

Minutes of Partington Parish Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 8th July 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 Kanes (KK), T Baistow (TB), L Jones (LJ), B Williams (BW), G Jones (GJ), G Maas (GM), C Waterworth (CW).

Part A (Public)

1. Welcome and Housekeeping

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

The Chair reminded everyone of the evacuation procedure in the event of an emergency. He also reminded the meeting that all Parish Councillors are volunteers and requested that everyone conduct themselves in a respectful and courteous manner, with no raised voices during meetings or when contacting the Parish Office. The Chair advised that if any Councillor or member of the public became disruptive or raised their voice, they would be asked to leave the meeting. If the disruption continued or could not be resolved, the Chair reserved the right to adjourn or close the meeting. If the Parish Office is unavailable, callers were requested to leave a voicemail so that their enquiry can be returned as soon as possible. Members were also reminded of their responsibilities under the Council's Code of Conduct, including treating others with respect and maintaining confidentiality where appropriate.

2. Apologies for Absence and Confirmation of Quorum

Resolved: That the meeting was quorate and no apologies had been received.

3. Declarations of Interest (DOI)

Resolved: That Cllr BW declared an interest in Item 9

Resolved: That Cllr GM declared an interest in Item 9

Resolved: That Cllr JRF declared an interest in Item 13 & 14

Resolved: That Cllr IE declared an interest in Item 16

4. Invited Guests

4.1 Resolved: That there were no representatives in attendance 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 advised Members that a recent consultation had highlighted concerns, regarding the increasing number of chemical and industrial facilities in and around Partington. Members discussed the importance of understanding the emergency arrangements for residents in the event of a major incident. The MOP also confirmed that she had no objections to the proposed highway scheme.

Action: Proposed that the Clerk would write to Trafford Council requesting information on the emergency contingency and evacuation plans for Partington.

5.2 MOP2 & CIW provided an update on the recent work experience programme, advising that nine students had collaborated with the Community Improvement Workers. The students had assisted with watering planting displays,

litter picking, and general garden maintenance. Members were informed that the Community Centre grounds had also been cleared and were now looking much improved following the condition in which they had been left. Work is also continuing to clear the storage areas.

Comments:

KS commented that the hanging baskets looked lovely, a view echoed by **TB**.

BW suggested that Broadoak should also be approached to provide refreshments for future community events. The CIW updated that the PC makes sure the students are provided with refreshments.

6. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

6.1 Proposed: TB and 2nd BW

Resolved: That the minutes of the Annual meeting held on 10th June 2026 [P1292–P1297] be approved as a true and accurate record.

6.2 Matters Arising

CLlr J. Robe-Fogarty & the Chair provided an update regarding the Land Registry information for the Pavilion Field, confirming that there is no public right of way across the site.

Following discussion, Members agreed that a letter should be sent to all residents whose properties adjoin the perimeter of the Pavilion Field, advising that there is no authorised access from their gardens onto the field and requesting that they refrain from accessing the land in this manner.

Action: That the Clerk draft a letter for circulation to the perimeter properties. The draft letter is to be circulated to CLlr J. Robe-Fogarty for comment and investigate the proposed arrangements being made for its distribution.

Resolved: No further matters arising

7. Reports and Updates on Recurring Agenda Items

7.1 Chairs Report

- The Chair reported that the United Utilities extraction project had been shelved.
- Members received an update on Davis Road Park, including concerns regarding the condition of the play area safety surfacing.
- Members were advised that Trafford Council Highways had acknowledged that the previous consultation on the highway proposals had not provided sufficient public engagement. A further consultation will therefore be undertaken, including a public drop-in session, the appointment of a Community Liaison Officer and the creation of a dedicated WhatsApp group to improve communication with residents.
- Members discussed the proposed highway scheme, including concerns regarding the proposed closure of Bailey Lane.

Resolved: That the Clerk circulate details of the forthcoming consultation to all Members once received.

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

Resolved: That there are no updates be noted.

7.3 Online Reports Log

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

POR: Birch Road bins were discussed

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

Resolved: No updates at this meeting.

8.2 Summer Event

Members received an update on preparations for the Summer Event scheduled for August 2026. It was noted that the event will now be held at Millbank Field. Most arrangements are in place, with confirmation of toilet provision still awaited. Members also noted the requirement for appropriate Public Liability Insurance, Health & Safety documentation, and Risk Assessments.

Cllr G. Maas requested that the Clerk provide a letter, on Parish Council headed paper, authorising her, in her capacity as a Parish Councillor, to seek donations for the event.

Resolved:

That the Clerk issue a letter of authorisation to Cllr G. Maas.

That the Clerk review the Parish Council's insurance arrangements and make further enquiries regarding the requirement for a music licence.

That the Clerk consult with the Community Improvement Workers to determine whether they are available to assist with setting up and dismantling the event.

9. Casual Vacancy

9.1 It was proposed by the Council that as this item contained information relating to identifiable individuals, Members agreed to defer consideration of the item until after the exclusion of the press and public under Part B of the meeting.

10. The Hub (ABC Trafford)– Proposed Lease Amendment

10.1 Cllr A. Rudden provided an update on activities at ABC Trafford (The Hub), advising that the Scouts continue to use the premises, the Food Hub remains operational, and a new mosaic business has commenced using the building.

Members discussed opportunities to broaden community activities and suggested that the mosaic business be approached to determine whether it would be willing to provide a regular monthly class for residents.

Members also considered the proposed name of ABC Trafford. It was agreed that Cllr Rudden would discuss with the organisation's leaders whether the name could be amended to a more generic title that better reflects the wider range of activities undertaken by the organisation and is not solely associated with boxing. Cllr Rudden will report back to the Council following those discussions.

Resolved: That Cllr Rudden approach the mosaic business regarding the possibility of providing a regular monthly community class.

That Cllr Rudden discuss the proposed name ABC Trafford with the organisation's leaders to explore whether a more generic name would be appropriate and report back to a future meeting.

11. Resident Engagement and Public Consultations

11.1 Members considered ways in which the Parish Council could improve community engagement and strengthen relationships with neighbouring parish councils.

A proposal was discussed whereby a representative of Partington Parish Council would attend meetings of neighbouring parish councils on an observer basis, with reciprocal invitations extended for representatives from those councils to attend Partington Parish Council meetings. Members considered that this approach could encourage closer working relationships, the sharing of good practice, and greater collaboration on matters of mutual interest.

The Chair advised Members that the Community Improvement Workers (CIWs) have launched a Social Media page to highlight the work they undertake within the parish. Members noted the update.

12. Grants

12.1 St Mary's Gardening Team Grant Application

Members reconsidered the grant application submitted by St Mary's Gardening Team following receipt of the additional information requested at the previous meeting.

Resolved: That a partial grant be awarded to St Mary's Gardening Team.

12.2 Partington Post Grant Application

Members reconsidered the grant application submitted by Partington Post following the receipt of additional information addressing the matters previously raised.

Resolved: That the application from Partington Post be unsuccessful at this time.

13. Employment Committee

13.1 Following a request from Cllr J. Robe-Fogarty, Members considered and voted on the re-establishment of an Employment Committee and received an update on the reasons for its formation. It was noted that the Committee would operate in accordance with its approved Terms of Reference and relevant employment legislation and guidance.

Members discussed the proposed structure and operation of the Committee. The Chair reminded Members that individual Councillors are not line managers of Parish Council staff and must not direct staff outside the Council's agreed management arrangements.

Resolved:

That the Employment Committee be re-established.

That the Committee consist of Cllrs CW, BW, AR, and JRF.

That the Committee elect its own Chair at its first meeting.

That the Committee meet formally in accordance with its Terms of Reference, with agendas and minutes produced for each meeting.

That the minutes of the Employment Committee be submitted to the Parish Council for consideration at the September 2026 meeting.

14. Oak Road / Wood Lane Area Maintenance

14.1 Following a request from Cllr Joanne Robe-Fogarty. Members discussed the ongoing maintenance of the Oak Road/Wood Lane areas (M31 Project area) and the challenges associated with keeping the area clear of litter and fly-tipping. The Clerk provided an update on the work regularly undertaken by the Community Improvement Workers, noting that although the team conducts routine litter picking, vegetation management and environmental improvements, the same locations often require repeated attention due to continued littering and misuse. The Clerk updated on the service swap areas with TBC and the work undertaken by the Community Improvement Workers is not always visible and that maintaining the area requires a collective effort. It was recognised that residents, Your Housing Group (YHG), Trafford Borough Council, and other stakeholders all have a responsibility to support improvements and encourage greater community ownership of the area to achieve lasting results.

15. Planning Applications

15.1 To note the below planning applications received from Trafford Borough Council.

15.1.1 **119311/HHA/26** – 26 Broadway, Partington, Manchester, M31 4DH

Erection of outbuilding at the rear of garden

Received 15/06/26 Cllrs Notified 15/06/26

Resolved: That whilst there are no objections observations are to be submitted to Trafford planning.

16. Finance

16.1 Income and Expenditure Report

Members received and considered the Income and Expenditure Report for the current financial period.

Resolved: That the Income and Expenditure Report be approved.

16.2 Chairperson's Fund

Members considered the annual allocation for the Chairperson's Fund for the 2026/27 financial year.

Resolved: That the annual Chairperson's Fund allocation for 2026/27 be approved.

17. Exclusion of the Public and Press

Resolved: The Chair advised that, following the resolution to exclude the press and public, all members of the public were required to withdraw from the meeting before the Council proceeded to consider the confidential business.

Signed: _____ (Chair of the Meeting)

Date: _____