

# PAULTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 at 7.00pm held in the meeting room, Village Hall, Paulton

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Jo Swift – Clerk and 5 members of the public.

## 939. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To note apologies from Councillors L Hardman and C Mitchard.

## 940. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

## 941. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda item 8:

Councillor T Bridgeman – Cam Valley Arts Trail  
Councillor J Luxton – Litter Picking group  
Councillor A Lyons – Party in the Park and Somer Valley Walking Festival  
Councillor H Warren – Party in the Park and Dial A Ride

## 942. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Resolved** – that the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## 943. CHAIRMANS REPORT

*'On 2<sup>nd</sup> April I was invited to attend Peasedown St John's Annual Village Meeting where I was made to feel very welcome. Various reports were given by the Chairmen of committees and the local Headmaster talked about the school and the recent Ofsted inspection. There were quite a few members of the public in attendance who enjoyed an assortment of refreshments while receiving these various reports.*

*On 11<sup>th</sup> April Councillor Liz Hardman, Jeff Humphries and myself attended the first Community Libraries Network Meeting in Keynsham, where we listened to several B&NES staff connected with the transfer of libraries to various community groups. The Chairman of Saltford Community Library gave an insight into how their library started and is progressing.*

*This is the last full Council meeting before the local elections and I would just like to send best wishes to both Shirley Long and Josh Loxton. These two Councillors have decided not to stand again and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their contribution to Paulton Parish Council and wish them both well for the future.*

*I would also like to give my personal thanks to all Councillors and all staff especially to those who have done tremendous amounts of work on some really big projects including the Helaa project, the quarterly magazines, Library/Hub and WW1 event, to name a few. In fact there are so many things that have required input from Councillors that I just want to say a very big thank you to everyone for your contributions over the past 4 years.*

*Good luck to all of you who are standing again in the Parish Council elections on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Unfortunately one of the 18 who have put their names forward will be unlucky'.*

944. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk had no updates but just reported that she was busy presently working on year end for finances, payroll, pensions and work for the internal and external audit.

945. FINANCES

**Resolved** – that:

- (i) the finances for March 2019 were approved
- (ii) the overspends were noted.

946. GRANTS

**It was agreed to suspend standing orders to take comments and questions from members of the public regarding the grants.**

Representations were made from Party In The Park, PADS and Dial A Ride.

**Resolved** – that the £150 over the grant budget expenditure was approved and the grants are awarded as follows:

	<b>Amount Applied for</b>	<b>Granted</b>
Bath Area Play Project	£500	£200
Cam Valley Arts Trail	£100	£100
Camvale Tennis Club	£1,500	£750
Dial A Ride	£1,500	£1,000
Double Hills	£500	£500
Litter Picking group	£200	£100
Paulton Amateur Dramatics	£2,000	£1,000
Paulton Party In The Park	£2,500	£2,000
Paulton Rovers Netball Club	£600	£300
Pride in Paulton Partnership	£2,000	£2,000
Somer Valley Walking Festival	£100	£50
Swan Advice Network	£300	£150
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£11,800</b>	<b>£8,150</b>

947. ANNUAL REVIEW OF CCTV POLICIES

**Resolved** – that with the CCTV policies were reviewed and approved.

948. PAULTON MAGAZINE

A brief report was provided – the magazine has been in production for 3 years. Year 1 produced no profit but by year 3 there was a £438.75 profit. The jobs done by the magazine team are varied – reporters, sales marketing, designers, editors and visiting local businesses to sell advertising space in the magazine. The future of the magazine is unknown, and this will be decided at a future meeting of the new Council.

949. HUB MANAGEMENT REPORT

There has been a lot of work done since the last update. During communication between the Chairman of the committee and Radco relating to proposed building works, it became known that Radco had completed the sale of Hill Court several weeks earlier. This was unknown to the Parish Council and apparently also to B&NES Council. B&NES Council Property and Legal teams are now in discussions with the agents acting on behalf of the new owners and B&NES are waiting for the assignment documents and land registry details. B&NES Legal team have requested that more time is needed to complete.

The transfer date has been postponed by B&NES to 13<sup>th</sup> May, they will continue to staff the library until the transfer has taken place. This delay has created a lot of problems in many areas and the change of ownership has raised some serious concerns. It was agreed that an urgent meeting with B&NES Council is arranged as soon as possible.

950. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Annual Parish Council meeting is to be held on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019** 7.00pm.

Meeting ended at 8.15 pm.

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