



## **STOCKTON HEATH PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 17 MAY 2018, AT 7.30PM AT STOCKTON HEATH LIBRARY, ALEXANDRA ROAD, STOCKTON HEATH.**

**Present:** Councillor S Barlow (presiding Chair for Item V18/001)  
Councillors S L Dean, A M Fell, C E Jones, C E Jordan, L Murphy.

**Attending:** Mrs. L Jacob (Clerk); Anita Young

#### **V18/001 Appointment of Chair of Committee**

It was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Jordan and, in the absence of any other nominations, a vote was taken and the proposal was carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** that Cllr. Barlow be appointed Chair of the Village Committee for the civic year 2018/19.

#### **V18/002 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs P J Walker and G Welborn.

#### **V18/003 Budget**

Payments made and monies remaining across the budget headings over which the Village Committee has oversight were noted.

No payments had yet been made, but spending commitments had taken place for barrier baskets, clothing for the Parish Ranger, summer planting and watering and weekend litter picking.

#### **V18/004 War Memorial and WWI Centenary Celebrations**

Update on the War Memorial Trust Grant: A response was received on 14 May 2018 stating that the application had been unsuccessful as it was regarded, when compared to other applications, as being of lower priority. However the parish council were invited to resubmit the application for consideration in the next round of assessment beginning on 30 June 2018. It was agreed that the application would be resubmitted.

2. The "therebutnothere" outlines were discussed. It was noted that Cllr Wheeler was leading a co-ordination group on WWI events and that she would be reporting to full council in June.

#### **V18/005 Floral Planting**

Update: The quotation received from Northwich Town Council was discussed at the full Parish Council meeting on 8 May 2018 and it was there **resolved** that the quotation would be accepted. This will include this winter's planting, next summer's planting and weekly watering and feeding of the planters throughout this summer, with the option to request additional watering at a cost of £122.50 per occasion.

Bellfields have agreed to fulfil the summer planting. The clerk is awaiting confirmation of planting dates for the summer bedding.

Four new barrier baskets have been delivered from Amberol at a cost of £827.04 + VAT, being £112.50 per basket; £293.04 for 8 liners; £44.00 for fixing brackets and £40 delivery charge. They will be installed just prior to the summer planting date to be notified by Bellfields.

**V18/006**      **Parish Ranger**

A pictorial report on work undertaken by the Parish Ranger was received. Councillors expressed their appreciation for the work undertaken by the Parish Ranger.

**V18/007**      **Weekend Litter Picking Service**

1. A report from the Weekend Litter Picking Service was received. The clerk to inform the weekend team of the Parish Ranger's annual leave dates.
2. Cllr Barlow acknowledged that a litter pick event over the coming Bank Holiday weekend would not be as effective, given the vegetative growth and the relative cleanliness of visible areas such as the shopping streets and suggested that an event prior to the Remembrance events would be more suitable. It was agreed that this item would be taken forward to a future agenda.

**V18/008**      **Additional Litter Bins**

The positions for the additional litter bins to be purchased from the budget set aside for the purpose were discussed. It was agreed that five double bins will be purchased and will replace single WBC bins at the following locations: Walton Road outside Ego; bottom of the steps at the Forge Car Park; London Road by the bus stop outside the Mulberry Tree; London Road by the bus stop outside The Stockyard; London Road outside The Original Barbers Shop. The purchased waste bins can only be positioned at existing sites if Warrington Borough Council are to empty them. Bins in a new location would be the sole responsibility of the Parish Council. The bins to be ordered from Glasdon at a cost of £603.64 excl VAT and delivered to the WBC Victoria Park depot for installation by WBC.

**V18/009**      **Bench at Walton Road**

The proposal for a bench at Walton Road near the junction with Dundonald Avenue to replace the bench removed some time ago, was discussed. A budget had been set aside for the purpose. Warrington Borough Council will install the bench at a charge £173.52. It was agreed that a bench should be purchased and Cllr Todd and Cllr Jones will research suitable benches from a range of suppliers, with the recommendations to be put to full council in June.

**V18/010**      **Speed Indicator Devices**

The clerk had spoken to the PCSOs and they had agreed to assist with the placing of a speed indicator device and provide training for the Parish Ranger to cover any PCSO absences. The clerk to enquire to Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council for supplier and pricing information for one device that displays recorded speed and an encouraging/discouraging "face" with an additional battery.

**V18/011**      **Stockton Heath Festival Engagement Event**

1. Update: the Parish Council will have a table next to the SWISH Friends Group, situated just outside the Craft tent. The clerk to liaise with Friends group to ensure coverage across the two-day event. The clerk had returned the booking

form and risk assessment documents to the Festival organisers and will forward the certificate of insurance following the renewal date of 1 June 2018.

2. Cllr Barlow outlined the ideas of the SWISH Friends group. The clerk suggested activities for the Parish Council table to engage members of the community. It was agreed that a newsletter will be produced under the editorship of Cllr Barlow and Cllr Todd; a children's activity will be prepared and an Ideas Wall will be available to collect ideas and comments from members of the community. A rota of councillors who are able to attend will be drawn up. These ideas to be presented to full council in June.  
(Cllr Dean left the meeting)

**V18/012**      **Dementia Friendly Places**

The presentation by Michael Sheppard to full parish council on 13 February 2018 was discussed. It was agreed that Cllr Barlow will provide information on Dementia Friendly Training to Promote Stockton Heath.

**V18/013**      **Christmas Lights**

The advice received from City Illuminations regarding replacing the multi-coloured Christmas tree lights and either trimming the trees at Victoria Square or purchasing additional strings to enhance the display was discussed. The **recommendation** was that the coloured lights are retained, but supplemented with the mini bulb lights as used on the surrounding real trees (at a cost of £1050 which can be spread over the remaining 2 years of the contract) and that City Illuminations be asked to rehang the real tree lights in order to create a more aesthetically pleasing display with less looping. The clerk to source a YouTube style clip for councillors to view the light options in situ.

**V18/014**      **Reports from attendance at outside groups**

Cllr Jordan will give a report on the Walking Day meeting to full council in June. Cllr Barlow reported that the SWISH Friends group had held a successful Crime Writer event in the library the previous evening and that the next event takes place on Friday 25 May at 7 pm – a film night showing Untouchable – donations of £4 for refreshments.

**V18/015**      **Matters for noting not on the agenda**

Cllr Todd commented on that day's Community Centre Open Day at Sandy Lane, that it was well attended, informative and entertaining.

**V18/016**      **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

A Thursday in September to be confirmed following liaison with the library regarding availability.

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm