

## **Minutes of Partington Parish Council Meeting**

**Date:** Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**Time:** 6pm

**Location:** The Rainbow Cafe, Partington

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

**Vice Chair:** Cllr Kathleen Stewart (KS)

**Parish Clerk:** Ms S Booth

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

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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 G Jones (GJ) – 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 declared an interest in item 7.2 & 12. BW declared an interest in item 7.2.

### **4. Invited Guests**

4.1 The following representatives United Utilities attended the meeting:

4.1.1 Presentation

United Utilities provided an update on works undertaken at the sewage treatment works on Lock Lane. The representatives acknowledged that the works had caused significant disruption and upset to local residents and confirmed that, in hindsight, further steps could have been taken to mitigate the impact.

#### **Questions and Answers**

- JRF asked whether the water pressure issues in Warburton had now been resolved.
- BW queried whether new housing developments were placing additional strain on the existing drainage infrastructure and asked why water meters were being installed.
- WE requested that United Utilities issue a letter to residents explaining the water metering process, including how residents can opt in or opt out.
- WE also asked whether a drainage system map for Partington could be made available to the Parish Council.

This item was concluded at 18:48, and the United Utilities representatives were thanked for their attendance and contributions.

**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 **Resolved** that there was no comments from the MOP in attendance therefore this item was closed at 18.48.

## 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 12th November 2025 (Pages P1263–P1267) 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 Removal of Christmas flags:

The Chair advised that Christmas flags previously installed on lampposts around Partington have been removed by Trafford Council. Trafford Council has confirmed that decorations are no longer permitted on lampposts and that liability would rest with the installer should a lamppost fail. The Chair further updated Members on potential future lamppost upgrade options.

The Chair also reported that trees, including elms and hedgerows, at the Royal British Legion site have been cut back. Cllr Wayne Edwards confirmed that he is very disappointed with how the area now looks following a site visit.

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

### 7.2 Community Centre and Local Asset Updates

7.2.1 Members were advised that future Parish Council meetings will be held at the Community Centre. Trafford Council has been contacted regarding the proposed meeting dates.

Cllr KS asked where funding would be sourced from to run the building. Cllr JRF (Member of the Partington Community Centre action group) advised that the Doctors & NHS will be involved and that grant funding opportunities are available. It was confirmed that the Community Centre has now been registered as a Community Asset via the Partington Community Centre Action Group.

7.3.1 Cllr WE reported that building works are ongoing at Broadoak School, including the enlargement of the small hall. It was noted that surplus boardroom furniture may become available for use at the Community Centre.

### 7.3 Online Reports Log

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

### 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 Members agreed that the Christmas event was extremely successful and generated very positive feedback. Santa's attendance was praised, as well as all the stall holders and cars etc. Pupils from Broadoak School and other participating children were commended for their excellent behaviour and politeness.

**Action:** The Clerk to formally convey thanks to the pupils and schools involved.

## 8.2 Events Badges and IDs

8.2.1 The Chair advised that IT tablets will be issued to all Councillors in early 2026. It was noted that the tablets will remain the property of the Parish Council and will support the streamlining of Council business.

The Chair also requested that the Clerk explore options for sourcing updated forms of Councillor identification.

**Action:** Clerk to investigate and report back on new forms of Parish Council ID.

## 9. Planning Applications

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

**Resolved:** There were no new planning applications for this period.

## 10. Exclusion of the Public

**Resolved:** That, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Chair moved and Members agreed that all remaining members of the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

**POR:** The following items of Council business were considered in a closed session.

## 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

11.2.1 The proposed Precept for the 2026–27 financial year was considered.

**Resolved:** That the Parish Council Precept be increased by 5%.

**Action:** Parish Clerk to inform Trafford BC.

## 12. Matters Cllr A Rudden

12.1 Cllr Rudden raised concerns regarding the Pavilion tenancy arrangements and queried how these differ from the Hub tenancy. He also requested clarification from JRF regarding the destination of rental payments received from the Pavilion tenants for the first three months, seeking confirmation that the funds had been correctly allocated and are not held within the FOCLE bank account.

Cllr Rudden also raised a query regarding damage to his vehicle incurred at the pavilion. The Chair advised that the Parish Council is not liable for this matter and that it should be pursued through the appropriate insurance channels.

The Chair reminded Members that conduct at meetings must remain appropriate and respectful and confirmed that any further inappropriate behaviour may be referred to Trafford Council's Legal and Democratic Services.

The Chair further confirmed that matters relating to lease agreements for Parish Council buildings are now closed.

## 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. It was reported that accommodation arrangements allow for up to four individuals aged 18+ per room, subject to conditions, with separate accommodation provided for individuals with specific needs.

#### **14. Other Business**

- IE: Agreed that the recent events held have been successful.
- TB: Updated that the potholes on Central Road are deteriorating.

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

- Add the Easter Event (Jan 26), RD event, and Christmas events (March 26) to forthcoming agendas.
- The Clerk to formally convey thanks to the pupils and schools involved.
- Clerk to investigate and report back on new forms of Parish Council ID.
- Parish Clerk to inform Trafford BC about the Precept raise.
- Invite WCAW & Doug Cohen to the next meeting – Trafford Move.

**POR:** The Chair thanked all Members for their attendance and contributions throughout 2025 and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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

The next meeting will be the **Parish Council Meeting** scheduled for **Wednesday, 14th January 2026 at 6:00 PM, at The Community Centre.**

Meeting closed at 20.06

Cllr Wayne Edwards

Chairperson