

Minutes of Partington Parish Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 11th March 2026

Time: 6pm

Location: The Community Centre, Partington

Chairperson: Cllr Wayne Edwards (WE)

Vice Chair: Cllr Kathleen Stewart (KS) – Apologies received

Parish Clerk: Ms S Booth

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

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 K Stewart (KS) – Leave

2.2 I Platt (IP) – Work Commitments

2.3 **Resolved** that the meeting was quorate.

POR: IE asked if we could write to IP to ask his intentions going forward.

3. Declarations of Interest

3.1 Resolved that the below members declared an interest in relation to items on the agenda.

3.1.1 **Resolved:** BW declared an interest in item 7.2 & AR in item 13.2

4. Invited Guests

4.1 The following representatives United Utilities attended the meeting:

4.1.1 Trafford Move & Connecting Partington

- Update – Cross Lane East Park and Leisure Centre (Mr John Brady)

Mr John Brady provided an update on the Cross Lane East Park development, advising that the project is almost complete, including the BMX track, which is now in use. Issues with bins in the swampy area are being addressed. New facilities installed include a defibrillator, outdoor toilet, air source heat pump, and new changing rooms. Work continues with Greater Manchester Youth Network, and a bike library is being explored. An opening event will take place on 20 March, with all welcome to attend.

Mr Brady also updated Members on the new leisure centre project, which is slightly delayed due to a change of contractor and installation of an electrical substation. The facility will be similar in design to Altrincham Leisure Centre, including meeting and conference space, with a focus on community connectivity. Completion is anticipated in Autumn 2027.

Members' Questions:

- BMX lighting: Lights switch off at 8:00pm, with a temporary extension button available but not beyond this time. Members requested signage to inform users.
- Cycle maintenance station: Not yet available; links with local schools are planned once operational.
- Project funding: Mr Brady confirmed the overall project value exceeds £20m, with funding apportioned across different elements.

- Off-road bikes using BMX track: Issue acknowledged and under review.

The Chair thanked Mr Brady for attending and providing the update.

4.1.2 Partington Sustainable Travel Scheme

- Mr Cohen and representatives from 'George Cox' attended to present the Partington Sustainable Travel Scheme.

Members were advised that the project will involve approximately 60 weeks of works, with details provided on costs, delivery programme, and lighting. Plans and maps of the proposed works were also presented.

During discussion, Members raised concerns regarding the proposed cycle lanes on Warburton Lane, noting that residents of Warburton Lane may lose parking provision, which could lead to dissatisfaction.

DOI: Cllr G. Jones declared an interest as he knows individuals involved in delivering the project.

Members' Questions:

- Cllr L. Jones asked whether the proposals were final.
- Members raised concerns regarding existing traffic pressures, particularly from the Lymm direction.
- Members advised that roadworks may lead to dissatisfaction from local residents and requested greater consultation with the Parish Council going forward.
- Mr Cohen confirmed that 2 consultations had taken place and that they had consulted with students. He also added that additional engagement would take place, including leaflet drops, WhatsApp groups, and officer engagement with local communication groups, and encouraged the Council to contact the team with any further queries.

POR: Members expressed general support for the principle of the project but requested that the proposed bollards on Warburton Lane be reconsidered.

The Chair thanked Mr Cohen and his colleagues for attending and delivering the presentation.

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 Three members of the public (MOPs) were in attendance.

5.1.1 **MOP 1:** Asked whether the Council was aware that the cost of interring ashes at St Mary's Church has increased significantly and queried whether this information was correct.

A: The Council noted the concern raised.

5.1.2 There being no further comments, the Open Forum was closed at **7.37 pm**.

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 14th January 2026 (Pages P1272–P1275) be approved as an accurate record.

Proposed by: BW **Seconded** by: TB

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 updated Members that he has been in regular contact with the site manager regarding the development at the former Social Club site, where building works have now commenced.

The Chair queried the removal of trees on the site and was advised that one tree had been cut down in error. Trafford Council had granted permission for the works, and it has been confirmed that three replacement trees will be planted.

The anticipated completion date for the development is June 2027.

Q: Cllr JRF raised a query regarding the public rights of way through the Legion site and asked what arrangements would be in place going forward.

7.2 Community Centre and Local Asset Updates

7.2.1 JRF advised that a business plan has been submitted to TBC and is looking good.

7.3 Online Reports Log

7.3.1 **Resolved** that the monthly 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. Event Update

8.1 Members were advised that after the recent events meeting (minutes circulated in the Agenda and Documents pack) arrangements for the Easter event are largely in place, and the Easter flyer has been circulated. Plans are also underway for the Summer Holiday events, which will be held at the Pavilion. POR: It was agreed in Principle that the Parish Council will also contribute towards the electricity costs at the Pavilion.

- Members approved the events budgets as follows:
Easter Event: £300
Summer Holiday Events: £2,000
LB Contingency: £1,000
Christmas Events: £10,000

The minutes from the Events Meeting and the associated budgets were approved by Members.

9. Planning Applications

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

9.1.1 **118020/FUL/25** – Three Parcels of land along Tulip Road and Cumberland Road, Partington.

Full planning application for the development of 28no. dwellings a mix of apartments and houses with associated landscaping, vehicle access and parking and all associated works

Received 26/01/26 Cllrs Notified 26/01/26

9.1.2 **118062/FUL/25** – Sewerage Works, Lock Lane, Partington, M31 4PW.

Erection of 1 no LV switchboard Kiosk and 2no Motor Control Centre (MCC) Kiosks

Received 15/03/26 Cllrs Notified 15/03/26

9.1.3 **118140/FUL/25** – Land of Tulip Road and Cumberland Road, Partington, Manchester, M31 4JE

Application for temporary permission for use of land a site storage facility with 18no. storage containers and timber hoarding with permission requested until the 1st of April 2027.

Received 26/01/26 Cllrs Notified 26/01/26

- *Resolved that comments will be submitted to the Planning Department*

9.1.4 **118164/HHA/25** – 7 Bailey Lane, Partington, Manchester, M31 4WH

Demolition of existing rear extensions and erection of new single storey side/rear extension, formation of rear dormer and associated external alterations.

Received 26/01/26 Cllrs Notified 26/01/26

10. Grants 2026-27

10.1 Grants to be opened and forms made available on the website.

11. 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.

12 . Finance

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

12.2 Cllrs updated on the change of bank account of the RBS to the Unity Trust.

13. Cllr Updates

13.1 Cllr T. Baistow

- Update on local Councillor surgeries.

13.2 Cllr A. Rudden

- Cllr Rudden provided a detailed update on status of The Hub. This will remain an agenda item for updates.

POR: SM updated that she had called in and the building was exceptionally clean.

14. Other Business

- **TB:** Has been receiving complaints about the vehicles and property on Bailey Lane.
- **GJ:** Raised concerns regarding posters being placed along the railway tracks and queried who owns the land. It was noted that Cadent had enquired about the land ownership.
- **IE:** Reported that he and Cllr J. Robe-Fogarty attended a meeting at Wynt View Apartments. As a result, three abandoned vehicles have been removed, graffiti cleared, fly-tipping addressed and hedges cut back.
- **SM:** Thanked the CIWs for their work with students on Thursdays, noting that teachers had expressed how impressed they were with the support provided. Members asked that their thanks be passed on.
- **BW:** Raised a query regarding a burger van wishing to trade at local pitches, possibly at Broadway. Members were advised that any trader would need to contact Trafford Highways to obtain a trading licence, who would advise on suitable permitted locations.
- **BW:** Played a voicemail that she had received from a resident regarding water issues at Broadoak and the inability to use the toilets.

A: The Chair provided an update on this situation.

15. Actions Arising

15.1 It was noted that all actions will be overseen by the Clerk unless otherwise directed by the Council.

1. **(4)** Invite Trafford safety team to the next agenda
2. **(4.1.1)** Action John Brady : Thank for their attendance and send dates of the 2026-27 meetings
3. **(4.1.2)** Action Doug Cohen : Thank for their attendance
4. **(7.1)** Clerk to write to PROWS and enquire about the PROW that runs through the Old Social Club Site

5. **(9)** Submit the Council's comments on planning applications, as resolved.
6. **(10)** Grants to be opened and forms made available on the website.
7. **(13.2)** AR asked that The Hub remain an agenda item for updates. Clerk to send all invoices and receipts to AR.
8. Enquire with the CIWS which areas of grass fall under the YHG remit.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the **Parish Council Meeting** scheduled for **Wednesday, 8th April 2026 at 6:00 PM**, at **The Community Centre**.

Meeting closed at 20.40

Cllr Wayne Edwards