

# PAULTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.00pm held in the meeting room, Village Hall, Paulton

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PRESENT: Councillors T Bridgeman, H Brady, G Dix, L Hardman, H Howson,  
J Humphries, A Lyons (Chairman), P McSherry, C Mitchard, M Stevens and  
H Warren.

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 members of the public and Jo Swift – Clerk

## 697. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors S Deacon-Church, E Griffiths and S Long.

## 698. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tracey Pike, Operational Manager Youth Connect (B&NES) spoke about the Youth Service and gave an overview of the reports previously emailed to Councillors.

Financial help from the Parish Council is being requested because the budget for Youth Connect services is being cut by 50% and the direction is to cease all youth work delivery and therefore go out to local communities to help support the service.

The targeted and NEET work will continue but Open Access will cease on 30.08.18 unless other ways to fund it are found.

There are 2 options – 1 is to develop a youth mutual. A feasibility study is underway and the interim report is positive although the final one has not yet been completed. The service can become separate from B&NES Council. The mutual would be supported by the following Councils - Peasedown St John, Westfield Radstock, Timsbury and Paulton.

The alternative plan is that a new North East Somerset Youth Charity could be formed that would deliver the service in a different way and would not be connected to B&NES at all. As a charity they would be able to raise funds, gain grants and apply for sponsorship.

If the service stays with B&NES they cannot deliver the same service

£8K per year would cover the delivery. They would try and find sponsorship for the bus  
£3K would provide 1 senior member of staff + 2 assistants  
£6K would provide 2.5 members of staff

Members felt that it is key to keep the bus that comes to Paulton on a Friday evening. Tracey said that it is the intention to keep 1 of the 2 buses. The young people in Paulton are quite 'needy' in terms of more challenging behaviour so 3 staff are required in Paulton when normally there would be 2. The age group of 14-19 year olds are the ones that mostly create the problems. Tracey said that a report can be provided about this, for the Council, and it was suggested that Councillors visit the bus from time to time however the bus does not come to Paulton if there are staff shortages due to holidays/sickness etc. as they do not have the cover.

## 699. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was none.

700. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Resolved** – that the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

701. CHAIRMANS REPORT

There were no items to report.

702. CLERKS REPORT

Plumptre Road – Curo should have the license ready by the end of January.

Library – a meeting has recently taken place with B&NES Council, there will be an update provided to the Parish Council at a future meeting. Before the Parish Council goes out to consultation, as agreed, the working party are waiting for a proposal from B&NES, whilst the Parish Council are waiting on information regarding the lease and the legal side of the matter needs to be looked into further.

703. PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

**Resolved** – that the information is noted and that Councillor H Warren is appointed to the Planning and Highways committee.

704. FINANCES (MONTH 9 – DECEMBER 2017)

**Resolved** - that the finances for month 9 are received and noted.

705. 2018/19 BUDGET

**Resolved:**

- (i) That £6,000 is put in the 2018/19 budget for Youth Initiatives (4712)
- (ii) That budget summary 2 is approved.
- (iii) That a precept of £210,807 for 2018/19 is approved.

706. NOTIFICATION OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE 2017/18 FINANCIAL YEAR

**Resolved** - that the information was noted.

707. CONTRACTS FOR SUPPORTED BUS SERVICES

**Resolved** – that the response to the consultation is - *Paulton Parish Council wish to retain all Paulton bus services as the village is still growing and the demand is increasing. Ideally the service needs to be increased and not decreased. There are a significant number of elderly people that use the bus for shopping and the buses that take children to school are full, with the numbers of children expected to rise in September.*

*Paulton has lost a night bus to Bristol, the last bus back is 7.40pm and there is no bus to Bristol on a Sunday.*

**Resolved** – that Councillor C Mitchard joins Councillor L Hardman to continue talks with First Bus.

708. PROPOSED EXTENSION UPDATE– PAULTON COMMUNITY POOL

The Highway Engineer is now satisfied with the proposed layout in terms of parking levels and access. However, in terms of the layout of the site the case officer still considered the parking spaces to be too close to the boundary with the adjacent dwelling. There must be a buffer zone to prevent damage to the boundary fence. Therefore the case officer required further consideration and amendment. It was suggested that either the parking spaces be pulled away from the boundary or a buffer could be constructed. Following communications it has been agreed that bollards are the best option and this option is to be submitted. This is the only remaining issue so once resolved approval should be given.

Some organisations have been identified for grant funding. At some point, Councillor Humphries, the Clerk and the Manager of the pool will sit down to see what funding options there are and develop a funding strategy as there are many options – grants, sponsorship, loans. Ideally, the cost of the project needs to be known before funding can be progressed.

709. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council is on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.00pm.**

Meeting ended at 8.30 pm

Signed: .....  
(Chairman)

Date: .....