

PAULTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 13th February 2018 at 7.00pm held in the meeting room, Village Hall, Paulton

PRESENT: Councillors T Bridgeman, S Deacon-Church, G Dix, E Griffiths, H Howson,
J Humphries, S Long, A Lyons (Chairman), C Mitchard, M Stevens and H Warren

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of the public and Jo Swift – Clerk

710. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To note apologies from Councillors H Brady, L Hardman, P Hartley and P McSherry.

712. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was none.

713. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2018 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

714. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman recently attended a consultation regarding the proposed new school in Midsomer Norton and Councillors will have now received the power point information regarding this.

Councillor Mitchard and the Chairman spent a couple of hours interviewing Terry and Caroline Wynne who were retiring from running the Hospital Charity shop, to get an insight to their work during the last 20 years. You will be able to read a short resume of their time in the magazine. There was so much information; it could have taken up half the magazine.

715. CLERKS REPORT

BMX track – major refurbishment should be completed by end of March/early April, subject to the weather.

Red Lion - It has come to our attention that the toilets in the Red Lion car park have a water leak and the PPC have been issued with a LEAKAGE NOTICE REQUIRING REPAIRS WITHIN 14 DAYS by Bristol Water as the PPC have a statutory duty to reduce leakage and prevent water being wasted which is an offence under the Water Industry Act 1991. As this is likely to impact the car park the Parish Council is waiting on permission from Punch Taverns for the contractor to work on the land. The contractor has advised that access to the car park will still be possible as they will be working in the centre of the car park which they will barrier off. Cars will just have to take care when driving into the car park.

The cost will be in the region of £3,000 and will be taken from General Reserves as there is no budget for these emergency repairs.

Purchase of land at Old Mills, Paulton – there has been an issue in obtaining the deeds and there have been problems identifying the land being sold. An application is being made by the sellers to land registry for the title to ensure that land registry are happy

thereby making it a more secure transaction for the Parish Council in purchasing it as registered land as opposed to unregistered and defined land. The solicitor is hoping to receive the documentation needed for review by the end of February/early March.

716. APPROVAL OF COUNCILLOR ABSENCES

Resolved – that an extension of the 6 month rule was not approved.

717. CASUAL VACANCY

The Chairman asked members if they required a secret ballot and this was agreed.

Resolved – that Ben Stevens is co-opted onto Paulton Parish Council.

718. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2018/19

Resolved –

- (i) That the dates for the Parish Council and Planning & Highways, as per the schedule, are approved.
- (ii) That the Parks and Amenities meetings are to be held every 2 months at 6pm, before the Council meeting, the first one for 2018/19 being 19th June 2018.
- (iii) That the dates and times for the Events committee meetings will be agreed by the Events committee and added to the schedule when known.

719. PRECEPT LEAFLET 2018/19

Resolved – that with the agreed amendments the Precept Leaflet is approved.

720. FINANCES (MONTH 10 – JANUARY 2018)

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

721. PROPOSED EXTENSION UPDATE– PAULTON COMMUNITY POOL

The parking issues previously reported have been resolved and plans resubmitted and accepted. There are concerns regarding the retaining wall and this has been passed to Highways (B&NES) for comment. They feel that it is more of a Building Regulations matter. The planning application has therefore been agreed in principle and the feeling is that it will be recommended for approval. Once this has been received the next stage will be the Building Regulations, at this point it is envisaged that a meeting of the Community Pool Charity will be called to progress the project.

Nic, Jeff and Jo have met and made a start on looking into the grant funding. The approximate cost of the extension is £235,000 + VAT. There is a complication of who will own the building once it is built; this is presently being looked into.

722. SOMER VALLEY ENTERPRISE ZONE: KEY STAKEHOLDER GROUP

It was agreed to suspend standing orders at 8.04 pm to take a comment from the member of the public the meeting reconvened at 8.07 pm.

Resolved – that Councillor J Humphries is the representative of Paulton Parish Council on this group and that Councillor B Stevens is the back up (subject to him completing and signing the necessary paperwork to become a Councillor)

723. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council is on **Tuesday 20th March 2018 at 7.00pm.**

Meeting ended at 8.10pm.

Signed: Date:
(Chairman)