

PAULTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 22nd February at 7.00pm held in the meeting room at the Village Hall, Paulton.

PRESENT: Councillors P Bancroft, T Bridgeman, D Garlick, G Garlick (Chairman), G Johnson, H Kingman, A Lyons, A Meaton, A Pitt and H Warren.

IN ATTENDANCE: Carol Hall – Clerk.

1 member of the public arrived at 7.17pm.

22-143.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors M Colliver, L Hardman, P McSherry, C Mitchard and R Wollacott.

No apologies were received from Councillors Z Escott and K Paul.

22-144.PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

22-145.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr H Kingman declared an interest in agenda item 12 as her son works there.

Cllr A Pitt declared an interest in agenda item 6 as he is a trustee for Youth Connect.

22-146.CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2022 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman of this meeting.

22-147.FINANCES

Resolved – that the following finances for month 10 (January) were approved:

- Bank Reconciliation as at 31.01.2022
- Receipts and Payments
- 73 payments, totalling £25157.79 (gross)
- Petty Cash reconciliation and payments to 31.01.2022

22-148.YOUTH CONNECT

The proposal and costings for an additional Youth Connect session each week was considered.

Resolved – that it was approved to hold an additional youth session weekly. The total cost for 2 sessions weekly is £16545.16 per annum.

22-149.OPEN SPACES RENEWAL

Resolved – that the annual renewal of the Council's membership to the Open Spaces Society was approved at a cost of £45.00.

22-150.CIL MONIES

It was noted that there is currently £5901.97 of CIL monies available. It was suggested that we may wish to consider improving the access to the Wallenge play area.

Resolved – that quotes would be obtained in improve the access to the Wallenge play area and brought to a future meeting.

Standing orders were suspended at 7.20pm to allow for a member of the public to speak in respect of a skate park.

Standing orders were reinstated at 7.25pm following an explanation that a skate park could not be discussed by the Council as it was not an agenda item, the member of public will arrange an appointment with the Clerk.

22-151.RENEWAL OF PENINSULA CONTRACT

Resolved – that the renewal of the Peninsula contract would be renewed for a 12-month period at a cost of £221.26 per month gross.

22-152.ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS

Resolved – that the Annual Meeting of the Electors would follow the same format as the engagement event year with the Council's committees and local community groups having a table display to engage with residents and take questions. The meeting will be formally opened by the Chairman of the Council followed by an overview of the Chairman's report.

It was noted that all reports from the Chairman of the committees would be with the Clerk no later than the 4th April in readiness for the annual report brochure to be printed.

22-153.MEMORIAL PLAQUE AND SERVICE

It was agreed that the example memorial plaques were both costly and unsuitable, therefore Cllr G Garlick would seek a quote from a local supplier in Radstock that has been previously used. Details would be brought to the meeting in March.

It was suggested that current and previous Councillors would be invited to share a story or fond memory of Cllr Graham Dix at the service. The scouts would be invited to join the service and the Clerk would contact the family. Further details will be shared at the next meeting.

Resolved – that the following wording was approved for the plaque:

In recognition of the many contributions to the community made by Councillor Graham Dix during his 51 years of service on Paulton Parish Council.

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22-154.LEGAL COSTS IN RELATION TO PAULTON SWIMMING POOL

Resolved – delegated authority was approved for the Clerk, Chairman of the Council and

the Vice Chairman of the Council to seek further legal advice in relation to a formal agreement detailing the roles and responsibilities of the Council as the leaseholder to the premises, and the Charity as the occupiers of the premises. All monies spent would be reported at the following Council meeting.

Cllr D Garlick left the meeting at 8.00pm.

22-155.ENTERPRISE ZONE

An update was received from Cllr G Johnson on the proposed Enterprise zone. During the discussions regarding the master plans of the Somer Valley Enterprise Zone the following issues were raised by Councillors:

- Increase in traffic and timing of when this part of the development is likely to be completed.
- Concerns about Road widths in Farrington Gurney and the air quality management zone not being achieved.
- Was there going to be any additional funds to improve the existing Old Mills trading estate opposite.
- The amount of potential space taken up by low paid retail/food and drink. It was expressed that the area needed good, well paid jobs for our growing community.
- Flexible workspaces - how's does the pandemic impact on this type of workspace when more and more people are continuing to work from home?
- Are we guaranteed that existing hedgerows and trees will be protected and that the site will achieve a biodiversity net gain of 10%.
- Missed opportunity for additional active travel routes from Paulton leading into route 24 of the national cycle network. Also the loss of a cycle path to Farrington Gurney.
- Broken promises of developers - when will we see the benefits of this project and will it happen before all the industrial units are complete?

It was agreed that Cllr Grant Johnson will approach the SVEZ team on B&NES to hold an informal meeting with Paulton Parish Councillors at a suitable time.

22-156.DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council is on **Tuesday 22nd March 2022 at 7:00pm.**

Meeting ended at 8.28pm

Signed: Date:

(Chairman)