

**Paulton Memorial Park Charity
(Charity no. 304609)**

Minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 28th November 2017 at 7.30pm held in the Meeting Room at the Village Hall, Farrington Road, Paulton.

Trustees present – T Bridgeman, S Deacon-Church, G Dix, E Griffiths, L Hardman, H Howson, J Humphries, S Long, A Lyons and H Warren.

Also present - Clerk to the Trustees Jo Swift and L Rossiter (PPC admin).

1. CHAIRMAN FOR 2018

The information in the agenda was noted.

Resolved – that Councillor A Lyons will serve as Chairman of the Trustees for Paulton Memorial Park Charity.

2. TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors H Brady, P Hartley, P McSherry, C Mitchard and M. Stevens.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2016 were approved by those present as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

It is so nice to receive compliments from both residents and visitors about the Memorial Park and these comments have been highlighted by the by South West in Bloom awarding an 'Outstanding Award' for the park. We have our two Groundsmen to thank for this accolade, they are so enthusiastic which shows in the condition of this facility. One of comments made by the judges last year, was that it would enhance the park if the trees were named. The Chairman of Parks has spent considerable time getting this started and we are just waiting to hear if we are successful in securing funding from Tesco for this project to finalised.

*Unfortunately we are still experiencing a few dog owners who do not clean up after their animal. Not only is this an obnoxious thing for our Groundsmen to deal with, it can also be a major health hazard, so can I please ask all dog owners to clear up your animals waste and either leave in the various bins provided or take it home when you take your pet home. The council are still supplying **FREE OF CHARGE** dog poo bags, so please take advantage and help us to have a clean and safe park.*

Installation of CCTV in the park and surrounding buildings has resulted in two young people being identified in damaging the flower beds at the entrance to the council office. The two were asked to write a letter of apology to the council, have a face to face meeting with two councillors and then tasked to help our groundsmen in the park for two hours. This was organised under the 'community resolution' scheme in conjunction with our local PCSO Rob Hendra. Hopefully the two young people will have learned a valuable lesson and not take part in any more senseless damage.

After public consultation which resulted in a definite 'no' to having a band stand, the project was disbanded, however the Parks Committee will be looking at the suggestions that residents put forward to replace the band stand project, using the section S106 originally earmarked for the band stand in the park. A project will hopefully be started in the spring of 2018.

Our thanks go to our Groundsmen Paul and Mark for their continued commitment for keeping the park in tip top condition.

5. ACCOUNTS OF THE CHARITY FOR 1ST APRIL 2016 TO 31ST MARCH 2017

Resolved – that the information was noted.

6. DE-REGISTERING THE CHARITY

Resolved – that Paulton Memorial Park Charity remains a Charity.

7. QUESTIONS

Concerns over the dog fouling were expressed. A question was asked if employing a company to monitor dog fouling had been considered as previously suggested. This was considered but due to high cost implications was not viable. Monitoring the offenders on CCTV was not an option as no one had the time to monitor the CCTV for this purpose. It was felt that some of the problem occurred in the evenings when dark. Others felt that the problem had not got any worse and that whilst at times there may be a problem on the whole the parks were fairly free of the fouling. The Clerk was asked if the Groundsman had reported an increase and she said that he hadn't.

Signed as a true record:

Chair:

Date: