

## Minutes of Partington Parish Council Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Time:** 6pm

**Location:** The Rainbow Cafe, Partington

**Chairperson:** Cllr Wayne Edwards (WE)

**Clerk:** Ms S Booth

**Cllrs in attendance:** Cllrs A Rudden (AR), K Kaness (KK), T Baistow (TB), I Edwards (IE), L Jones (LJ), B Williams (BW), J Robe-Fogarty (JRF), G Jones (GJ)

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### 1. Welcome and Housekeeping

1.1 The Chair welcomed and thanked Councillors, invited guests, members of the public and Press for attending the meeting.

1.2 Housekeeping rules for the meeting will be outlined prior to commencement.

### 2. Apologies for Absence and Confirmation of Quorum

2.1 I Platt (IP) - Work Commitments

2.2 K Stewart (KS) – Leave

2.3 S Morton (SM) – Compassionate leave

2.4 Resolved that the meeting was quorate and apologies accepted.

### 3. Declarations of Interest

3.1 Resolved that there were no members declaring any disclosable pecuniary or other interests in relation to items on the agenda.

3.1.1 Resolved: JRF & BW declared an interest in item 7.2

**Point of Reference (POR):** Resolved: That 'Item 5', would be dealt with before Item 4

**5. Open Forum:** A public participation session will be held prior to the formal commencement of the meeting. Members of the public (MOP) may attend, make representations, ask questions, and present evidence relevant to the agenda items. Each speaker will be allocated 2–3 minutes, unless otherwise directed by the Chair. Political discussions will not be permitted.

**Point of Order (PO):** Once the Open Forum is closed, no further public input will be accepted during Council proceedings.

#### 5.1 MOP1

Several Members of the Public attended (approximately 30) to raise significant concerns regarding the ongoing works at the Lock Lane Sewerage plant and the continuous 24-hour use of the road by HGVs. Issues reported included:

- Excessive noise and light pollution 24hrs a day
- HGVs blocking access, including near the junior school
- Verbal abuse directed at elderly residents
- Serious impact on residents' health and wellbeing
- Concerns about road safety and infrastructure inadequacy

One resident, who has been leading on these complaints, updated the Council on recent events, including discussions she has had with United Utilities and the ongoing lack of communication to residents. She also

confirmed that she had invited the Press to attend the meeting. Some parishioners questioned the absence of Ward Councillors. MOP1 further stated that she has been working closely with MP Andrew Western regarding the matter.

#### **5.1.1 Additional Matters Raised by MOPs**

- Who conducts surveys prior to planning applications, and why applications are granted before appropriate infrastructure is in place.
- Whether compensation related to the Lock Lane works will be backdated.
- Concerns regarding new power points being installed on Green Road, which are reducing available parking spaces. Residents had been informed (via Amy) that from 17–21 November there will be disruption to the car park. It was also noted that an installation is located outside Davies Chemist.

#### **5.2 MOP2**

Praised the Parish Council for the recent Remembrance Day event, noting that it had been a great day.

#### **5.3 Council Response.**

The Chair reported that he had spoken to United Utilities earlier that day. UU confirmed that letters had been issued to affected residents and that compensation will be provided. The letter acknowledges shortcomings in communication. The Chair advised that we note further actions/updates which are expected within two weeks.

Any information received will be published on the Parish Council website:

[www.partingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.partingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

5.3 **Resolved** that there was no MOPs in attendance therefore this item was closed at 18.35.

### **4. Invited Guests**

4.1 The following representatives ML, RD & SA from the River Bollin Scheme attended the meeting:

4.1.1 Their presentation covered:

- Building resilience in future water sources
- Current progress on the River Bollin proposal
- Potential locations for the water treatment facility and reservoir
- For information, an update on the Heath Weir improvements and survey works scheduled for 2026
- Clarification on the “Abstraction point,” pumping stations, water treatment process, and storage reservoir
- An overview, for information purposes, of the full site and the scale of the project
- The projected timeline, currently estimated between 2025–2033

4.1.2 Following the presentation, an open forum was held for questions from councillors and MOPs:

- JRF asked whether land would be purchased and which side of the site would be located?  
*SA advised this had not yet been determined.*
- IE questioned whether addressing existing leaks would be more appropriate before constructing a new plant.  
*SA outlined the planned approach.*
- BW asked whether the proposals would affect water quality.  
*SA explained the water be a blended supply and there could possibly a change in taste.*

- AR asked how the current plant in Disley is performing, including leakage levels.  
*SA confirmed leakage is managed by a separate department and is not part of the new abstraction supply project.*
- MOP asked what impact the works would have on temporary traffic lights and roadworks.

**POR:** The Chair thanked the representatives for attending the meeting.

## 6. Approval of Previous Minutes

6.1 To consider the approval of the following minutes

6.1.1 It was proposed that the minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on 8th October 2025 (Pages P1258–P1262) be approved as an accurate record.

**Proposed** by: TB    **Seconded** by: KK

**Resolved** that the above sets of minutes were unanimously agreed.

6.1.2 Matters Arising

**Resolved** that there were no matters arising from the above sets of minutes.

## 7. Reports and Updates on Recurring Agenda Items

### 7.1 Chair's Report and Updates

7.1.1 The Chair provided a brief update on the following.

Remembrance Day Debrief: The Chair expressed how proud he is of the new refurbished cenotaph area and thanked the Parish Council CIWs, the Broadoak Pupils & the fabricator for their outstanding work in creating such a meaningful space for the community. He noted that this area will continue to be enhanced going forward.

He also extended his thanks to Rev Jane Mottram who took the service, the Cllr & children who took part in the readings on the day, and all the pupils from Broadoak and the local schools who assisted and helped set up the event. It was reported that the Remembrance Day poppy collection raised £72.80. This amount will be paid into the Parish Council account and subsequently transferred to the Royal British Legion.

The quarterly reports for The Hub, POSH, and the Pavilion were deferred.

**Action:** Add the Easter Event to the January agenda & RD & Christmas to the March agenda.

### 7.2 Community Centre and Local Asset Updates

JRF reported that a meeting regarding the Community Centre was held on Monday, 10 November. by The Community Centre Group, JRF, BW & IE. JRF updated that they are currently developing a business plan and updated the Council on potential future uses of the building.

It was noted that the flats within the Centre require a new roof and refurbishment.

The Council agreed that the Community Centre is no longer considered "dead in the water," as it has now been formally registered as a Community Asset by the group. It is hoped that the wider community will support and benefit from the project as it progresses.

KK reported that the NHS is seeking additional space, which could potentially align with the future use of the Centre.

Trafford Leisure will also be commencing works on the Leisure Centre in the near future.

**POR:** It was noted that the attendees were present **not in the capacity of Parish Councillors**, but in another capacity & that this item will remain as a standing agenda item for future updates.

### 7.3 Online Reports Log

7.3.1 Resolved that the following reports were noted for reference and other actions detailed in item 15.

- Cllrs noted that there are a lot of recycling units/bins popping up in Partington and are attracting fly tipping.

## 7.4 Action Updates

7.4.1 Resolved that the Clerk confirmed the actions listed on the agenda have been completed or are in progress. New actions have been listed below.

## 8. Christmas Event Update

8.1 Cllr Robe-Fogarty updated the Council everything is in place for the Christmas Event scheduled for 22nd November 2025. The Christmas tree is being installed on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

It was resolved that stewards and CIWS will meet to set up at 1pm and then dismantle at 6.15pm

**Action:** *The Clerk to email Mr Doyle at Weare Mapp and to confirm arrangements with Mr Price regarding the fairground.*

## 9. Planning Applications

9.1 To note the following planning applications received from Trafford Borough Council for this period.

**Application No. 117224/FUL/25 – 144 Manchester Road, Partington, M31 4QN**

Demolition of existing storage building and erection of new storage building.

*Received: 27th October 2025 | Circulated to Councillors: 27th October 2025*

## 10. Exclusion of the Public

10.1 The Chair will move a resolution that all remaining members of the public will now be excluded from the remainder of the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

## 11. Finance

11.1 **Resolved:** The Council reviewed and approved the current period's income and expenditure records (attached for reference).

11.2 **Precept Levy 2026–27** To review and discuss the proposed precept requirement for the 2026–27 financial year, taking into consideration:

- Inflationary pressures and cost-of-living impacts on service delivery.
- Planned or ongoing capital projects.
- Earmarked reserves and general fund balances.
- Maintenance and asset management requirements.
- Potential grant income and external funding opportunities.
- Community priorities and parish improvements identified for the year ahead.
- To determine the proposed precept levy to be submitted to the Billing Authority.

**Action:** *Deferred to the December meeting and Clerk to make Council aware of the 2026/27 taxbase.*

**Action:** *Chase with TBC on the boundaries around the new Heath Farm development as the Cllr do not think this has been answered.*

## 12. Assertion 10 – Compliance and Policy Review

12.1 **Resolved:** The Council was updated on Assertion 10 and asked to review the draft IT policy.

## 13. Cllr T Baistow

13.1 TB informed the Council that representatives from Trafford HOST had attended the recent surgery and provided her with an update on the ongoing investigations.

## 14. Other Business

- BW: Updated that the overgrown area near the Gas Container have been dealt with.
- GJ: Updated on the temporary fencing that has been installed along the nature reserve.

- AR: Updated that Water meters are being installed for all properties in Partington.
- TB: Updated that she has received complaints about the lack of the use of the Sports Centre.
- JRF: Updated that the BMX was finished 3 weeks ago. Asked if we could ask WC A Williams and Mr Cohen to the next meeting in regard to Trafford Move

#### **15. Action List**

- Add the Easter Event (Jan 26), RD event, and Christmas events (March 26) to forthcoming agendas.
- Chase up on the email sent regarding the bollards installed on Patterdale Road.
- CIWS to update on how many recycling bins located in Partington
- AR requested the Leases for the Pavilion and The Hub be added to the next agenda .
- The Clerk to email Mr Doyle at Weare Mapp and to confirm arrangements with Mr Price regarding the fairground.
- 2026-27 -Taxbase deferred to the December meeting. Clerk to contact TBC to ask for the figure.
- Follow up with TBC the question regarding the Heath Farm development boundaries as the Cllr do not think this has been answered.
- Invite WCAW & Doug Cohen to the next meeting – Trafford Move.

#### **16. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be the **Parish Council Meeting** scheduled for **Wednesday, 10th December 2026 at 6:00 PM, at The Rainbow Cafe.**

Meeting closed at 20.35

Cllr Wayne Edwards

Chairperson