

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PUBLIC PARISH COUNCIL REMOTE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 4TH MAY 2020 AT 6.30PM

Due to Covid-19 and the unprecedented time the above meeting took place via email. All the above officers had been supplied with a copy of the Agenda, Minutes of the previous Annual Public Meeting and a copy of the Parish Council Annual Report and Financial Statement.

Parish Councillors

The Chairman, Councillor Wayne Edwards, (WE), 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), J. Comerford (JJC), J. Boyers (JB).

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The following report from The Chair Cllr W Edwards, has been circulated to the Parish Cllrs.

Cllrs as we are in unprecedented times and I want to thank you all for agreeing to this 'virtual email' meeting. It is imperative that this meeting is held, so please feel free to ask any questions should the need arise.

I have asked the Clerk to open a five-day window from today for our parishioners to contact via the website email with any questions that we can all discuss and minute for this meeting. The minutes and preliminary financial report will be published after the meeting.

I have put together a few bullet points as my report;

- The Clerk and I have been keeping in constant communication via Skype each day.
- I have acquired 4 hotspot cameras to be placed around the community for anti-social behaviour and fly tipping and 6 new walkie talkies for the work force.
- We have employed a worker on a 3-month contract purely to litter pick with street dandy, Gheorghie is proving an asset already and we are receiving excellent feedback from community. The Clerk and I have been working closely on this new contract and once the 'new normal' come in action, we will resume putting together a plan for recruitment of more work force.
- The CIWs are back in work at their request and I have been meeting the workforce each day to see how they are coping with work whilst promoting health and safety and social distancing at all time. There will be no collections the CIWs will only be maintaining all the grassed areas along the arterial route and as well as our flowerbeds within the outer areas. We are well aware that some of the areas do not fall under the PC remit but we are just mindful that we want our community to look well kept. This will continue until the lockdown rules are relaxed. I would like to thank the Clerk for her total commitment in keeping the Parish Council functioning from her home and at the same time our work force for being so committed and dedicated to carrying on with their great work.

2. APOLOGISES RECEIVED

No apologies were received.

3. OPEN FORUM

The Clerk opened a five-day window for the parishioners to contact via the website email (which was advertised on the notice board) with any questions that we can all discuss and minute for this meeting. The minutes and preliminary financial report will be published after the meeting.

No questions were received from the public.

4. MINUTES FROM THE 14th MAY 2019 ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes from the 14th May 2019 were a true and correct record and were passed by Cllr J Clare & 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. Kanes & 2nd by Cllr K Stewart.

7. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2020:

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

8. FINANCIAL REPORT 2019/2020

The financial report was presented to the officers. It was asked if the officers of the council had any questions. It was RESLOVED that they were satisfied with the report; all commitments were attended to and the council is always trying to get best value There will be a rise in the precept this year and this will be directed in the employment of another community operative and associated items required for undertaking or to perform the service.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the annual audit will soon be in progress for 2019/2020 and all accounts presented were a true & accurate record, all payments have been approved and signed off.

Councillor Wayne Edwards
Chairman
Partington Parish Council