from Councillor J Humphries.

## 1272. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

## 1273. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Councillors declared an interest on agenda item 7 for the reasons stated:

Cllr M Colliver – Member of Pride in Paulton

Cllr G Garlick – Member of Pride in Paulton

Cllr A Meaton – Member of the Bowls Club

Cllr A Lyons – Member of the Party in the Park

Cllr L Hardman - Member of the Party in the Park

Cllr H Warren - Member of the Party in the Park and Dial A Ride

Cllr G Johnson – Previously volunteered with Somer Valley Community Radio

## 1274. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Resolved** – that the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were confirmed as a true record and electronically signed by the Chairman.

## 1275. FINANCES (MONTH 12 – MARCH 2021)

**Resolved** – that the following finances for month 12 (March) were approved:

- Bank Reconciliation as at the end of month 12
- Receipts and Payments
- 39 payments, totalling £39,544.07 (gross)

1276. CASUAL VACANCY

The Chairman invited the applicant who had joined the meeting to speak in respect of his application. The candidate made brief comments in support of his application.

**Resolved** – that Kayleigh Paul was co-opted onto Paulton Parish Council.

1277. GRANTS

**Standing orders were suspended to take comments and questions from the member of the public present on respect of 2 grant applications.**

Cllr G Dix joined the meeting 7.29pm

**Resolved** –that the grants are awarded as follows:

	<b>Amount applied for</b>	<b>Granted</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Paulton Brownies	£660	£660
Acorn Pre school	£300	£300
Citizens Advice	£4000	£500
Dial a ride	£1000	£1000
Double hills	£1500	£1500
Holy Trinity Church	£500	£500
Party in the Park	£3000	£2640
Paulton Bowls Club	£2000	£500
Pride in Paulton	£1000	£750
<b>Total</b>	<b>£13960</b>	<b>£8350</b>

No grant was awarded to the Midsomer Norton Men’s Shed or the Somer Valley Community Radio.

Cllr L Hardman left the meeting 8.03pm

1278. PUBLIC SECTOR DEPOSIT FUND

The details within the recent statement were noted.

A question was raised in respect of potentially securing an improved rate in an alternative account, the Clerk will ask the RFO to have a look at possible options and will report back to the Full Council.

Cllr D Garlick left the meeting 8.08pm

1279. CIL PAYMENT

It was noted that £1477.99 had been received from B&NES for a CIL payment in respect of planning application 18/04844/RES at 9 Salisbury View Road, Paulton.

1280. COMMUNITY AWARDS

Cllr Z Escott left the meeting 8.13pm

Cllr L Hardman re-joined the meeting 8.16pm

Cllr G Johnson presented his suggestion and policy for a community award scheme:

*“The idea behind bringing in a new community award scheme is to get further engagement with our community and for this council to recognise the brilliant voluntary work undertaken by our residents. This this scheme, along with the new way we are planning to organise the annual assembly of electors, would be a fantastic way of generating engagement with individuals who might not otherwise get involved”*

Resolved – that the Community Award Scheme was adopted to commence in 2022.

Cllr Z Escott re-joined the meeting 8.19pm

1281. SWIMMING POOL DRYING ROOM

**Resolved** – that Paulton Parish Council would fund the cost of the temporary drying room for one more month at a cost of £59.88 (net) pw.

1282. UNDATE FROM THE PARK AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Parks and Amenities Committee provided an update on the following current projects being undertaken:

- 4 Picnic Benches to be purchased for the Memorial Park following a successful grant application
- The replacement of the broken wooden gate at the top of the Memorial Park
- A donation of a further 10 ornamental pear trees for the Memorial Park
- Quotes being obtained to resurface under the blue youth shelter in the Memorial Park
- A donation of 8 -12 trees from the Rotary Club, location to be decided

1283. ENTERPRISE ZONE UPDATE

An update was provided from Cllr G Johnson, the representative for Paulton Parish Council on the Somer Valley Enterprise Zone. The main points discussed/raised at a recent meeting was the following:

- A change to mixed use of both light industrial and retail. This was not a welcomed change by members of the stakeholder group who were worried about the option of retail being at the detriment of Midsomer Norton High Street.
- There was some anger that the plans did not include any improved cycle infrastructure for Farrington Gurney and questioned why there was nothing to improve the walking/cycling infrastructure that would connect the enterprise zone with Paulton.
- We saw plans for the development, but these are confidential due to the tendering process and therefore I cannot share this with you all. However, questions were raised regarding the height in comparison with Paulton House and so that any buildings did not detract from the Batch that is an undesignated Heritage site.

Cllr G Johnson will continue to provide update to the full Council following meetings of the Somer Valley Enterprise zone.

1284. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on **4<sup>th</sup> May 2021** at 7:00pm.

Meeting ended at 8.39pm

Signed: ..... Date: .....  
(Chairman)