

**MINUTES OF PARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2019 AT 6.30 PM
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, PARTINGTON**

Present: Councillors W. Edwards (Chairman), P. Peters (PP), J. Clare (JC), S. Morton (SM), K. Stewart (KS), J. Whatmough (JW), I. Edwards (IE), J. Boyers (JB)

The Chairman Cllr W Edwards (WE) opened the meeting at 6.30pm. He welcomed the Parish Councillors and two members of the public; the housekeeping rules were not read out.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr, J. Comerford, K. Kanes (KK), A. Rudden (AR)

IT WAS RESOLVED by all Councillors that apologies received, were reviewed and accepted.

2. OPEN FORUM:

The Chairman Cllr W Edwards (WE) addressed the members of public in attendance and asked if they had anything they would like to speak about.

A resident that uses The Pavilion car park informed the meeting that the car park is full of mud and needs serious attention especially near the gate area as the cars are very close to the floor. Another resident said he had a couple of flags that could be used if we wanted.

The parishioners also made the Chair aware that there was a Christmas tree growing at The Pavilion that could be lit up.

No further questions were asked; therefore the open forum was closed.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

The Chair explained when the Cllrs should declare an interest.

There were no declarations of interest to declare by Councillors at this meeting.

4. MINUTES FROM THE 4th NOVEMBER 2019 MONTHLY MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes were a true & accurate record and were passed by Cllr I Edwards & Cllr J Clare.

[Cllr J. Boyers (JB) arrived at the meeting and gave his apologies for the delay.]

5. CHAIRMANS REPORT:

The Chair (WE) thanked the Councillors for attending the meeting and then proceeded to update them on events since the last meeting.

The Chair complimented those involved on this year's Christmas tree and lights at the shopping centre; he said it looks brilliant and that is the standard that Partington deserves. WE said he believes the event was very successful and a magical time for the people of Partington.

Partington Social Club

- The Parish recently had a meeting with the developers for the Partington social club land;
- It was quite a successful meeting and the developers have a good track record and are willing to work with what we have suggested that being?
- Over 55s.
- With our support keep the design they shown us which is very tasteful and complimentary to the area (we must keep this design not the hideous one Trafford want).
- The PPC have suggested that we can "vet" who are successful applicants.
- To keep original garden of remembrance for those who are residents.

- Funding towards the war memorial re-siting.
- I must say no other developer has ever offered this.
- If the embankment at the social club is un-adopted, then the PC will think of adopting it and maintaining it. We will also have signs made that say 'Area maintained by the Parish Council'.

We have ordered 5 x 4.5 metre Norwegian spruce Christmas trees for Partington but due to complications which were out of our control, Trafford highways have said that the PC are unable to dig the ground and plant the trees. They were informed they were pilot holes searching for utilities so to minimise any issues. It has now been agreed to build 5 planter boxes that can be placed as like the others around Partington. Locations were discussed.

The update on Partington Pavilion is that we need to create one entire room there for safeguarding. There will be many benefits by doing this, as all tenants want to work together sharing each other's resources. The Chair at the same time stressed that this will NOT just become one groups facilities.

Christmas drinks are arranged for Wednesday 18th December at the Saracens Head. It was unanimously agreed by all Cllrs that this will NOT be public funded.

There will be a meeting at the PowerStation on Wednesday 18th Dec 5.30 would anyone like to attend?

The Chair met with Dave from POSH to see how things are progressing, Dave is doing a great job and he has got all the Christmas lights up. Due to the issues the Parish Council has met with Trafford highways it has been decided to plant one of the Christmas trees at POSH. The extension will commence after Christmas.

Over the years we have given our senior members a Christmas party each year, it's been suggested that we have a similar event in the summer such as an 'afternoon tea' afternoon; which we could hold at POSH.

It was suggested that the female members of the Council would create a fabulous summer event.

6. PROPOSED TOWN PARK AND FORMER CO-OP LAND BUILDING APPLICATION:

After recently attending the Vision 31 meeting, Cllr Robe-Fogarty met with Ms Donahue from the NHS. Miss Donahue was invited to attend the next PP meeting to observe but was then she was asked to be the guest speaker. The audience was informed of a new proposed facility which would offer extra care for the elderly; the development will be located on the car park at the back of the old shopping centre, which is brown field. It was also discussed that the proposed facility will also incorporate the village Town Park, which is green field.

The general feeling of the audience at the meeting was positive and that this facility would be good however there are better locations.

In light of Ms Donaghue appearance and speech at the PP meeting and a post on SM, Cllr New contacted Cllr I Edwards and informed him that that the representative had no authority to reveal or speak about this proposed development to the public and that this will be investigated further.

Cllr New contacted Trafford officers; the PC received a response from Mr Roe. Mr Roe confirmed that this is this brown field area has always been earmarked to be built on.

Cllr New was asked if the general consensus of the parishioners was one of objection how would she represent. Cllr New replied that she would represent the general consensus of the parishioners on the proposed development

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

There were no planning applications to report for December 2019.

However it was mentioned that the PC need to keep their eyes on the Social Club development and the following points.

- A lift has to be installed and shown on the drawings.

- Going forward vetting has to continue and confidentiality and who is on the vetting team has to be implemented.

8. CLLR ROBE- FOGARTY – Working together in our community:

Cllr Robe-Fogarty asked if The Chair we could work together with Warburton, Dunham & Carrington Parish Councils and draw all the Chairs from other groups together.

It was said that we should all pull together for the good of our communities. There should be one agenda and that we all need to liaise with each other and not continue as individual groups/ friends of groups, churches, parish's and ward Cllrs. JRF said that need to look at integrating and get the parish back involved in all the local events.

Cllr Edwards said we should use the brand 'ONE PARTINGTON'; this would only have a positive impact communities.

Cllr Clare gave a brief history of all the groups that he's been involved in the past.

Action: The Chairs from all the groups will be contacted and two from each group nominated.

9. CLLR ROBE- FOGARTY – Invitation

Cllr Robe-Fogarty has attended many Vision 31 meetings and her thoughts are that it is a strategic plan which incorporates public consultations through the 'back door'. Not many members of the public turn up to the meetings.

Warburton Parish have made their own strategic plan but Partington are being left behind and we need to protect ourselves.

Actions: Can we ask for the Chair from Warburton Parish Council to attend our meeting to update and advise us?

10. FUTURE DATES 2020:

It was RESOLVED that the dates for 2020 are ok.

11. PRECEPT:

Council to discuss and agree if the precept should be changed or remain the same for 2020/21

After in-depth discussion it was decided by all the Parish Cllrs bar one, to raise the precept this forthcoming year 2020/21. All parishioners will be consulted on where the increase spend will be and how this will be spent in the community.

The Parish Council strongly advise that's parishioners attend our meetings, where they can speak to Cllrs.

The Parish Council also request that they do not listen to 'fake news' that will be reported.

Action: The Chair wants to meet with all the surrounding areas Warburton, Dunham, Stretford, and Sale & Altrincham to see what facilities they are receiving from One Trafford/Amey. We need to make sure the Partington is not being left out and that we are receiving what we are entitled to receive. We all are aware of the recent issues with the missed refuse collections.

12. EXCLUSION RESOLUTION:

The Chair RESOLVED that the members of the public who were attending the meeting, could remain, as there was nothing left on the agenda that would be deemed sensitive.

13. ACCOUNTS/FINANCE REPORT:

IT WAS RESOLVED that the monthly accounts for November 2019 were a true & accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr J Clare & 2nd S Morton.

14. EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE REPORT - (SENSITIVE):

IT WAS RESOLVED that there was nothing to report at this meeting.

15. CLERKS UPDATE:

The Clerk updated the Councillors on the following;

- The Clerk informed the council that along with Cllr I Edwards we have both invited Mr Marsden from News4Trafford to our Parish meeting.
The response received was that
[I (Mr Marsden) will not be risking my neck travelling down Manchester Road and Carrington Lane for two questions which you should be providing me if the PC was.....].
Mr Marsden from News4Trafford did not attend this meeting.
- The Dunham Christmas Light event was extremely successful and has been fully booked every evening since its opening night. The Clerk did send a thank you email, from the Parish Council and congratulated them on this splendid event.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

JW - Reported that he has on numerous occasions reported to One Trafford a blue bin on Tulip Road and Lobelia Walk car park. . He also reported that it has still not been emptied.

Action: The Clerk will report to G Manning

SM – Asked when are the trees being installed? WE said this will be on Tuesday the 10th and we will then need to install the lights. It was agreed that the lights should be on from 5 to 11pm. No baubles are required this year. SM asked if PC will donate some money for the food at the senior Christmas on the 10th December at Broadoak. It was agreed £100 will be donated.

Can we make it a priority that the fences are painted next year ,it was agreed that we will start with the blue fencing going out Partington, Partington should do one and Warburton should be asked to do the other. .

IE – Reported that we have 16 new followers on Twitter and 5 on Instagram.

The Waste Carrier Licence been registered for the next three years.

We need to make a formal complaint regarding the lights on Manchester Road as they are still not working.

JB - Updated the Cllrs on the Christmas events that will be happening at the People's church and confirmed that all the churches would be sending group Christmas card to every household in Partington.

The Chair thanked the Cllrs and members of the public for attending and wished them all a Happy Christmas

17. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on the **Monday 6th January 2020** and will take place at 6.30pm the Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

LIST OF ACRONYMS

PPC/PC – Partington Parish Council

YHG – Your Housing Group

TBC –Trafford Borough Council

CLLRS – Councillors

POSH – Partington Old School Hall

P/PAV – Partington Pavilion

Councillor Wayne Edwards

Chairman