

PAULTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 15th June 2021 at 7.00pm held in the Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillors T Bridgeman, M Colliver, D Garlick, G Garlick (Chairman), G Johnson, A Lyons, A Meaton, H Warren and R Wollacott.

IN ATTENDANCE: Carol Hall – Clerk

1 member of the public

21-16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor G Dix, Z Escott, L Hardman, P McSherry, C Mitchard and K Paul.

No apologies were received from Councillor J Humphries.

21-17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

21-18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Councillors declared an interest on agenda item 14 for the reasons stated:
Cllr A Lyons – Member of the Party in the Park
Cllr H Warren - Member of the Party in the Park

21-19. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 2021 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

21-20. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman provided an overview of activities since the last meeting including:

- Training on completing a good application for the Local Council Award scheme
- The Chairman's attendance at the Bloomfield Care home to plant a tree and meet the residents
- The library hosted an Elmer the Elephant day
- Both the Chairman and the Vice Chairman were invited to join the AGM of the Guides, Brownies, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers to hear about their future plans
- The Summer edition of the magazine had now been delivered and was receiving great feedback on its content
- It was acknowledged that Paulton was receiving a good level of coverage in the local newspaper
- Members were made aware that there had been a change in the last date of employment for our RFO and confirmed a staffing committee meeting had been arranged to discuss options which may result in an extra ordinary meeting being called if required.

21-21. CASUAL VACANCY

Resolved – that Adam Pitt was Co-opted onto Paulton Parish Council.

21-22. FINANCES

Resolved – that the following finances for month 1 (April) were approved:

- Bank Reconciliation as at the end of month 1
- Receipts and Payments
- 41 payments, totalling £27,988.92 (gross)

Resolved – that the following finances for month 2 (May) were approved:

- Bank Reconciliation as at the end of month 2
- Receipts and Payments
- 45 payments, totalling £30,036.36 (gross)

21-23. FINAL INTERNAL AUDIT REVIEW

The final internal audit report was noted. It was acknowledged that no concerns were identified.

21-24. ANNUAL RETURN 2020/2021 – ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Resolved – that the Annual Governance Statement (section 1 on the Annual Return) was approved.

21-25. ANNUAL RETURN 2020/2021 – ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

Resolved – that the Accounting Statements (section 2 on the Annual Return) were approved.

21-26. PUBLIC SECTOR DEPOSIT FUND

The RFO had asked for further details on the type of account the Council would like to be research for the monies to possibly be moved to.

Resolved – that the RFO would provide several different options to include short term notice accounts, instant access, term deposits and other investments deemed suitable for public sector monies to be held.

21-27. SWIMMING POOL INSURANCE RENEWAL

Resolved – that Paulton Parish Council will pay £725.90 towards the cost of the building insurance for the Swimming Pool.

21-28. LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME

Resolved – that Paulton Parish Council would reaccredit for the accreditation at Quality level at a cost of £200.

21-29. PARTY IN THE PARK GRANT

Resolved – that the remaining Grant of £2557.00 for Party in the Park would be held over until next year's event.

21-30. PAULTON VILLAGE HALL QUARTERLY REPORT

Resolved – that the Village Hall quarterly report was noted.

21-31. DEATH OF A SENIOR FIGURE POLICY

Resolved – that the following amendments would be made to the policy:

- I. Reference to NE Somerset would be removed and replaced with our Parish.
- II. The Council will pay their respects by observing a public silence around the flagpole on the day of the funeral at a time arranged by the Clerk.

21-32. ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ELECTORS

Resolved – that as previously agreed we would hold face to face engagement event with our residents once restrictions permit us to do so. A provisional date has been scheduled for the 4th August.

21-33. ENTERPRISE ZONE

Cllr G Johnson provided an overview following a meeting he attended with Chairman Gail Garlick and fellow Councillors from Farrington Gurney. Cllr L Hardman also attended in her capacity as a Ward Councillor. There are concerns amongst the 3 areas that the Parish Council is being excluded from the decision-making process and a request for a meeting with the key stakeholders has been requested.

21-34. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on **20th July** at 7:00pm.

Meeting ended at 7.42pm

Signed: Date:
(Chairman)