



STOCKTON HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY,
13 SEPTEMBER 2018, AT 6.30PM AT STOCKTON HEATH LIBRARY,
ALEXANDRA ROAD, STOCKTON HEATH.**

Present: Councillor S Barlow (Chair)

Councillors S L Dean, A M Fell, C E Jones, C E Jordan and G Welborn

Attending: Mrs. L Jacob (Clerk); PSCO Chris Hodgson; one member of the public

- V18/017** **Apologies**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs H J Dutton and L Murphy.
- V18/018** **Budget**
Payments made and monies remaining across the budget headings over which the Village Committee has oversight were noted.
- V18/019** **Action Plan and Budget Considerations**
An action plan for financial year 2019/20 was discussed and the proposed budget was considered and agreed in principle.
- V18/020** **War Memorial and WWI Centenary Celebrations**
1. Update: the War Memorials Trust advised on 15 August 2018 that Stockton Heath Parish Council would be awarded a Grant Offer of up to £3200, being 50% of the costs given in the quotation received by the preferred contractor. The contractor had signed the contractor declaration form and would arrange a visit to site with the clerk in due course.
An appointment with an engineer was scheduled for 5 September 2018 to discuss the possibility of a contribution towards the restoration of the War Memorial by United Utilities but this had been rescheduled by United Utilities and would take place on 14 September 2018 at 9 am.
2. A meeting of the South Area WWI Centenary Commemoration group would take place on 26 September 2018.
- V18/021** **Floral Planting**
1. Councillors commented that the displays in Northwich Town Council were very good and **it was agreed** that their planting scheme would be followed, rather than commissioning bespoke schemes.
2. No other issues were raised.
- V18/022** **Litter Issues**
1. Update: the five double litter bins have now been installed by Warrington Borough Council.
2. Autumn Litter Pick – **it was agreed** that an event would be organised for Sunday 28 October 2018 and Cllrs Barlow, Todd, Jordan and Fell would be available.
- V18/023** **Bench at Walton Road**
Update: the bench has been delivered and is awaiting installation following the completion of the work being carried out to rebuild the wall of the adjoining property.
- V18/024** **Speed Indicator Devices**
1. Update: PCSO Helen Bailey has now left Stockton Heath Police Station so it will be necessary to reopen discussions regarding the management of a SID with

the new member of the team. Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council have provided the details of the SIDs that they purchased.

2. PCSO Chris Hodgson attended the meeting and reported that he has been actively involved with visiting the primary schools; holding conversations with residents; that PCSO surgeries are held at the Police Station and at Esquires Coffee Shop in the Forge Shopping Centre – these are advertised through social media. Chris provided details of the Community Speed Watch scheme and had made enquiries with the police force's Traffic Management department regarding the deployment of a Speed Indicator Device by the PCSO. He also outlined the availability of a Trucam system (speed camera gun) which PCSOs are trained to use and which can be booked out for use in the parish. Chris also has power to issue fines for littering and dog fouling.

V18/025

Christmas Lights

1. Update: two call-outs have been necessary to repair lights at St Thomas' Church; the first when the lighting columns were replaced and the second to repair a break on the lighting string.

2. The date for the Christmas Lights Switch On event was confirmed as 30 November 2018. **It was agreed** that the format of the Christmas Lights Switch-On 2018 Event will remain the same and that research into ideas for a possible expansion of the event in December 2019 will take place. **It was agreed** that a letter will be sent from the parish council to encourage traders to arrange for Christmas Trees to be displayed.

V18/026

Register of Assets of Community Value

It was agreed that the Warrington Borough Council register would be circulated to all councillors for their consideration of applications to be made for assets within Stockton Heath Parish. The purpose of the register is to prevent the sale and subsequent loss of assets, without advance notice and the opportunity for the community to buy and retain for community use. Such examples within Stockton Heath Parish might be the Sandy Lane Centre, the Stockton Heath Library, the police station, the Scout Hut.

(<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/downloads/file/5476/register>)

V18/027

Reports from attendance at outside groups

There were no reports from attendance at outside bodies.

V18/028

Matters for noting not on the agenda

Issues regarding the cleanliness of some areas of the village were raised, in particular rubbish bins in the alleyway between Bessie's Pie Shop and the hairdressers; accumulation of leaves on the pathway at the medical centre and the overhanging trees from the churchyard; rubbish build-up at the disused toilet building on the Forge Car Park.

V18/029

Date and Time of Next Meeting

TBC

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.