



**MINUTES of the Paulton Annual Parish Assembly held on  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 starting at 6.00pm in the Village Hall**

**1. Introduction and welcome by the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council**

Councillor G Johnson, Vice Chairman of Paulton Parish Council, welcomed parishioners and chaired the meeting. There were 22 members of the public present and 10 Councillors.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Z Escott, D Garlick G Garlick and J Meaton.

**3. Minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Vice Chairman.

**4. To receive the annual report for Paulton Parish Council from the Vice Chairman**

The following report was received from the Vice Chairman, Grant Johnson –

In the absence of the Chairman of the Council, I'm going to give you an overview of what is available in our full annual reports. These can be taken away from this event and are available online detailing all the activities of Paulton Parish Council.

So, as everyone will be aware, we have had some difficulties with COVID, but that hasn't stopped us from making this one of the most successful years for our Council, and some of the highlights of our achievements are as follows:

- We managed to hold our 1<sup>st</sup> dressing of the Graves memorial service, which commemorated the graves of military personnel who are buried in Paulton Cemetery.
- We had an excellent return for our usual Remembrance Sunday parade, after a couple years of covid disruption.
- A large number of villagers came out to enjoy our fantastic Christmas light switch on, which is getting bigger and better each year.
- It's great to see the Hub starting to reach its full potential. We've seen an increased usage of the Library, thanks to the dedicated team of volunteers. We've also seen the return of the very popular baby bounce, and even more events either being planned for this year or ones that have already been completed. It just goes to show what a great community asset we have in the Hub, which would not be possible without the support of this Parish Council.
- The planning & Highways committee reviewed 34 local Planning applications, the largest of which was the Gladman's development which has been rejected after receiving one of B&NES's largest ever number of objections. They have also been working hard to introduce Vehicle Activated Signs in two key locations across the village, and we were glad to see the local community Police team introduce a new Community Speed Watch.
- Our local parks and amenities team continue to be one of this villages biggest assets, and we have been extremely pro-active in increasing our local tree coverage, which back in 2019 was the lowest in all of B&NES. An avenue of

trees has been planted along the pathway at the Miners recreational park and we made a Successful application to the Queens Green Canopy project for 30 more trees. This weekend also saw the celebration of the Miner's Recreational Ground, which celebrated its 100-year anniversary. I'd like to thank Paulton Bowls Club and the Miners Welfare Trust in making sure that event was such a success.

And with success, comes recognition and reward.

- We are celebrating the success of the Council as a whole, with Paulton Parish Council being awarded the Quality Council Award. I'd like to take this opportunity to personally thank our Clerk, Carol Hall, and all of our wonderful staffing team who supported with the successful application.

As a Council we don't just look to our past achievements, but rather carefully plan and look forward to the coming year. Some of what we have planned is:

- Much needed Repairs to the Memorial Park wall.
- Another Defib Awareness training course, scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> July. We strongly recommend residents taking up this opportunity, as you never know, it might just save someone's life.
- We have been creating a village tree planting programme, so we can identify and introduce further trees to our village.
- Paulton will be celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee in style, with painted Corgi's bring created by Pride in Paulton and a Jubilee bake off competition at the Party in the park celebrations.
- Our events team is already planning this year's Christmas light Switch on for the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, as well as the Dressing of the Graves and Remembrance Sunday.
- One of the things we get asked a lot about is things for children to do, so I was very proud to see the Council agree additional Youth Connect sessions, which will now run twice a week outside the village hall. Please be sure to visit our youth connect team who are outside with the mobile bus, currently they offer a club on a Friday evening for young people aged 11-17, however the Council have funded an additional session weekly for young people aged 11-13 which is due to start in the next week or so.

This list is not exhaustive, and we are hoping to collect your ideas and suggestions today to build into our plans so please take time to speak with our committees who are hosting tables today, they will capture any ideas and comments you have to review at a future meeting. It would be great to see more of you at these meetings, and you can find the dates on our website or notice boards.

Thank you also to our Community tables who have joined us today to share what is available to everyone young or old in the village, as well as volunteer opportunities.

Finally I am pleased to say that we have managed to deliver all our services without increasing the precept for the forthcoming year.

**5. To consider and business of which written notice has been to the Chairman or the Clerk**

There was none.

**6. To consider and business or matter raised by the electorate**

There was none.

The formal part of the meeting was closed at 6:18pm

Signed by the Chairman.....

Date.....

Following the meeting there was a resident engagement event. The following community groups were in attendance and hosted a table –

- Party in the Park
- Paulton Swimming pool
- The Guides
- The Brownies
- Double Hills
- Paulton Art Group
- Youth Connect
- Pride in Paulton
- Purnells Sports Group

The following committees from Paulton Parish Council hosted a table -

- Planning and Highways
- Parks and Amenities
- Events
- Paulton Hub

The following suggestions, ideas and comments were made for consideration by the Council when planning future activities and services within Paulton –

1. Consider dog free area in the open parks to enable children to play in a dog mess free area
2. Tackle the dog mess on the football pitches in the park
3. Paulton Hill to Clandown needs resurfacing
4. Make the BMX track bigger with bigger jumps
5. Build a Skate Park
6. Have a Community Orchard with fruit
7. A new dog poo bin down the bottom of the new housing estate on the resurfaced footpaths
8. Wildflower meadows on green spaces
9. Have a fruit and veg garden
10. More fruit bushes and vegetables
11. Restart the book group at the Library, perhaps an afternoon each month
12. The flashing school sign on the junction opposite Downsway is always flashing
13. The chevrons on the triangle are no longer visible and need repainting
14. Street lighting is needed by the “old” Newton Chapel

The event finished at 8pm.