

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022 AT 6PM

**Present:** Councillors W. Edwards (Chairperson), A. Rudden (AR), J. Clare (JC), S. Morton (SM), J. Whatmough (JW), I Edwards (IE), J. Robe-Fogarty (JRF).

**Parish Clerk:** Ms. S Booth

**Members of Public (MOP):** FIVE in attendance

### 1 Chair to welcome and receive apologies:

1.1 The Chair welcomed the Cllrs to the meeting.

1.1.1 The housekeeping rules were read out.

1.1.2 **Resolved:** That no Cllrs or MOP declared that they intended to record or live stream the meeting.

1.2. Apologies for absence were given from the following Councilors:

1.2.1 Cllr J Boyers (JB) - Work commitments

1.2.2 Cllr– K Stewart (KS) - Sick

1.2.3 Cllr P Peters (PP) - Family commitments

1.2.4 Cllr J. Comerford (JJC) - Work commitments

1.2.5 Cllr K Kanés (KK) - Holiday

1.2.6 **Resolved:** Apologies were accepted

### 2 Declaration of Interest on Agenda items:

2.1 Cllrs are to declare if they hold any interest on any agenda item listed below.

2.1.1 **Resolved** that no Cllr declared an interest to any items on the agenda.

### 3 Guests invited:

3.1 **Resolved** that there were no guests present at this meeting.

### 4 Open Forum:

4.1 The public were advised that three to five minutes would be allowed to discuss their item. Once the forum is closed, there will be no further interactions allowed from the MOP in the meeting.

#### 4.1.1 MOP 1:

4.1.1.1 MOP1 reminded the Cllrs that Peel Holdings had promised to acknowledge the ferry disaster 50 years ago by way of installing a commemorate plaque at the site on Lock Lane.

**Action:** *The Chair will chase this up and the Clerk will contact Peel Holdings.*

#### 4.2.1 MOP 2 & 3:

4.2.1.1 Informed the Council that they are attending the meeting just to observe.

#### 4.3.1 MOP 4:

4.3.1.1 MOP4 informed the Council that in addition to their attendance MOP4 will also be representing other MOPs in Partington that cannot attend the meeting.

MOP4 reported to the Council that the area of Tulip & Oak Rd as 'absolute disgrace' due to the amount of litter in the area and that the area looks like 'Beirut' with all the demolition work that is being conducted in the aforementioned areas.

MOP4 reported they had been asked to report the large amount of fly tipping that was still in situ and had been for months at the top of Lock Lane.

MOP4 asked why Partington PC do not have a dedicated FB page like Carrington PC do? MOP4 then invited Partington PC to post items on their FB page.

#### **Clerks' response:**

4.3.1.1.1 *The Clerk informed MOP4 that Partington PC are not accountable for the unsightly display of hoardings around the demolition sites and that any complaints of this nature must be directed to YHG or the construction company.*

4.3.1.1.2 *Lock Lane Service Road area has continually been reported by Partington PC to TBC 'Report it online' since 2020 and more recently by the Ward Cllr. TBC environmental team have confirmed in an email, on the 9th March 2022, that this area is currently under investigation.*

**Chairs response:**

4.3.1.1.3 *Highways are and will remain the responsibility of Trafford BC. The Chair reminded the MOPs & Cllrs that the CIWs are a just 'top up service.'*

4.3.1.1.4 *The Parish Council have committed 'one' CIW to liaise and work with YHG on the estate one day per week.*

4.3.1.1.5 *YHG will provide a skip which the CIW can fill with litter and fly tipping which has been collected from the estate. Since March one skip has already been filled by the CIW.*

4.3.1.1.6 *Updated that AMEY/ONE Trafford did resource a dedicated operative to litter pick around the estate in Partington. But due to constant harassment from a particular group of people about the operative's work, AMEY withdrew the operative from Partington. In light of this loss the Chair said, 'now with the loss of this resource we can actually see the excellent work the AMEY operative did do in and around the estate! As now we are only seeing an accumulation of litter.'*

4.3.1.1.7 *The Chair declined the kind offer from MOP4 to post Parish Council items on their FB page. The Chair informed the meeting that this platform can be very hostile, and we do have an Instagram page and Twitter feed that Cllr I Edwards looks after.*

**4.4.1 MOP 5:**

4.4.1.1 MOP5 reported that Oak Road is bad with litter and is not getting any better so what have the CIWs been doing? MOP5 confirmed that they had driven around the area 2 hours earlier and it is bad. Cllr JRF confirmed that she had also driven by on the Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April and the area was bad. MOP 5 asked what the criteria for the CIWs was to clean the estate area as the shopping centre area up to Broadway is always kept spotless?

**Clerks' response:**

4.4.1.1.1 *The Clerk reiterated that the five CIW's cover the whole of Partington and reminded MOP5 that they are only a top up service. The PC reiterated that YHG, THT & TBC must also be held responsible for their areas along with the initial persistent perpetrators that initially drop the detritus.*

4.4.1.1.2 *The Clerk updated MOP5 that the CIW who looks after the shopping centre area was on leave in March, therefore as a team and to cover this particular area the other CIWs team members were scheduled into litter pick that particular area in March.*

**Point of Reference:** MOP5 has previously been supplied with the above details in item 4.4.1.1.1

(1) *At the 2022-2 meeting under item no 4.3.1.1*

(2) *In a letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020 from the Parish Council*

(3) *In an email from Ward Cllr New on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021.*

4.4.1.2 MOP5 reported that residents are not aware of what the precept is and why it is charged. MOP5 asked why the Parish Council do not make this public knowledge and requested that the Chair attends a Q & A at the local resident's group?

**Chairs response:**

4.4.1.2.1 *Updated MOP5 that a detailed leaflet is published by Partington PC and distributed to every property in Partington by Trafford BC with the annual Council Tax bills.*

4.4.1.2.2 *The details are published on the Parish website.*

4.4.1.2.3 *The Chair declined the invitation to attend the Q&A at the local residents' group, due to previous experiences of a hostile reception at this group.*

4.4.1.3 MOP5 requested the criteria from the Clerk in respect of the 'home collections' facility that the Parish Council offers.

**Clerks' response:**

4.4.1.3.1 The following is Partington PC strict criteria for collections, due to the service being FOC.

1. *The homeowner at the collection property must live in at the property in Partington and be a senior Citizen 65 or over. The Parish Council do however reserve the right to waive the criteria if we class a resident as vulnerable.*

2. *The homeowner at the collection point is registered disabled. Proof will be requested by the Parish Council to confirm that the homeowner is eligible before collection can be made.*

3. *The collection must only consist of three bulky items or no more than eight refuse bags. Before the collection can be booked confirmation of which category 1 or 2 the homeowner falls into is detailed.*

***The Parish Council will not collect.***

4. Items that can be put in the grey refuse bin.
5. Items that can be recycled in the blue, black, and green refuse bins.
6. Items left over from a professional contractor i.e., construction/painter/carpet fitter.
7. No fridge/fridge freezers will be collected.
8. No house clearances will be conducted.

*If the above criteria is not met, the parishioner is then directed to Trafford Borough Council who offer a chargeable collection service.*

- 4.4.1.4 MOP5 asked why the CIWs had cut the grass on Dean Close and the grassed area opposite Broadway but not yet cut the grassed verges near Oak Road as MOP5 said it is disgraceful and makes Partington look a mess.

**Clerks' response:**

4.4.1.4.1 *Updated MOP5 that the area is on the CIWs schedule but due to staff annual leave and the constant complaints the Clerk receives from the Cllr, MOPs, and requests from YHG, the CIWs have been busy with litter picking and collecting fly tipped rubbish from the estate.*

- 4.5.1 The Chair asked if there was any more questions.

- 4.5.1.1 The Clerk asked the Chair if she could speak as she wanted the following noted in the minutes.

4.5.1.1.1 *The Clerk reported that 'she is disturbed with the complaints that she receives from the same group of people about the workmanship of all the Parish Council staff. It is always negative, unwarranted, unacceptable, and only promotes a negative environment for all the staff to work in. All the staff are enthusiastic about their work and always go beyond what they must do.*

**For the purpose of these logged minutes:**

*The staff are all parishioners of Partington and do not deserve to be constantly questioned and followed around the community when they are performing their working duties. All the Parish Council staff will continue to execute the good positive work we do in our community and will strive to keep the positive comments at the forefront of our minds.'*

- 4.6.1 **Resolved** that the Open Forum was closed at 6.30pm.

**5 Minutes of the previous meetings presented to the Council:**

- 5.1 Council to agree that the minutes were a true and accurate record from the Parish meeting held on 08/03/22, [P1131 to 1133]

- 5.1.1 **Moved** by AR, seconded by JC.

**5.2 Matters arising.**

- 5.2.1 **Resolved** unanimously, that no matters arose from the above set of minutes.

**6 Chairs report:**

- 6.1 **Resolved** that there was nothing to report at this meeting.

**7 Logged Online Reports:**

- 7.1 Report spreadsheet was attached detailing issues logged.

- 7.1.2 **Resolved** no questions were raised.

**8 Planning Applications:**

- 8.1 To note planning applications that have been received in March & April 2022 from Trafford BC.

**8.1.1 107310VAR/22 – Site of Greyhound Hotel Manchester Road, Partington M31 4FB**

Application for variation of condition 3 n planning permission 86263/FUL/15. (Erection of twenty-four apartments in a single three storey block on site of former Greyhound Public House). To account for the as built scheme including changes to the footprint/design of the single storey side element, amendments to the approved parking and hard and soft landscaping, and the substitution of Juliet balconies in place of projecting balconies at rear of property. Received: 21/03/22

- 8.1.1.1 **SM:** Enquired what size and where the balconies will be, and will they be overlooking other properties? Will the surrounding homeowners have been contacted about the application?

*Action: The Clerk will survey the plans and update SM.*

- 8.1.1.2 **Resolved** no other questions were raised.

**9. Exclusion resolution**

- 9.1 The Chair **RESOLVED** that this item had to be exercised at this meeting and politely informed the MOPS in attendance that they could now leave the meeting and thanked them for their attendance

## 10 Company Vehicle

10.1 The Chair informed the Council that Cllr IE and Cllr JJC had sourced details of an electric van.

10.1.1 Cllr I Edwards updated 'the transit style with back will be coming on next year. A 12V hydraulic tipping trailer, single axle is approximately £3,500

10.1.2 The Chair read out details of the quotation supplied by Cllr J Comerford.

10.1.2.1 All costings are approximate: Lease of an electric van, 3-person day cab £300 per month. This will come with an MOT for three years, road tax paid and a full service for the duration.

Fit a towing hitch £350. Purchase a tipping twin axle trailer £4,500, (carry around two tonne). Installation of electric charging point £800.

Action: Chair update said that this will enable the Council to be green. Work to see what grants are available will be looked at and TBC contacted to see if permission to install electric points at the Community centre would be granted.

## 11 Employment Committee (Sensitive) :

11.1 Council were updated on the previous employment committee.

11.2 **Proposed** that the next meeting will take place asap.

## 12 Monthly finance:

12.1 Council to discuss and agree the income & expenditure records for March 22

12.1.1 **Resolved** that the accounts were a true and accurate record.

12.1.2 **Resolved** that no matters arose from the above set of accounts

12.1.3 **Moved** by AR, seconded by JC.

## 13 Any other Business

13.1 Each Councillor and the Clerk are requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters or information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas.

13.1.1 **AR:**

13.1.1.1 Updated the Cllrs that he has decided not to run in the next elections. This is due to the amount of paperwork that has to be completed and AR simply does not have the time.

AR did report that he is not happy with the existing Ward Cllrs as they do not seem to be doing anything for Partington. Funds are being allocated to other areas of Trafford and Partington is receiving nothing.

13.1.2 **SM:**

13.1.2.1 Enquired when the road sweepers will be next in Partington.

A: IE informed SM that it is on a 12-week rota.

**Action:** *The Clerk will request a schedule from One Trafford.*

13.1.2.2 Asked if we as a Council could promote positivity, as Cllr SM only hears about negativity directed towards the Parish Council on social media sites.

13.1.2.3 Banners on the roundabout look scruffy, can they be removed.

**Action:** *The Clerk will arrange for the damaged banners to be removed. The Clerk updated that the railings belong to Trafford so the Parish Council can not grant permission to display a banner.*

13.1.2.4 Banners located on the roundabout barriers look scruffy, can they be removed?

**Action:** *The Clerk will arrange for the damaged banners to be removed. The Clerk updated that the railings belong to Trafford therefore the Parish Council cannot grant permission to display a banner.*

13.1.2.5 Enquired if we are having red, white and blue flower displays and flags to commemorate the Jubilee this year.

**A:** *The Chair confirmed that all the displays around the Community will commentate the Jubilee with the red/white & blue theme.*

13.1.2.6 Aired her concerns for the survival of Partington's Leisure centre. It was asked if the Parish Council could do something to save this building?

**A:** The Chair informed the Council that he has just had a meeting about the topic.

**Action:** *SM agreed to get more information. The Clerk will feed the concerns the Ward Cllrs.*

### 13.1.3 JRF:

13.1.3.1 Enquired how many days the CIW will work with YHG.

A: The Clerk confirmed it was one day per week.

13.1.3.2 Reported to the council that 'as a Cllr the aforementioned areas detailed in item 4.3.1.1 are a disgrace and need immediate attention as the area does not look attractive to potential new parishioners.

Q: The Chair agreed that the litter does not look good and then asked Cllr JRF 'as she was at the last parish meeting she should be aware of the new project that is in place with YHG and the PC.

A: Cllr JRF agreed that she was aware of this project.

Q: The Chair then asked why Cllr JRF does not pass this information onto the parishioners and make them aware that it is not just the Parish Councils remit to make sure the aforementioned area is kept free of litter?

A: Cllr JRF informed the Chair because she is not asked the question on SM.

13.1.3.3 JRF gave the name of a resident that wrote to the leisure centre about the gym.

### 13.1.4 JW:

13.1.4.1 Reported that the abandon car reported 09/03/22 has not been removed and a sofa has been fly tipped on Lobelia Walk and it is propped up against a fence.

**Action:** PC will report.

13.1.4.2 Enquired if the Parish Council could contact TBC to see if they could loan a mini sweeper to the Parish.

**Action:** PC will enquire.

**14. Date of next meeting:** To confirm the date of the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022. The meeting will take place at **6pm** at The Community Centre.

The Chair thanked the Cllrs for attending. Meeting closed at 7.30pm.

## **LIST OF ACRONYMS**

PPC – Partington Parish Council

PC – Parish Clerk

CIW – Community Improvement Workers

YHG – Your Housing Group

TBC –Trafford Borough Council

CLLRS – Councillors

P/PAV – Partington Pavilion

PROW – Public Right of Way

GMP – Greater Manchester Police

CRR – Carrington Relief Road

WC – Ward Councillor

POR – Point of Reference

MOP – Member of Public

SM – Site Manager

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