MINUTES OF ANNUAL PUBLIC PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 14TH MAY 2019 AT 6.30PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE PARTINGTON

The Chairman, Councillor Wayne Edwards, chaired the meeting and the other Parish councillors in attendance were:

Cllr A. Rudden(AR), J. Clare(JC), S. Morton (SM), K. Kanes (KK), K. Stewart (KS), I. Edwards (IE), J. Robe-Fogarty (JF), J. Whatmough (JW), P. Peters (PP).

Everyone in attendance was given a copy of the Agenda, Minutes of the previous Annual Public Meeting and a copy of the Parish Council Annual Report and Financial Statement.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.30pm with the following housekeeping rules: He went on to welcome everybody for attending. There were two members of the public and the audience.

The Chair offered an update on the war memorial; the plans have been completed and are ready to be submitted. There are a few local groups, business owners and local contractors who have shown an interest in assisting with the relocation of the war memorial; all help would be appreciated. The memorial will be lined with trees; however the blossom trees will not be touched. We have a lot of events that will take place in this area throughout the years to come.

At the Parish Council meeting of 10th December 2018, the Council voted for there to be no increase to the Parish precept for 2019/2020.

As with previous years the Parish Council is aware of the current financial climate; therefore the Council has determined **not** to increase the charge for the forthcoming year. However this will be revisited throughout the forthcoming year, consultations will be held when required.

The Parish Council is confident that the established levels of service will be maintained over the stated period and the Parish Council operatives will continue to be a 'top up' service and work alongside Amey and their dedicated operatives; we will strive to add value to the established public amenity works of One Trafford/Amey and actively maintaining those existing Partington owned locations. One Trafford/Amey does not have the facilities to respond immediately to certain issues. So whilst the Parish Council operatives are constantly in Partington, we can amend our tight working schedule for a rapid response if required. It has been agreed that our bulky collection service has now been reduced to one day a week.

Fly tipped rubbish is still a plight in Partington and if not cleared quickly the mess then grows and soon escalates into other areas. <u>88</u> such deposits in the last six months have been cleared which equates to <u>54</u> tonnes. Fly tipping is also reported to the environmental team at TBC who have the power to and will prosecute offenders.

Partington was awarded for the eleventh year running another Silver award for the best in the Small Town Category by the North West in Bloom committee.

2. APOLOGISES RECEIVED;

Apologises from Cllr J. Boyers(JB), J. Comerford(JJC) were received and accepted.

3. OPEN FORUM

As there were two members of public present housekeeping rules had been delivered at the start of the meeting. The members of the public didn't have anything to ask the Council. As they were ex-councillors the Chair did thank them for their long service within the Parish Council.

It was agreed to wait five minutes and leave the open forum open in case any late arrivals.

4. MINUTES FROM THE 17th MAY 2018 ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes from the 17th May 2018 were a true and correct record and were passed by Cllr J Clare & 2nd by Cllr A Rudden.

5. MATTERS ARISING

IT WAS RESOLVED that there were no matters arising from the above sets of minutes.

6. ANNUAL RISK REGISTER

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Annual Risk Register was a true and correct record and were passed by Cllr K. Kanes & 2nd by Cllr K Stewart.

7. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2019:

IT WAS RESOLVED by the Council that the Clerk will be the Responsible Finance Officer for FY2019/20

8. FINANCIAL REPORT 2018/2019

The Treasurer, Councillor A Rudden presented the financial report advising that the council were very satisfied with them; all commitments were attended to and the council is always trying to get best value, hence no rise in the precept this year. The council hope to continue this for as long as possible.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the annual audit will soon be in progress for 2018/2019 and all accounts presented were a true & accurate record, all payments have been approved and signed off

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting which closed at 18:50hr.

Councillor Wayne Edwards Chairman Partington Parish Council