

PAULTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parks and Amenities Committee meeting held on
Tuesday 7th March 2017 at 7.00pm held in the meeting room, Village Hall, Paulton.

PRESENT: Councillors G Dix, C Mitchard, P McSherry, H Warren, L Wild and M Wild.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jo Swift – Clerk

38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors T Bridgeman, L Hardman and S Long.

39. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

40. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor H Warren – agenda item 5 – ‘Party in the Park’.

41. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved – that the minutes of the Parks and Amenities committee meeting held on 8th December 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

42. TENNIS COURT FENCE

It was discussed and agreed that it would be nice to have a year with nothing on the tennis courts as it was felt that then there will be more of an impact when the new poppies go on.

Resolved:

- (i) That the request was agreed in principle for 2018 subject to final details on the size of the poppies and where they will be located.
- (ii) That Councillor P McSherry will remove the existing poppies and balloons soon.

43. TESCO FUNDING

Several suggestions were put forward – the extension of the swimming pool, this would have to be done by the pool and timed so that it was within 12 months of the pool being completed as this is part of the criteria. Other ideas put forward for the future were a project at Oxlease and possibly towards any decisions made about the BMX track.

Resolved – that funding is requested to pay for the tree tags (see minute no. 46).

44. SIGNAGE

As 2 members of the working party were not present it was agreed to put this back on the next agenda.

45. REVIEW OF CEMETERY FEES

Resolved – that there is no increase in Cemetery fees for 2017/18.

46. RHS IT'S YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD AWARDS

Resolved:

- (i) That the cost of the tree tags and information sheets are to be sought via the Tesco Bags of Help grant funding.
- (i) That Councillor C Mitchard will organise counting the trees and who can add species name tags to the trees at the Cemetery.

47. REPORT BACK FROM SITE VISIT

- (i) *Chapel* – it was generally in good repair but a full inspection will be needed to construct any sort of specification for work. It was thought there may be enough room behind the chapel to create storage for all machinery currently stored in the Chapel but this would need further investigation. The storage/sheds by the pre-school were also mentioned as a possibility, these are presently being used but it is not known by whom.

Resolved – that the sheds/storage by the pre-school to be investigated also for consideration as a storage place for all the machinery. Clerk to investigate and report back at the next meeting. The exterior paintwork on the Lodge needs redoing.

- (ii) *Wallenge Open Space* – it was felt that the steps from Hillside Close and from Gregory's Tynning would benefit from the installation of a handrail. Concerning the approach from Britten's Hill it was decided the best way forward would be to carry on the fencing down to the telegraph pole and install spaced plastic inlay into the grass to provide a suitable safe surface for the general public to use.

Resolved – contact will be made with B&NES Council regarding permission.

- (iii) *Somerset Way* –

Resolved – it was agreed that the grounds staff continue managing in the same way i.e. cutting the front area but leaving the rest to grow tall on the grass verge running from Brookside to Somerset way. It was agreed that we continue managing in the same way

48. MEDIUM/LONG TERM PLANS FOR PARKS AND CEMETERY

The plans were gone through and updated (attached). It was agreed to add an extra column for when the proposed expenditure may be spent so that monies can be put into the budget for the relevant year if necessary.

49. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Parks and Amenities Committee is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 11th July 2017 at 7.00pm**

50. 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.

Agenda item 15 - public excluded from the meeting to consider quotes for gardening services. Disclosure of the commercial interests of the council and the persons that have tendered the quote is not in the public interest.

51. TO CONSIDER A QUOTE FOR GARDENING SERVICES

Resolved – that the quote was approved.

Meeting finished at 8.20 pm

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