

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PUBLIC PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 17TH MAY 2017 AT 6.30PM
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE PARTINGTON

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

Treasurer – J. Comerford(JJC), J. Clare(JC) K. Watson(KW), K. Kanes(KK),
A. Rudden(AR),

Everyone that attended the meeting 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:

Good evening everyone & welcome. I'm Wayne Edwards, Chair of the Parish Council and here are the Councillors.

- In the case of a fire, please make your way out of the door you came through in an orderly pace.
- Does anyone intend to record the meeting at any time? If so can you please make us aware now by giving me your name? The Parish Clerk confirmed that the meeting was recorded.

If there is anyone who wishes to speak, you will be given the opportunity within the open forum. Can I take your name now so that the forum is carried out in a fair and governed manner? There will also be a limitation of between 3 to 5 minutes, but I as Chair will be able to allow longer if I deem necessary.

However may I remind those in the room that once the Open forum has ended there will be no more questions taken, as this is a Council meeting? The meeting is conducted in a discussion format and the public will be allowed to stay and observe, unless there is something on the agenda that has sensitive nature, the public will then be asked to leave.

The Chair then continued with his remarks:

As Chair for the last year, I have formed stronger links with various agencies such as Your Housing Group and Trafford Borough Council and our local schools, allowing our youth and potential residents to understand what we the Parish Council do.

I have helped to introduce and implemented the Parish Council website. Whilst also initiating the sale of the Oak Road premises, so to re-invest funds into more proactive and positive areas of our Parish.

I'm hoping to push forward, with support from fellow Councillors for the relocation of our War Memorial stone and to finally give it the prowess it truly deserves and also liaising with the Parish Councillors and Cllr James Wright to allocate a prominent position for our new ever green Christmas tree.

I have currently been restructuring the work programme of our Community Improvement workers so that we can continue to strive to become more proactive and productive in our community. Recent meetings with representatives from Trafford to form partnerships where the Parish Council can adopt more land and responsibilities in our community have taken place. In return for Trafford and Amey to work with us by maintaining large areas of our communities and increase more street cleaning machines in Partington.

I feel as Chair, I've made the Parish Council more transparent and proactive in Partington and with the support of my fellow Councillors, the Parish Council, will be the only workforce that maintains our community in the eyes of our residents.

I hope to be re-elected as Chair for another year as I am very passionate, as all members of the Parish council are about the future of Partington and its future.

2. APOLOGISES RECEIVED

J. Boyers(JB) P. Hall(PH), S. Anstee (SA),
A. New(AN) P. Mazurkiewicz(PM)

3. OPEN FORUM

1. A Parishioner addressed the Council and asked why the agenda had not been advertised. The Clerk personally apologised and said this was an oversight for the first time in eight years. The Chair however said that the date for this meeting had been publically advertised on the notice board on the previous agenda and the website on the last set of minutes. The members of the public were asked if they accepted the Clerks apology, of which the public agreed to accept.
2. It was asked why the meeting was being held upstairs, as this proves difficult for some parishioners? The Chair responded with, the room was larger and that we would like to use this room in the future but if a member of the public wants to attend and can't use the stairs they will have to let the Clerk know and we will revert back to the Parish council office.
3. It was asked if the Council will consider putting 'Any other Business' before any confidential items on the agenda so the public can speak? This will be addressed by Council but the Open Forum section was referred to as this allows the public to have 5 minutes
4. A Parishioner asked the Council if they have updated the data protection in line with the law and who is the Data Protection officer. Cllr Kanes informed the Public that she has completed the training and can step into this role. The Clerk confirmed that the DP forms are completed and available in the office. They will be sent to the website for uploading. Only the residents that complete the forms will be contacted by the Parish Council.

4. MINUTES FROM THE 8th MAY 2017 ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes from the 8th May 2017 were a true and correct record and were passed by Cllr K.Kanes & 2nd by Cllr J Comerford.

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.Watson & 2nd by Cllr J Comerford

7. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2018:

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk will be the Responsible Finance Officer for FY2018/19 Cllr K. Kanes & 2nd by Cllr A Rudden.

A Parishioner requested that the following should be added to the agenda 'Which auditors are to be proposed for the next financial period'.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT 2017/2018

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 2017/2018 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 7.05PM.

Councillor Wayne Edwards
Chairman
Partington Parish Council