

PAULTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parks and Amenities Committee meeting held on
Tuesday 25th June 2019 at 6.00pm held in the meeting room, Village Hall, Paulton.

PRESENT: Councillors T Bridgeman, M Colliver, D Garlick, H Howson, A Lyons,
P McSherry, A Meaton, C Mitchard (Chairman) and B Stevens.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jo Swift – Clerk and Paul Davison (groundsman)

169. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2019/20

Resolved – that Councillor C Mitchard is elected as the Chairman for the municipal year 2019/20.

170. ELECTION OF VICE- CHAIRMAN 2019/20

There was no one interested in the position of Vice-Chairman.

171. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

172. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

173. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor P McSherry mentioned she may have an interest in agenda item 14, however it was not considered an interest.
Councillor M Colliver in item 7 – as an allotment holder.

174. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved - that the minutes of the Parks and Amenities committee meeting held on 23rd April 2019 are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

175. HEDGING AT ALLOTMENT

It was reported that tree roots are damaging some of the allotments to the extent that some cannot be used so it was felt that the trees should be removed.

Resolved – that no action is to be taken until the tree inspection report is received.

176. DOG FOULING

(i) Under 'Remember' - 'there' is to be changed to 'they' and that the final sentence on page 3 is made larger and bolder.

Resolved – that the leaflet is approved for print, with the amendments as mentioned above, subject to cost. A price to be obtained for producing 100.

(ii) It was decided not to go with the initiative undertaken by another Parish Council as it was felt that the plastic bottles were working well. Stickers to be obtained from B&NES for bins and the bottles informing dog walkers that dog faeces can be put in normal bins. A dog fouling article can also be put into the magazine.

177. MATTERS RAISED BY GROUNDSMAN

(i) Area by CCTV camera in Memorial Park.

Resolved – that the groundsman and the Chairman of the committee will look at the area together and consider the options available to make the area safe.

(ii) Replacement seating required on the concrete slab by the BMX track.

Resolved – that the cost of 2 metal benches to be sought and the 2 wooden benches previously purchased to be located in a suitable place.

Wallenge Open Space was one suggestion provided.

(iii) Youth Shelter issues.

The ongoing drug related issues by the Youth Shelter were discussed. The Police have been spoken to and are aware of the concerns. Various options and suggestions were considered to alleviate the problems at the Youth Shelter.

Resolved – to investigate the possibility of replacing the light in the youth shelter with a black light and to consider planting Berberis plants around the back of the shelter if the issues continue.

(iv) Wildlife area issues.

The groundsman reported that people have been sleeping in the area. Drug related equipment has been found along with other items. This has been handed into the police. A BMX track has been created in the wildlife area. It was suggested that the hedge is taken out and replaced with a fence for visibility purposes or that the hedge is re-laid.

Resolved – that the permission of removing a hedge is looked into and the cost of hedge laying to be sought and reported to the next meeting.

178. SIGNAGE FOR THE PLAY AREA IN THE MEMORIAL PARK

Resolved – that new signs, similar to the one at Wallenge Open Space, are purchased for the Memorial Park.

179. WALLENGE OPEN SPACE

Resolved – not to proceed with surfacing the entrance to Wallenge Open Space.

180. GREEN FLAG

Resolved – not to enter into the Green Flag award scheme.

181. NEW TREES

Resolved – to find out what the size of the trees will be when delivered in November and then it will be decided where to plant them at the next meeting.

182. USING THE CHAPEL FOR STORAGE

Resolved – that the furniture purchased for the Hub can be stored in Chapel until it is required at the Hub.

Meeting finished at 6.50pm

Signed.....
(Chairman)