

PAULTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 18th September 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), A Lyons (Chairman), P McSherry, C Mitchard, L Quinn, B Stevens, M Stevens and H Warren.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jo Swift – Clerk, 1 member of the public and J Bull (B&NES Councillor)

826. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor S Long and J Luxton.

827. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

828. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was none.

829. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st August 2018 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

830. POLICE

Matthew Bendall from Avon and Somerset Police was present to discuss issues in Paulton. Councillors expressed their concerns regarding the drug dealing that is going on in the centre of the village. Drug dealing is being witnessed in the village. Candlegrease Lane has become a particular area for drug dealing and the area heading up towards the precinct. The recent stabbing incident is under investigation and was probably drug related. There have been issues at the youth shelter in the Miners Recreation Ground.

To aid the police of any sightings of drug taking etc, if possible car registration numbers are to be taken and passed onto the police.

It was mentioned that when the Planning and Highways committee comment on planning applications, considerations should be given to houses being turned into flats as was the case in the Candlegrease Lane area.

Neighbourhood Watch scheme – if residents sign up to the scheme to get onto the police register they will then receive regular updates directly via email.

831. CHAIRMANS REPORT

Councillors C Mitchard, H Howson, H Warren, Liz Hardman and myself attended Arnhem 40th service which was very well supported by the residents. 2019 is the 40th Anniversary of this memorial and could be the last year that Peter Yeates will be heavily involved with the organising.

Councillor C Mitchard, H Warren, P McSherry and myself attended a function at Bristol Airport where we were introduced to the new CEO and were shown various proposed planning changes for the airport. They have a two grant system – one is for the immediate community and the other for the wider community. We are sending in a grant application for the 'Diamond' fund (for the wider community) in respect of our swimming pool extension.

Unfortunately Picnic in the Park scheduled for this Sunday 23rd September has had to be postponed and will hopefully take place in June 2019.

832. CLERKS REPORT

CLERKS REPORT FOR MEETING ON 18th SEPTEMBER 2018

The new IT system approved at the Parish Council meeting has now been installed and after a few minor problems is now working well.

The new wheelchair accessible roundabout has been installed and is now complete.

A new shelter has now been put in place in the park. The Clerk saw people using it straight away. Unfortunately, already 2 young boys were seen on the roof using it as a slide. There have been some young people using it and taking drugs and dropping litter around the area, so the Clerk is obtaining a quote to see how much an additional CCTV camera would cost because the present cameras do not cover this area. This will be brought to a future meeting for a decision.

Old Mills Land – following the Parish Councils decision to purchase the land, there has been a lengthy delay due to the title of the land and Land Registry, this has now been resolved as the current owner of the land has managed to register the title of the land with Land Registry therefore making it much easier to identify it and produce the necessary documentation to enable any transfer to take place, this is now in hand.

Red lion – the Parish Council has been charged several thousands of pounds for the loss of water when there was a leak. A dispute has been going on since May about the Parish Council having to pay for this, numerous letters have been sent and the Clerk has persisted with this matter and more recently the Clerk made a formal complaint and informed Water2Business that contact would be made to the Consumer Council for water and to the local MP. It has now been agreed that £6,489 will be refunded for the water.

833. APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCIES - EVENTS COMMITTEE

The information was noted.

834. CHAPEL AND LODGE

Resolved – that a valuation and condition survey for the Chapel and Lodge to be done at a cost in the region of £1,100 plus disbursements. The money to be taken from ear marked reserves to do this.

835. PARISH COUNCIL NEW LOGO

The logo has now been turned into a digital version and will be distributed to Councillors to make comments for a final decision at the October Parish Council meeting.

836. WW1 CENTENARY BENCH

Resolved – to purchase a WW1 bench to be placed in the Memorial Park, replacing an

existing bench and for the bin to be moved approximately 2 metres towards the tennis courts.

837. FINANCES (MONTH 5 – AUGUST 2018)

Resolved - that the finances for month 5 (August 2018) were approved.

838. HUB MANAGEMENT REPORT

The Chairman of the committee provided an update. The funding request has now been agreed by the committee and the formal application is in the process of being finalised and sent to B&NES Council. B&NES Council have 2 grants that can be applied for, one is a small fixed amount for start-up costs and the other is an Enabling Fund.

There will be an agreement with B&NES Council as they have a statutory duty as a library provider. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council recently met with B&NES Officers and the CEO and a Property Consultant from Radco to discuss the lease. The vision of the Parish Council to turn the Hub into a community focal point, that will benefit local businesses, was passed onto Radco who were supportive of this. Consideration is now being given to the leases and a response is now awaited.

Once the Parish Council has signed the agreement with B&NES then they can start the formal process to take on the library from April 2019.

839. PAULTON VILLAGE HALL QUARTERLY REPORT

The report was received and noted.

840. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is to be held on **Tuesday 23rd October 2018** at 7.00pm.

Meeting ended at 8.17 pm

Signed: Date:
(Chairman)