

PAULTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parks and Amenities Committee meeting held on
Tuesday 25th February 2020 at 6.00pm held in the meeting room, Village Hall, Paulton.

PRESENT: Councillors T Bridgeman, G Garlick, A Lyons, A Meaton, H Warren, P Mc Sherry
(6.11pm) and D Garlick (6.30pm)

IN ATTENDANCE: Carol Hall – Clerk and Paul Davison - Groundsman

218. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Councillor M Colliver

219. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none

220. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was none

221. ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Following a discussion on what the Parks & Amenities committee would like included on their table for the Annual Assembly it was agreed:

- The Chairman would prepare a report and forward to the Clerk no later than Mid-April
- Photos would be taken by Councillor J Meaton of the areas covered by the committee for display at the event
- There would be a suggestion box
- The following Councillors would be present at the table to speak with residents: Cyril Mitchard, Terry Bridgeman and John Meaton. Our Groundsman, Paul Davison, would also support the event.

222. PORTABLE TOILET QUOTES

A discussion was held around the suitability of using Portable Toilets as a solution for the Memorial Park, concerns were raised around the inability to lock them at night and the ongoing cost to provide this service throughout the summer holidays.

Resolved - that the disabled toilet in the Parish Council office would be opened with effect from the Easter holidays on a trial basis, to reviewed at future meetings subject to agreement by the Village Hall Trustees.

Councillors C Mitchard & G Garlick would meet with each of the office colleagues to discuss any concerns.

223. PUBLIC TOILETS AT THE RED LION

The Clerk confirmed she had chased the Community Payback team and had a response to say it had been forwarded to the relevant probation team, no further response had been received and the Clerk would continue to follow up.

224. TREES AT THE CEMETERY

The advice from the arborist was considered following the clarification sought regarding the impact of the trees on the Cemetery and the allotments.

Resolved – That the trees would be left as they are with annual inspections undertaken

Resolved – That any complaints from individual plot holders would be dealt with on a case by case basis

225. SIGN FOR THE MEMORIAL PARK

Resolved – to order a further sign to be placed on the reverse of the new sign. It was agreed that the wording on the sign would be the same as the current sign with the addition of:

“Paulton Parish Council accept no responsibility for injury caused by misuse” this would follow the existing wording “Please use the equipment for the purpose it is intended”

A “no smoking” sign and “no dogs” sign would also be added along with the wording “in the play area”

226. CEMETERY FEES

Resolved – That all fees would increase by 2% with effect from the 1st April 2020

227. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the committee is to be held on **Tuesday 21st April 2020** 6.00pm.

228. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved – that pursuant to the provision of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public were excluded from the meeting for the following item of business by reason of the confidential nature of business to be transacted – to consider commercial matters

229. PLANTING OF TREES

Each of the 5 varieties of trees was reviewed and discussed for the avenue of trees at the rec.

Resolved – it was approved to order 18 Betula Pendula (silver birch) 70 L trees with staking kits from Hedging Direct to be planted by the Groundsman as per the plan provided.

230. GATE AT THE TOP OF THE MEMORIAL PARK

Resolved – to defer the decision until the next Park & Amenities meeting due to time constraints and for the spring in the gate to be further reduced as an interim measure to try and ease the opening and closing of the gate

Meeting finished at 7.00pm

Signed.....
(Chairman)