

Minutes of Partington Parish Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 10th June 2026

Time: 6pm

Location: The Community Centre, Partington

Chairperson: Cllr Ian Edwards

Vice Chair: Cllr J Robe-Fogarty

Parish Clerk: Ms S Booth

Cllrs in attendance: Cllrs A Rudden (AR), K Stewart (KS), K Kaness (KK), T Baistow (TB), L Jones (LJ), B Williams (BW), G Jones (GJ)

Part A (Public)

1. Welcome and Housekeeping

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.00pm and welcomed those present.

The Chair thanked Members for the confidence they had shown in electing him as Chair of the Council. He stated that he would do his utmost to fulfil the role to the best of his ability and work in the best interests of the Council and the residents of Partington.

As part of his housekeeping announcements, the Chair advised that if members of the public (MOP) or councillors (Cllrs) contact the Parish Council office and are unable to speak to someone directly, they should leave a message so that their enquiry can be returned as soon as possible.

The Chair reminded Members of their obligations under the Council's Code of Conduct and highlighted a number of key principles, including the importance of treating others with respect, maintaining confidentiality where appropriate, and conducting themselves in a manner that upholds the reputation of the Council. Members were encouraged to attend Council meetings wherever possible and were reminded that any confidential information discussed during meetings must remain confidential. The Chair also outlined general meeting procedures and expectations for Members throughout the new fiscal year.

2. Apologies for Absence and Confirmation of Quorum

2.1 Cllr C Waterworth (CW) – Council meeting

2.1 Cllr G Maas (GM) – Annual Leave

Resolved: that the meeting was quorate and apologies accepted.

3. Declarations of Interest (DOI)

Resolved: That Cllr JRF declared an interest in Item 7.2 & 9

Resolved: That Cllr BW declared an interest in Item 7.2 & 14

Resolved: That Cllr AR declared an interest in Item 19

4. Invited Guests

4.1 The Council received an update from representatives of **Your Housing Group**.

Members raised concerns regarding grass cutting and grounds maintenance throughout Partington.

Members requested an updated map identifying areas maintained by Your Housing Group and asked whether a copy could be provided to the Council

Discussion also took place regarding the flats on Cumberland Road and future plans for the site. Members were advised that no confirmed information was currently available.

Resolved: Apologies received from TBC - Developments and Estates team & GM Youth Federation.

5. Open Forum

Resolved: Members of the public were in attendance.

The Chair welcomed questions and comments from members of the public during the Public Open Forum. Members of the public were reminded that the Public Open Forum forms a separate part of the meeting and that, once the session had concluded and the Council moved on to its formal business, they would not be permitted to participate further in the meeting unless specifically invited to do so by the Chair.

5.1 MOP1 Discussion took place regarding an overgrown hedge located on Moss Lane adjacent to Central Service Road, near the Working Men's Club. Concerns were raised that the hedge was encroaching onto the alleyway and causing an obstruction to users. It was noted that the matter had already been reported and that further enquiries would be made to establish the current position.

5.2 MOP2 The Council also received a presentation from a representative of Freedom Football, who provided an overview of the organisation and outlined potential grant funding opportunities that may be available to support local football initiatives. The representative enquired about the possible use of the Pavilion and playing field for football-related activities within the parish.

The Chair advised that discussions regarding the use of the facilities should take place directly with Cllr Robe-Fogarty in her capacity as Pavilion tenant. It was agreed that contact details would be exchanged to enable further discussions to take place outside of the meeting.

6. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed: BW and 2nd TB

Resolved: That the minutes of the Annual meeting held on 6th May 2026 [P1287–P1291] be approved as a true and accurate record.

Resolved: No matters arising

7. Reports and Updates on Recurring Agenda Items

7.1 Chairs Report

The Chair thanked Members for their support following his election as Chair and confirmed that he would do his best to serve the Council and residents of Partington. The Chair thanked the Clerk for her continued work and support to the Council.

- **Life for a Life Project:** Members received an update regarding the ongoing Life for a Life project. It was confirmed that the Council had offered support but would not be making any further financial contribution.
- **Highways Consultation:** Members discussed the recent highways consultation and public meeting. It was noted that the meeting had been well attended and that significant public concerns had been expressed regarding aspects of the proposals. Cllrs were in attendance but as MOPs and not in their capacity of Cllr.

Action: *Agenda item for Members considered methods of improving communication and engagement with residents during consultations.*

7.2 Community Centre and Local Asset Updates – JRF, BW & IE

Resolved: That the update be noted.

7.3 Online Reports Log

Resolved: That the monthly reports were noted for reference and other actions detailed.

7.4 Action updates

Resolved: That the update on actions arising from previous meetings be noted, with completed actions recorded and outstanding matters progressing as appropriate.

8. Event Updates

8.1 Christmas Event

Members received an update on arrangements for the Christmas Event. It was reported that bookings had now been secured for the various elements of the event, including the Christmas tree, festive lighting, carol singers, entertainment, and Santa.

Cllr Stewart requested that the costs relating to the Christmas tree be itemised to distinguish between the purchase of the tree and the installation costs.

Action: Once the date of the event has been confirmed, the Shopping Centre Management will be notified accordingly.

8.2 Summer Event

Members received an update regarding preparations for the Summer Event scheduled for August 2026. It was reported that most arrangements were now in place and confirmation was awaited regarding entertainment and music provision.

Members noted the requirement for appropriate public liability insurance, H & S & Risk assessments.

Action: Clerk will check the Parish Councils insurance and follow up on the music licence.

9. Pavilion Access

9.1 POR: Cllr Robe-Fogarty declared an interest in the item as tenant of the Pavilion and requested that the matter be considered under Part B of the agenda. A discussion took place regarding the request. The Chair determined that the item would be considered in Part B of the meeting.

10. Cllr Waterworth - Resident Matters and Community Concerns

In the absence of Cllr Waterworth, the Clerk provided an update on the matters that had been raised. Members received information regarding a resident enquiry concerning the Parish Council precept and were advised of how precept income is used to support Council services, facilities, projects, and community initiatives within the parish.

An update was also provided in relation to the Community Centre, together with reports concerning the bins located on Wood Lane. Members noted the information provided and agreed that any matters requiring further attention would be referred to the appropriate authority.

The Clerk also provided an overview of the Council's workforce structure, including the roles and responsibilities of the Community Improvement Worker (CIW) team and the management arrangements currently in place.

Resolved: That Members note the updates provided and that, the Clerk had provided information and updates on environmental and staffing matters raised on her behalf.

11. Grants

Members considered the grant applications received from local community organisations.

11.1 Partington Post

Members considered the application submitted by Partington Post. Concerns were raised regarding the organisation's connection with Partington and the location of its registered address.

Resolved: That the application be refused.

11.2 Rainbow Café

Members considered the application submitted by Rainbow Café. Following discussion, Members were satisfied that the application met the objectives of the Council's Grant Awarding Policy.

A vote was taken, with five Members voting in favour and four Members voting against.

Resolved: That a grant be awarded to Rainbow Café.

11.3 St Mary's Gardening Allotment Team

Members considered the application submitted by St Mary's Gardening Team. Discussion took place regarding grant funding for church-related organisations and the wider implications for future applications.

Resolved: That consideration of the St Mary's Gardening Team grant application be deferred to the next meeting pending receipt of further information from the applicant.

Action: Clerk to notify all applicants of the Council's decisions and add 11.3 to the next agenda

12. Safeguarding and DBS Checks

Members discussed safeguarding responsibilities and DBS requirements.

It was noted that councillors do not generally require DBS checks solely by virtue of being elected Members. However, individuals undertaking regulated activities with children or vulnerable adults may require appropriate checks.

Resolved: That appropriate DBS checks be undertaken for individuals involved in Council activities where such checks are required and that the Clerk review the Council's safeguarding procedures.

13. Planning Applications

13.1 To note any recent planning applications received from Trafford Borough Council.

13.1.1 **118903/FUL/26** – Former Royal Bank of Scotland, Central Road, Partington, Manchester, M31 4FL
Redevelopment of vacant land to erect part single/part two storey building for use as Dental Practice with associated parking, bin, and cycle storage areas. *Received 11/05/26 Cllrs Notified 11/05/26*

13.1.2 **118954/CPL/26** – 22 Redbrook Road, Partington, Manchester, M31 4JB
Application for Certificate of Proposed Lawful Development for a single storey rear extension
Received 11/05/26 Cllrs Notified 11/05/26

13.1.3 **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 18/05/26 Cllrs Notified 18/05/26

13.1.4 **119101/HHA/26** – 2 Broadway, Partington, Manchester, M31 4DH
Erection of an annex building with rear garden to provide additional living accommodation.
Received 26/05/26 Cllrs Notified 26/05/26

13.1.5 **119224/HHA/6** – 11 Lock Lane, Partington, Manchester, M31 4PA
Conversion of existing garage into a habitable room and erection of single Storey front extension.
Received 08/06/26 Cllrs Notified 08/06/26

13.1.6 **119235/HHA/6** – 51 Russell Road, Partington, Manchester, M31 4DY
Demolition of detached garage and erection of single Storey side and rear extension
Received 08/06/26 Cllrs Notified 08/06/26

Resolved: That the Council has no objections and wishes to make no comments in relation to planning applications 13.1.1 to 13.1.5

13.1.7 Trafford Highways Consultation

Members considered the Trafford highways proposals in which significant concerns were expressed regarding public opposition to elements of the scheme, particularly the proposed bollards and traffic management measures. Members noted the feedback received from residents and discussed the Council's formal response.

Resolved: That an objection be submitted reflecting the concerns raised by residents and Members.

14. Casual Vacancy

Members considered the current casual vacancies. Discussion took place regarding the applications received.
Resolved: That the matter be considered under Part B of the agenda.

Members also discussed community volunteering opportunities and the possibility of compiling a register of volunteers.

Resolved: That BW will compile a list and take the lead on this topic.

15. Finance

15.1 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2025–2026

Members considered the draft Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2025–2026, together with the year-end financial reports and supporting accounting statements presented by the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)/Clerk.

Resolved: That the draft AGAR accounts and associated year-end financial reports for the financial year ending 31 March 2026 be approved.

Resolved: That the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer/Clerk be authorised to sign the relevant financial documentation on behalf of the Council.

15.2 Internal Audit Report and Annual Governance Review

Members noted that the Internal Audit process had commenced and considered the Council's system of internal control and governance arrangements.

Resolved: That the Council's system of internal control be reviewed and approved as effective for the financial year ended 31 March 2026.

Members considered Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2025–2026.

Resolved: That Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2025–2026 be approved and that the Chair and Clerk to sign Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

Members then considered Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2025–2026.

Resolved: That Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2025–2026 be approved and that the Chair be authorised to sign Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return on behalf of the Council.

Members noted that, upon receipt of the Internal Audit Report, any matters arising, including those relating to Assertion 10, would be considered by the Council.

Resolved: That the Internal Audit Report be noted upon receipt and that any recommendations or matters arising be addressed as appropriate.

16. Exclusion of the Public and Press

Resolved: That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the following items due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Signed: _____ (Chair of the Meeting)

Date: _____