

PAULTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 21st August 2018 at 7.00pm held in the meeting room, Village Hall, Paulton

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Jo Swift – Clerk and J Bull (B&NES Councillor).

808. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor S Long.

809. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

810. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was none.

811. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2018 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

812. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman welcomed Councillor L Quinn to the Council. Councillors Liz Hardman, Terry Bridgeman, Hugh Warren and myself attended a social evening at Paulton Engine where there were photographs and maps of the Somersetshire Coal Canal. We were taken to the site and shown the two ponds, the dry dock and the refurbished bridge. It is amazing what history is on our own doorstep.

813. CLERKS REPORT

Councillor J Humphries, in the Chairmans absence, represented the Parish Council at the reception for the judging of the 'Village Of The Year' competition. He met the judges before they went off to judge the village, the results will be known in October. There are 6 villages in the large village category.

814. RISK ASSESSMENT

Resolved – that with the amendments the risk assessment for 2018/19 is approved.

815. PARISH COUNCIL NEW LOGO

The logo produced by Councillor Luxton was handed out to all those present. The basis of the logo was liked however it was agreed that the following items were important and to be included in the new logo – a wheel that reflects mining, the canal image to be straight, a book in the logo was important and the word 'Paulton' to be incorporated into the logo allowing for other words such as Council, Hub etc. to be added when necessary. The font for text to be similar to Hanbury Parish Councils logo shown.

Resolved – that Councillor J Luxton and B Stevens to work together to produce an electronic version of the logo to be presented to a future meeting of the Parish Council for consideration.

816. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY POLICY

Resolved – that Equalities and Diversity Policy was approved and adopted.

817. FINANCES (MONTH 4 - JULY 2018)

Resolved - that the finances for month 4 (July 2018) were approved.

818. YOUTH WORK PROPOSAL FOR SOMER VALLEY CLUSTER

Resolved –

- (i) That the Parish Council will join the mutual with Westfield Parish Council and Radstock Town Council.
- (ii) That £4,431 will be paid for 1 mobile session each week, with 3 staff, for October 2018 to March 2019.
- (iii) That a 2 year fixed term contract at a cost of £8861 per year for 1 mobile session each week, with 3 staff is approved.
- (iv) That reports from the Youth Workers are to be received detailing any issues that they experience and of the successes that are achieved.

819. PRIDE IN PAULTON

It was mentioned that the hanging baskets looked particularly nice this year and it was requested that thanks is passed onto Pride In Paulton for all their work.

Resolved – that £1,500 is put into the draft budget 2019/2020.

820. SWIMMING POOL FUNDING

A discussion took place regarding Councils not often being successful when applying for grants and that maybe, in the future, Paulton Community Pool should consider becoming a Charity in its own right. Councillor Quinn offered to investigate the funding sources that Chippenham pool used for a similar project. 'Changing Places' was mentioned to be looked into and the Clerk will look into the costs of a Public Works Loan Board and bring the information to a future meeting.

821. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is to be held on **Tuesday 18th September 2018** at 7.00pm.

822. 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 – to consider staffing matters.

823. UPGRADE OF IT SYSTEMS IN THE OFFICE

Resolved – that the 3rd company on the 'IT quote comparisons sheet' attached to the agenda was chosen to upgrade the IT systems in the office.

824. EMPLOYEE PAY RISES

Resolved – that recommendation (i) in the report ‘Employee Pay Rises’ dated 26th June 2018 was approved for both employees and that a 2% increase is not applied automatically from 1st April 2019 but to be reviewed, for both employees, in April 2019.

825. STAFFING MATTERS

Resolved – that the recommendation from the Staffing Committee, detailed in the Staffing Committee minutes dated 16th July 2018 was approved and as per below:

	<u>AM (9am to 1pm)</u>	<u>PM (1pm to 5pm)</u>
Monday	Lisa Hosking	New person
Tuesday	Fiona Gardiner (until 2pm)	Linda Rossiter
Wednesday	Lisa Hosking	Linda Rossiter
Thursday	Linda Rossiter	New person
Friday	Lisa Hosking and new person	Closed

Meeting ended at 8.20 pm

Signed: Date:
(Chairman)