

PAULTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 18th August 2020 at 7.00pm held by Video Conference

PRESENT: Councillors T Bridgeman, M Colliver (7.10pm), Z Escott, G Garlick (Chairman), D Garlick, L Hardman (7.05pm), J Humphries, G Johnson, A Lyons, P McSherry, A Meaton, C Mitchard and H Warren.

IN ATTENDANCE: Carol Hall – Clerk

2 members of public attended and a representative from CCLA

1161. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors G Dix, H Howson and L Quinn.

1162. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1 Member of the public attended to talk agenda item 7, how to spend the accrued CIL monies. A suggestion was made that youth services such as a youth club are considered as it was felt this would be a valuable addition to the village.

1163. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was none.

1164. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 2020 were confirmed as a true record and electronically signed by the Chairman.

1165. FINANCES (MONTH 4 – July 2020)

Standing orders were suspended at 7.12pm until 7.15pm to allow a member of public to ask questions about the youth service.

Resolved – that the following finances for month 4 (July) were approved:

- Bank Reconciliations as at the end of July 2020
- Receipts and payments
- Petty Cash payments
- Income & Expenditure showing % against budget

1166. INVESTMENTS AND SAVINGS

As short presentation was made by a representative from CCLA explaining the features and benefits of investing in the Public Sector Fund.

Resolved – that the investment and borrowing policy was approved.

Resolved – that the recommendation to move £100,000 into the Public Sector Deposit Fund was approved.

1167. CIL MONIES

A discussion was held on the options of where to spend money, it was felt that further input from the residents was important before a decision was made.

Resolved – that all Councillors would seek the views of residents and send a list of suggestions to the Clerk before the next Council meeting. Suggestions would be collated at the meeting on the 22nd September and a list of options would be shared with the residents to choose from.

1168. COVID-19 COMMUNITY SUPPORT

It was noted that there had been no requests for COVID-19 financial support.

1169. REQUEST FROM THE PAULTON HUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

It was explained by the Clerk that the Hub Management Committee were currently on track to deliver the works at the hub within budget, however in the event of an unexpected issue there may be insufficient funds in the budget.

During a discussion about the Hub Councillor Z Escott was reminded by a fellow Councillor that as the Café tenant a declaration of interest should have been made. This was acknowledged by Councillor Z Escott who then abstained from voting.

Resolved – to allocate a further £2500 to the set-up costs for the Hub as a contingency.

1170. CHRISTMAS 2020 – OFFICE HOURS

Resolved – that the office would be closed at 12pm on Christmas eve and will reopen on Monday the 4th January.

1171. EVENT UPDATE

Cllr A Lyons informed everyone that the events committee had made the difficult decision not to hold the Christmas light switch on this year due to the COVID-19 restrictions and the need to keep everyone as safe as possible. It was also explained that whilst we were unable to have a parade for Remembrance Sunday or encourage public gatherings, the names of the fallen will be read out by the Chairman Gail Garlick along with the laying of the wreaths. The ceremony will be live streamed to enable people to join in safely from home. Adam Pitts and Martin Slocombe would be contacted to ask if they would consider an online service to coincide with the end of the ceremony.

1172. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is to be held on **22nd September 2020** at 7.00pm.

1173. 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 sensitive personal data.

1174. COUNCILLOR REQUEST

Resolved – Councillor H Howson's request for an extended leave of absence was approved until the end of November 2020.

Meeting ended at 8.33pm

Signed: Date:
(Chairman)