

## Minutes of Partington Parish Council Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Time:** 6pm

**Location:** The Community Centre, Partington

**Chairperson:** N/A

**Vice Chair:** Cllr Kathleen Stewart (KS) – Took the meeting

**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), G Jones (GJ).

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### 1. Welcome and Housekeeping

1.1 The Vice 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

**Resolved** that the meeting was quorate.

### 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:** AR declared an interest in item 14

### 4. Invited Guests

4.1 The following representatives United Utilities attended the meeting:

4.1.1 **Development and Estates Team:** Estates Surveyor Ms E Johnson & Ms C Uber – Unable to attend due to impending elections

4.1.2 **Trafford Safety Team** – No attendance

4.1.3 **Your Housing Group** – No attendance

### 5. Open Forum

5.1 A public participation session was held. Speakers were limited to 2–3 minutes and political discussions were not permitted.

5.1.1 Three members of the public were in attendance.

5.1.2 No questions or comments were raised.

5.1.3 Resolved that the Open Forum was closed by the Vice Chair at 6:05 pm, after which no further public participation was permitted

### 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 11th March 2026 (Pages P1276–P1280) be approved as an accurate record.

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

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

6.1.2 Matters Arising

- Cllr Ian Edwards (IE) queried whether any feedback had been received from Cllr I. Platt. It was confirmed that no feedback has been received to date.

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

## **7. Reports and Updates on Recurring Agenda Items**

### **7.1 Vice Chair's Report and Updates**

7.1.1 The Vice Chair reported on the resignations of former Chair, Cllr Wayne Edwards, and Cllr Morton, expressing appreciation for their service and noting that this represents a significant loss to Partington Parish Council.

Cllr Ian Edwards (IE) proposed that the Council formally thank Cllr Wayne Edwards for his many years of hard work and dedication.

**Resolved:** That a card of thanks be arranged for Councillors to sign at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk.**

### **7.2 Community Centre and Local Asset Updates**

7.2.1 JRF advised that there were no updates.

### **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 Action List Update**

1. Invite Trafford Safety Team to a future meeting.
2. John Brady: Thanked for attendance and 2026–27 meeting dates issued – *Completed*.
3. Doug Cohen: Thanked for attendance – *Completed*.
4. PROW enquiry: Clerk contacted PROW regarding route through Old Social Club site – *Completed*.
5. Planning: Council comments to be submitted as resolved.
6. Grants: Scheme to be opened and forms published on website.
7. The Hub: To remain a standing agenda item; Clerk to send invoices/receipts to Cllr AR – *Completed*.
8. Grass maintenance: Enquiry to CIWs regarding YHG areas – *Ongoing*.

**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 Easter Event Update**

8.1.1 Cllr Williams reported that the Easter event was successful, with 32 parents and 48 children in attendance. The event was well received, and the children thoroughly enjoyed the activities.

The Council expressed its thanks to Cllr Williams for organising a successful event.

An estimated total of £205.91 was spent.

**Action:** *The Clerk will confirm the final expenditure with BW*

### **8.2 Summer Event**

8.2.1 Cllr L Jones sought Members' views regarding the use of food vendors for the forthcoming event, including whether preference should be given to local providers and whether to retain a format of basic market stalls and children's entertainment.

Members discussed the requirements relating to street trader licences, insurance, and any applicable music licensing. It was noted that appropriate risk assessments and health and safety requirements would need to be in place. It was noted that the proposed event will take place on 15th August, between 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm. **Action:** *Clerk to investigate all the above and add the event to the forthcoming agendas*

**Resolved:** That it was agreed in principle for LJ to proceed with initial event planning arrangements and provide feedback this item.

## Planning Applications

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

9.1.1 **118534/VAR/26** – Partington Sports Centre, Chapel Lane, Partington, Manchester, M31 4ES  
Application under section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) for variation of conditions 1,2 and 4 on planning permission 113101/FUL/24. (Refurbishment of existing Partington Sports Village including erection of two storey extension facing Chapel Lane, external works to include re-configuring the adjacent MUGA, additional car parking, external lighting, cycle shelters and bin store). For alterations to submitted Biodiversity Metric and BNG Assessment (Condition 1), minor alterations to window/door openings (condition 2) and alterations to landscape design (Condition 4)

*Received 16/03/26 Cllrs Notified 16/03/26*

**Action:** Clerk.

9.1.2 **118598/TPO/26** – Land to the rear of 49 to 93 Thirlmere Road, Partington, Manchester, M31 4PR  
Works to trees within tree preservation order number 363 specifically for general maintenance for various trees (see site plan)

*Received 25/03/26 Cllrs Notified 25/03/26*

- **Observations:** That clarification be sought regarding cutting, nesting, and maintenance rules, particularly in relation to nesting periods.

**Action:** Clerk.

9.1.3 **118477/HHA/25** – 109 Moss Lane, Partington, Manchester, M31 4WH  
Erection of part single/part two storey side and rear extension and associated external alterations.

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

9.1.4 **118678/FUL/26** – 1 Station Cottages, Manchester Road, Partington, Manchester, M31 4BW  
Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey side extension to existing property, together with Erection of new attached residential dwelling and associated access, car parking, landscaping, raising of ground level and boundary treatment works, and other external amendments.

*Received 30/03/26 Cllrs Notified 30/03/26*

9.1.5 **118652/CPL/26** – 26 Broadway, Partington, Manchester, M31 4DH  
Application for Certificate of Proposed Lawful Development for erection of single storey detached outbuilding.

*Received 06/04/26 Cllrs Notified 06/04/26*

9.1.6 **118700/HHA/26** – 24 Broadway, Partington, Manchester, M31 4DH  
Erection of a single storey side and rear extension with the relocation of greenhouse and new workshop to the rear.

*Received 06/04/26 Cllrs Notified 06/04/26*

9.1.7 **118737/HHA/26** – 1 Dean Close, Partington, Manchester, M31 4BQ  
Erection of a single storey rear extension Two garage with conversion to have a habitable room, first floor side extension and new porch

*Received 13/04/26 Cllrs Notified 13/04/26*

9.1.8 **118758/VAR/26** – Land to the Rear of The Fuse, Warburton Lane,, Partington, Manchester, M31 4BU  
Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) for variation of condition 6 on planning permission 115325/FUL/25 (Creation of 3 number padel tennis courts with associated toilets and reception/refreshment facilities following the removal of the existing basketball court. For variation of opening hours

*Received 13/04/26 Cllrs Notified 13/04/26*

- **Objections:** Councillors raised objections on the grounds of opening hours, light pollution, and concerns regarding car parking on the main road.

**Resolved:** That an objection be submitted to Trafford Council reflecting the concerns raised.

## 10. Casual Vacancy's

10.1 It was noted that two casual vacancies have arisen and Trafford Borough Council has been notified.

**Resolved:** That a number of 'Expressions of Interest', have been received and will be considered for co-option once approval is confirmed by Trafford.

## 11. Exclusion of the Public

**Resolved:** That, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Vice 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 The Council reviewed the current period's income and expenditure records.

**Resolved:** That the records be approved.

12.2 Members were updated on the change of bank account from Royal Bank of Scotland to Unity Trust Bank, including current balances and authorised signatories (two to sign).

An update on the transfer of funds was provided, and financial figures were presented and noted.

## 13. Cllr Updates

13.1 **Cllr T. Baistow** updated that she had received a letter regarding a resident's issue. It was noted that TB has spoken with Mr Tredwell, and the matter has also been raised with the Council.

### Important POR:

Cllr Baistow advised Members that she had been asked by another Councillor whether she was being bullied by Cllr Anthony Rudden. Cllr Baistow confirmed that she has not been subjected to any bullying by Cllr A Rudden and requested that this be formally recorded.

Cllr A Rudden stated that he would seek to establish the source of the query and pursue appropriate legal action for defamation of character.

### 13.2 Cllr A. Rudden

Cllr Rudden provided a detailed update on the status of The Hub.

- Invoices and website currently under review.
- Food bank operations ongoing; deliveries continuing.
- Contents insurance being explored as part of a fresh start.
- Ongoing issues with water supply remain unresolved.
- Meeting held with Joe Troop regarding the food bank. Cllr KS suggested liaising with Cllr Harvey (Carrington PC) for additional food supplies.
- Noted that The Hub could be utilised as a larger office space.
- Food Standards Agency inspection completed; hygiene certificate obtained.
- Water Plus matters ongoing, with some difficulties reported.
- The Group 'The Squirrels' have been making use of the building.
- Funding received for the bike library; not utilised by previous team leader.
- Summer event to be confirmed.
- Cllr Kane suggested quarterly reporting. Cllr Rudden confirmed willingness to provide monthly updates for transparency.

## 14. Other Business

- **JRF:** reported antisocial behaviour on the skate park; GMP and Trafford BC have been notified. JRF has also liaised with tree surgeons re: road to rear of Poppy Street.  
It was also resolved that the new development on Warburton Lane is not adhering to the plans and location of the development.  
**Action:** *The Clerk to make enquiries regarding the permitted season for hedge cutting and to write to the Head of Planning outlining the Council's concerns regarding the new development.*
- **BW:** Reported that a further meeting attended by IE and JRF with Mr Douglas regarding the installation of a cycle lane and bollards on Warburton Lane. It was proposed that a community meeting be held.  
**Update & Action:** *The clerk will write to another contact to book a room at the Community Centre as her last request was declined.*
- **IE:** Commented on the email from MP A Western in regard to the correspondence he has received from Moss Lane Rovers regarding a long-term lease on Millbank Field..  
**Proposed:** That the current lease arrangement continues on a monthly rolling basis, and that Moss Lane Rovers be signposted to appropriate governing bodies regarding alternative facilities.  
**Resolved:** That the Clerk be authorised to issue formal notice in accordance with the terms of the agreement.  
**Action:** *Clerk to update Andrew Western on the monthly renewable lease at Millbank, confirming that Moss Lane Rovers were made aware this was a short-term arrangement & write a 3 month notice to quit letter.*
- **GJ:** Raised concerns regarding the litter that is located on Link Walk.  
**Update:** *The Clerk reported that the area is regularly litter-picked by the Council team, with a recent week-long clearance undertaken. However, it continues to experience recurring issues.*
- **LJ:** Reported flooding and drainage problems on Erskine Road that have been reported to TBC
- **TB:** Reported that drainage works for future housing have commenced at the car park to the rear of the shops. TB also provided survey data on the number of vehicles using the car park. TB also updated that there has been a few incidents at Healthy Living Centre reported; two arrests made; substation secured.
- **AR:** Reported ongoing IT initiatives and local activity at the Healthy Living Centre (HLC). Also raised concerns regarding items being left on pavements, including pushchairs.
- **KS:** Litter concerns at SAICA was mentioned  
**Action:** *Clerk to report*

## 15. Actions Arising

- 15.1 It was noted that all actions will be overseen by the Clerk unless otherwise directed by the Council.
1. Arrange a card of thanks for Councillors to sign at the next meeting.
  2. Investigate requirements for street trader licences, insurance, music licensing, and health & safety/risk assessments for the event scheduled on 15th August (12:00–16:00) and include as a future agenda item.
  3. Seek clarification regarding cutting, nesting, and maintenance rules (including nesting periods) for application 118598/TPO/26 – Land to the rear of 49–93 Thirlmere Road.
  4. Submit objection to Trafford Borough Council for application 118758/VAR/26 reflecting concerns regarding opening hours, light pollution, and parking.
  5. Enquire about hedge cutting/nesting season regulations and report back.

6. Write to the Head of Planning at Trafford Borough Council outlining the Council's concerns regarding the above application.
7. Contact an alternative provider to arrange room hire at the Community Centre.
8. Update Andrew Western regarding the monthly renewable lease at Millbank, confirming it is a short-term arrangement and that Moss Lane Rovers were informed.
9. Write to Moss Lane Rovers to issue a 3 months' notice to quit letter
10. Report litter concerns at SAICA.

#### **16. Confidential Item – Staffing**

16.1 In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Clerk was asked to leave the room whilst Members considered a request to review the Clerk's salary and pay scale, which is considered not to be aligned with current national guidance.

Following discussion, the Clerk was invited to return to the meeting. The Clerk advised that the request for review is to ensure the Council is compliant with relevant national pay frameworks and to provide clarity for future Clerks, including the application of annual increments and any back pay due.

#### **17. Date of Next Meeting**

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

Meeting closed at 20.15

Cllr Kathleen Stewart  
Vice Chairperson