

PAULTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 12th February at 7.00pm held in the meeting room, Village Hall, Paulton

PRESENT: Councillors T Bridgeman, G Dix, L Hardman, H Howson (until 7.10pm), J Humphries (Vice Chairman), J Loxton, A Lyons (Chairman), P McSherry, C Mitchard, L Quinn, M Stevens and H Warren.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jo Swift – Clerk and 3 members of the public.

907. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To note apologies from Councillor S Long and B Stevens.

908. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A midwife spoke to highlight the work that is being done to raise the profile of the maternity department to protect the services. The consultation runs until 24th February 2019 and can be found on their website and Facebook page. A petition not to withdraw the care will be handed to Jacob Rees-Mogg MP on Saturday.

909. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was none.

910. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2019 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

911. CHAIRMANS REPORT

There is not much to report apart from the Holocaust Memorial function that Councillor Liz Hardman (as a B&NES Councillor), and myself, as Chairman of Paulton Parish attended on 24th January.

Having never been to a Holocaust event we were pleasantly surprised that it wasn't a morbid occasion, but at the same time being very moved by the poetry, music and articles taken from the Bath Chronicle of the time, which led you through different emotions, as each piece reflected a part of this historical occurrence. The title of this event was 'Kindertransport' (German for Children's transport) which told the story of Jewish children sent to England to escape the war years, many of whom were placed with Bath families and were the only members of their family to survive the Holocaust.

912. CLERKS REPORT

Post Box update – the Parish Councils request cannot go through because a member of the public put in the same request before the Parish Councils. The request is for a Post Box on Salisbury Road, in the area by the Care Home.

The Post Office no longer put Post Boxes in walls, they are all free standing. When asked what will happen to the original one on Salisbury Road the Post Office confirmed that it got taken away and some of the older ones go into museums.

There should be an update whether this has been approved by mid-February.

913. PURDAH

To note the information in the attached report.

914. MAY 2019 MEETINGS

The following dates were noted:

- (i) Annual Parish Council meeting Tuesday 21st May 2019
- (ii) Planning and Highways Wednesday 24th April 2019

915. PRECEPT LEAFLET 2019/2020

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

916. PARISH COUNCIL LOGO

Resolved – that this will be re-visited at the June Parish Council meeting.

917. FINANCES (JANUARY 2019)

Resolved - that the finances for month 10 (January 2019) were approved.

918. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PARKS AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The intention is for local young people, who use the track, to open it and take photographs. It was suggested to organise next week because it is half term. Photographs/publicity will go onto the Parish Councils website, Facebook and local press.

Resolved – that the opening as detailed above goes ahead.

919. PAULTON MAGAZINE

A lengthy discussion took place about all the options for edition 13. Consideration was given to the advertisers and the best option for them was agreed.

Resolved - that edition 13 will be postponed until after May due to the elections.

920. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY FURNITURE

The following matters to be raised:

- The staggered gate/frame by the school/Elm Road creates problems as prams cannot get through.
- By the kissing gate at Westview, the farmer has put sacking on his electric fence – can they do this?

921. LETTER FROM PRIDE IN PAULTON COMMUNITY GROUP

It was felt that the questions had been addressed in the letters sent to PiP from the magazine team and the Chairman. The Chairman read out the 2 letters to those present and a discussion took place. No official reply will be given to PiP in response to their second letter as a discussion had taken place in the presence of 2 members of PiP.

Standing Orders were suspended twice to allow a member of PiP to speak.

922. HUB MANAGEMENT REPORT

A recent meeting with the café owner has taken place regarding reconfiguration of the existing space. A builder has been to the Hub to access the scope of the works and a letter of intent has been issued. Library – agreed provisional layout, additional furniture is required which has been sourced. The Chairman of the committee has met with a planning officer and the planning officer will be making contact asap in respect of the issues that he had.

There is no movement on the main lease with the landlord. B&NES property services department will not allow any work to be done until the lease has been agreed. This creates a problem because B&NES are due to relinquish their responsibility for the facility on 1st April 2019 and a lead in period of 3-4 weeks is required i.e. beginning of March the work needs to be started which means that the lease needs to be dealt with and approved by the end of February which is very unlikely therefore a plan B may be required. The Council cannot commit to providing this service unless longevity and security of any lease can be obtained. It would be unwise for the Council to spend a lot of money on providing this service if only for a short period of time. The situation is out of the Councils control and if the lease is not suitable then consideration to walking away might be the only option.

923. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is to be held on **Tuesday 12th March 2019** at 7.00pm.

Meeting ended at 8.30 pm.

Signed: Date:
(Chairman)