



Meeting Papers

Paulton Hub Management Committee

16th February 2022

Paulton Parish Council,

I have worked hard over the last eighteen months since the hub cafe reopened to develop the premises, food offerings and expand the clientele base. Obviously, this has been hampered by the lockdowns and Covid restrictions which has had a serious detrimental effect on the business and unlike many other similar small cafe`s I have been unable to apply for grants to alleviate the situation due to the way the premises is leased to me. Now that the enterprise seems to have started to settle in, I consider that, although the library can be run at a pace which rarely requires decisions to be made at more than a leisurely time span, a business run for profit must be able to make decisions without constantly asking for permission of a body which only meets monthly and will in future meet less frequently. I need the ability to run the cafe` as an independent profit business which cannot be achieved if there is unwarranted questioning of every decision or advert made by myself.

Therefore, I really need the ability to alter the afternoon opening hours without needing to constantly needing to inform the council also the ability to close early or have a private party in the cafe`, informing the council but not needing to ask permission and to alter the seating to allow another single table against the dividing wall.

Running the cafe for the benefit and convenience of the parishioners of Paulton can only be achieved if it can also be run at a profit, this can only be done if the tenants are allowed to run it as businesses are run under normal tenant/landlord conditions. Constant questioning and comments about hygiene, seating, opening and advertising undermines the viability of the business.

Yours sincerely

Tenant Hub Cafe`