

**MINUTES OF PARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2021 AT 6PM**

Present: Councillors W. Edwards (Chairman), J. Clare (JC), J. Whatmough (JW), I. Edwards (IE), J Robe-Fogarty (JRF), K. Stewart (KS), A. Rudden (AR) J. Comerford (JJC), S. Morton (SM), K. Kanes (KK) attended remotely.

The Chairman Cllr W Edwards (WE) opened the meeting at 6pm and welcomed the Parish Councillors. Due to the Government restrictions that are in place The Chair reminded the Parish Cllrs in attendance and Council staff of the strict controls that were in place and asked that they observe the social distancing, sanitise, and wear a mask, rules.

Members of the public were advised not to attend the meeting, but questions via email would be accepted and discussed at the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

IT WAS RESOLVED that the apologies from Cllr. J. Boyers (JB) were accepted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

The Chair took the opportunity to inform the Cllrs of any reasoning on why they may have to declare an interest on agenda items.

IT WAS RESOLVED that there were no declarations of interest to declare by Councillors at this meeting.

3. OPEN FORUM:

The Chairman Cllr W Edwards (WE) explained that there were no members of the public in attendance due to the Coronavirus pandemic, but asked the Clerk if any questions had been received from parishioners?

The Clerk confirmed that the following email had been received from a parishioner on 12th February 2021. It was formally read out by the Chair and discussed at the meeting.

I am not sure when the next parish council meeting is, sometime very soon I think. I would like to ask the following questions in the meeting.

1) why are the parish council lads going and looking at the rubbish piled by the bins of the empty flats on Tulip Road, then walking away without clearing any of it.

2) why were the same parish council lads (in the wagon) at the layby in Carrington where it was reported that some fly tipping was waiting for the council to collect. I was under the impression that only Partington paid the extra money for this service.

3) why do we never see street cleaning in the Tulip/oak road are by the parish council lads anymore. Unless a particular problem is reported.

4) why does this end of Partington not get the same amount of Flowers on railings etc. as the other end. We have 1 flower box. This is just as much an entrance into Partington as the bridge end.

We pay the extra costs to fund these services just as much as the rest. I think it is a disgrace that we get none of the things that make the area more attractive.

I would appreciate this being shared to all the Parish council members.

Parishioner

The Chair asked the Parish Cllrs in attendance if any had an association with this parishioner? Cllr Joanne Robe-Fogarty, Cllr I Edwards & Cllr A Rudden confirmed that they all had an association with the parishioner either by community groups or community social media sites.

The following response was given in reference to the above letter:

1. The Parish Clerk updated the Cllrs that the CIWS and Amey staff members, will visit a/the area if a report of overflowing or contaminated bins has been received. The contaminated bins could be deemed as fly tipping and would therefore have to be investigated by the enforcement officers from TBC. One Trafford would then arrange for the collection of such waste as it does not fall into the Parish Councils remit to collect and dispose of refuse.
2. I have logged into the Parish Councils One Trafford 'report it online account' and contacted the Chair of Carrington Parish Council; to confirm an online report was submitted by CPC to One Trafford on 1st February 2021 at 08.51am. It was therefore 'One Trafford' who collected this fly tipped rubbish in Carrington not Partington CIWS as per the accusation.
The Parish Clerk strongly disputes the accusation and will be requesting, from the parishioner, 'photographic evidence of the Partington CIWS actually collecting the fly tipped rubbish in Carrington'. The Parish Clerk will request this information in her response and once received it will be circulated with the Parish Cllrs.
3. The Parish Cllrs were updated that on a daily/weekly basis The Chair of the PC, The Chair of the Employment committee, K Webber, YHG and M Scott Amey are kept update with photographic evidence of the areas around Tulip Road/Oak Road that are being litter picked and swept with the One Trafford Street sweeper by the CIWs and Amey operatives.
4. The parishioner writes 'this end' which the Cllrs can only presume that it is the Oak Road area and that there is only 'one flower box'.
The Cllrs that the entrance of Partington around the Oak Road area does have more than one flower box. Currently in the winter months there are two boxes; in the summer there are four, all of which are located on the left-hand side as you enter Partington from Warburton.

It was however PROPOSED that going forward for Summer 2021 that baskets could be located on the railings outside Broadoak School or baskets could be installed on the lamp post.

Cllr SM would like the blue railings to be painted black. Cllr IE informed the meeting that these railings will be the property of Northwest Water and contact would have to be made with them.

Action: Clerk will email NWW.

Cllr W Edwards asked that the following to be written in the minutes.

'The majority of the Parish Cllrs are parishioners and all pay the annual precept charge, however it must be noted and promoted by ALL Parish Cllrs going forward, that certain areas in Partington do fall into the remit of YHG, TBC & THT and therefore the 1% of the same residents that constantly complain about the 'above areas' and the supposed lack of interest that the Parish Council shows, should be informed by serving Parish Cllrs to direct their negative comments to the other bodies and not just attack the Parish Council, whom the majority of parishioners know do an excellent job in Partington.

IT WAS RESOLVED that no more questions had been received therefore the open forum was closed.

4. MINUTES FROM THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON 7th DECEMBER 2020:

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes [P1085 & 1089] were a true & accurate record and were passed by Cllr A Rudden & Cllr I Edwards.

There were no matters arising from this set of minutes.

5. CHAIRMANS REPORT:

The Chair (WE) thanked the Councillors for attending the meeting.

5.1 I have had some signs designed branding our Council name, these will be placed in areas that we manage or have an interest in. Two signs have been designed for 'The Green', as it is a landmark and belongs to the Parish Council. Going forward, I am thinking of having signs made for the Pavilion and Partington Old school Hall.

5.2 I have recently had a meeting with Rob Brennan from Lynden Homes who are the property developers on Broadway. He has formed a good partnership and the CIWS have already been working together on clearing fly tipping along Heath Farm Lane and having a walkway lined out. Rob has also offered to supply soil for our new flower planters that I have constructed.

5.3 You will note that the War Memorial has been re-sited. There have been a few teething problems, but these will be addressed. The Ward Cllrs memorial head stone has been installed but this may need to be slightly moved around as it is larger than originally expected and could pose a hazard. I am hoping that we could use some of our black and gold wrought iron fencing to create a small memorial garden, where residents can apply to have a small plaque or stone placed there. We hope to start some more work there this year and it will be carried out by ourselves/volunteers and the odd contractor. I also think that we will be organising the Remembrance Sunday's events from now on and work with the RDS committee that was set up pre pandemic. I hope to make it a longer event, maybe have a catering trailer in place supplying free tea and coffee etc for our residents as I am positive some like to arrive earlier to chat etc and then maybe stay a little later.

Cllr IE informed the members that at the last RDS committee meeting for the 2020 event, it was agreed that we could invite all the groups and schools from Partington to lay wreaths etc.

Cllr KS RESOLVED that she is not in favour of the new memorial stone for the individual soldier 'Taffy' as it is far too big and opens the floodgates for other stones to be located at the War Memorial, which is for all the soldiers that fell in the war a small plaque would have been adequate and not a tomb stone.

5.4 Housing developments have been proceeding well around our village, however going forward we need to be vigilant and keep an eye on new applications just to make sure they do not push or abuse the boundaries. The Parish Council have previously submitted our observations on planning applications as we have commented 'that YHG should commit to looking after their existing housing stock and upkeep of the surrounding community'. Our goal is to fully maintain Partington, but we need to get funding off the housing associations.

I am hoping to sit down with all members and identify more areas that we can adopt and scope or where we can extend our flower boxes and other forms of aesthetic improvements which we will carry out under our pace and not from negative members of our community who seem to contradict everything we do!

At this point The Chair pointed out that an important employment notice will be delivered to members of the Council:

The Chair informed the Cllrs of how pleased he was with the CIWs and especially the new members of staff, their work ethic has been outstanding over this lock down period.

As you will have seen by the circulated emails the fly tipping has quadrupled over this period; we have had the cameras overhauled by one of our CIWs and these will be in place in hot spot areas by the time this is being read out. The Chair informed the Cllrs that the Chair of the Employment Committee had an important note to deliver to the Councillors.

The Chair of the Employment Committee informed the Councillors that they have had quite a lot of complaints from staff members of the Parish Council. It has been noted that they are getting fed up with constant questioning, harassment and are feeling bullied by a member of this Parish Council and their associates. It was also noted that another operative in Partington, from a different sector, has also had to endure the above by a resident/associate of this Parish.

Therefore, the Chair of the EC informed the meeting 'that this is a warning that the legal department have been contacted and informed of the ongoing issues and that the above should stop immediately, as bullying in the workplace will not definitely be tolerated and will be dealt with accordingly'.

The Chair of the PC then asked for the Clerk to minute the following.

'If we receive any more complaints from any member of our staff, regarding bullying/harassment he will personally inform the CIWs to come off their jobs, they will then be sent home on full pay until the situation is dealt with. No member of staff at the Parish Council has to endure bullying of any description'.

Cllr IE stated that 99% of the feedback he receives for the CIWS on the Parish Council SM platforms are all positive and he for one think we have a great team.

6. PAVILION COMMITTEE REPORT: Chair to offer an update for the Pavilion and updates on the following actions from the last meeting.

6.1 Completion of the internal wall has been completed. The walls can be decorated by each group on their side and the bowlers mat will fit in.

6.2 Rental plan has been agreed and is in force. MST agreed that a monthly fixed agreement will be better than an hourly rate.

6.3 Confirmation that all Coronavirus guidelines are in place.

M31 Boxing club have suspended all classes, but the group can carry on training elite sportsmen.

IE has visited to check the rules are being adhered too. The COVID-19 regulations that are in place with the M31 Boxing Group are professional.

6.4 Insurance forms and DBS have been requested by the Clerk.

6.5 The building on Moss Lane is fantastic but IE does not think that the PC is equipped to take it. A church group is interested. Cllr J Clare updated the members on the Moss Lane, boxing club and car park asset discussed at historical TBC meetings.

Actions for the Pavilion Committee:

1. Rules & regulations for use of the building need to be set up.

2. Keys need to sort.

3. Lights need to be replaced in the MST section of the building.

4; Kitchen is cluttered and needs tidying up.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: Planning applications to report for December 2020, January & February 2021

7.1 103042/VAR/21 – Land North of Oak Road and West of Warburton Lane, Partington

Application for removal of condition 11 (requiring demolition of 75 existing residential units within Your Housing Group stock within Partington prior to first occupation of any units approved) of planning permission 97897/FULL/19. (Erection of 75 affordable dwellings and ancillary infrastructure including a new main site access of Oak Rd) and replacement with a S106 legal agreement allowing for the option of either a financial contribution to the Carrington relief road or demolition of existing residential units in Your Housing Groups stock in the Partington Ward or a combination of both, prior to any new build units first being occupied at the site.

Comments have been submitted.

7.2 102400/HHA/20 – 21 River Lane, Partington, M31 4DB

Erection a rear garden outbuilding for use as a store/games room.

No observations to submit.

7.3 103332/FUL/21 – Gordon Smith Guitars, 9 Manchester Road, Partington, M31 4FB

Erection of a single Storey extension to form additional storage area.

No observations to submit.

8. CLLR ROBE-FOGARTY: Requested that the below was to be discussed.

8.1 To build relations with Dunham, Warburton, and Carrington over the future builds in our area. We did have a meeting some time ago, but no other meeting since.

A Zoom meeting has been requested by Cllr Fogarty to discuss how Warburton Council has won against the Redrow building application. The meeting would be to form a collaboration with Dunham, Warburton, and Carrington Parish Council and where we can work together on the Carrington Moss project or anything else that comes in to planning arena in the near future.

Also, it would be good to ask Dunham and Warburton about what strategy plans they have put in place for their villages in Trafford's Plan.

Q: The Chair then asked for Cllr Fogarty to outline her wish list.

Cllr JRF said a lot is going on in Carrington and we are gridlocked. Only a loop is being proposed and we require the road to be widened so the CRR needs to be discussed.

All Parishes should come together so we are not gridlocked as Warburton Parish is going to be changed dramatically.

Response: The Chair said he wanted to correct the statement that 'Warburton PC had 'won' he went on to say that the application for the new development in Warburton was ultimately stopped by TBC because there were not enough affordable houses in the application.

Q: JJC asked could Redrow just amend their plans

JRF said Redrow have paid a retainer for the land.

The Chair did inform Cllr JRF and the members, that historically none of the surrounding Parishes have ever wanted anything to do with Partington so he very hesitant going forward. However, he is quite prepared to come together against HS2.

The Chair requested that all the PC have a think of what to do and email into the Clerk for circulation between the Cllrs.

9. LITTLE OAKS NURSERY:

9.1 The Chair has been contacting a contractor to carry out an Energy Performance Certificate on the building, but due to the restrictions and how busy the contractor currently is there is a delay.

9.2 Letter received from Little Oaks: this is still ongoing, and options are being explored, the tenant will be kept updated accordingly.

10. SUMMER PLANTING & NW IN BLOOM:

10.1 IT WAS RESOLVED that the budget for 2021 planting will be the same as previous years, however with the installation of more planters this may increase.

10.1.1 IT WAS RESOLVED that the planting theme for the millennium flower would be of a 'Thank you to all Keyworkers' theme, so watch this space.

10.2 To discuss Partington Parish entering the Northwest in Bloom competition this year.

Actions: a decision to be made.

11. UPDATES FROM AOB AT THE LAST MEETING:

11.1 No updates have been received for this property, Orford House.

12. EXCLUSION RESOLUTION: Not required for this meeting.

13. ACCOUNTS/FINANCE REPORT: Monthly reports for January & February 2021 to be approved the Council.

14. CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: Updated the Parish Cllrs meeting with any important news.

14.1 The Cllrs were updated on the M31 Project meeting with YHG, THT & TBC.

14.2 The Clerk updated the Cllrs on the recent work on the Nature Trail adjacent to Oak Rd. The contractors were praised on the construction on the 'willow fence' and how good it looked.

14.2 **2021** meeting dates issued.

Monday 15th March – 6pm (rescheduled)

Monday 12th April – 6.30pm

Tuesday 4th May – 6.30pm AP & AGM

Monday 7th June – 6.30pm

Monday 5th July – 6.30pm

Monday 6th September – 6.30pm

Monday 4th October – 6.30pm

Monday 1st November – 6.30pm

Monday 6th December – 6.30pm

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: The Chair asked each Councillor if they have AOB that they wish to raise at this meeting or anything that they need to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

AR: Updated the meeting that he been approached about the rental of a space in the Moss Lane building, as a proposal for a café restaurant has been presented.

Action: This will have to be directed to the asset team at Trafford.

SM: Reported a grotspot: The pathway after the subway heading towards Carrington requires a litter pick. The sign opposite Saica and a tree that has fallen.

Action: The above need reporting to the relevant authorities.

JC: Wanted to take the opportunity to say a 'huge thank you' to the doctors, staff and all key workers who have made it possible for eligible parishioners in Partington to receive their vaccinations.

A to the landowner is required again to report the unsightly cars on the Legion car park.

JRF: A report to GMP needs to be made as there is a case of ASB taking place by youths on Chapel Lane. It has been stated that there are 4 to 5 boys and a girl aged around 15yrs who are climbing on the roof of OLOL Church and then knocking on the doors of residents some of which are elderly in the dark and then running off. Not only is this extremely scary for the residents, climbing on the roof of the church is considerably dangerous.

Action: The Clerk will log a report with GMP.

16. Date and time of next meeting: To confirm the date of the rescheduled next meeting will be on Monday 15th March – 6pm.

The Chair thanked the Cllrs for attending.

Meeting closed at 8pm.

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

SM – Site Manager

NWW – Northwest Water

HFL – Heath Farm Lane

PROW – Public Right of Way

CRR – Carrington Relief Road

TPO -Tree Preservation Order

GMP – Greater Manchester Police

OLOL – Our Lady of Lourdes

ASB – Anti Social Behaviour

Councillor Wayne Edwards

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