



STOCKTON HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF STOCKTON HEATH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7.30 PM AT THE SANDY LANE CENTRE, SANDY LANE, STOCKTON HEATH.

Present: Councillor H J Dutton (Chair)

Councillors S Barlow, S W Boggan, A M Fell, C E Jones, C E Jordan, L Murphy, S H Taylor, P Todd, P J Walker and G Welborn.

Attending: Mrs. L Jacob (Clerk); a representative from Broomfields Youth Project (BYP)

18/058 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs N Bent, S L Dean, D Robb and J C Wheeler.

18/059 Welcome to Stephen Taylor

Stephen Taylor was congratulated on his election to Stockton Heath Parish Council, following the by-election on 16 August 2018; Mr Taylor signed his declaration of acceptance of office and it was

Resolved that

Cllr Taylor will become a member of the Planning, Finance and General Purposes Committee.

18/060 Declarations of interest

Cllr Walker declared that he was a member of Warrington Borough Council Development Management Committee and would therefore not participate in any items regarding planning issues.

18/061 Public Participation

61.1 PCSO Monthly Report

PCSO Chris Hodgson has been appointed as the PCSO for Stockton Heath, replacing Helen Bailey. Chris had sent his apologies for the meeting and had provided reports for August and September, detailing a number of incidents that had been notified and attended, ranging from shoplifting incidents; theft from motor vehicles; incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour (seven in August) and reports of suspicious activity.

61.2 Members of the Public

Cllr Dutton reported on behalf of a member of the public that Promote Stockton Heath would be running the annual Pumpkin Hunt; that a bugler and bag piper had been organised for Remembrance Sunday; that Promote Stockton Heath had requested financial assistance with renewing five flags in time for display during the WWI Centenary Commemoration.

It was **resolved** that financial assistance of up to £150 would be made, the monies to come from the Promote Stockton Heath budget heading.

18/062 Minutes

62.1 Parish Council

Resolved that the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 10 July 2018 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

62.2 Planning, Finance and General Purposes Committee

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning, Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday 4 September 2018 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

62.3 Land Assets Committee

Resolved that the minutes of the Land Assets Committee held on Thursday 6 September 2018, with the amendment of spelling errors and addition of the correct minute references, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

18/063 Matters to be resolved arising from the minutes

To consider the recommendations of the Planning, Finance and General Purposes Committee of Tuesday 4 September 2018.

63.1 (minute P18/026) **Recommended** that approval be given for payment of the accounts as detailed on the schedule of payments dated 7 August 2018 and 4 September 2018.

This recommendation **resolved**.

63.2 (minute P18/031) **Recommended** that that Warrington Borough Council be informed that Stockton Heath Parish Council wish to spread the costs of the by-election, being £6746.79, across a four year period, provided this does not incur any payments of interest.

This recommendation **resolved**.

63.3 (minute PP18/034) **Recommended** that the measures considered in the report be actioned within the timescales and budgets outlined.

This recommendation **resolved**.

63.4 (minute P18/035) **Recommended** that weed spray training for the Parish Ranger should be provided.

This recommendation **resolved**.

Recommended that full funding for the Clerk to undertake the two-year course leading to the Certificate in Higher Education in Community Governance be granted and that a pay-back clause will be applied, being a reducing percentage of the course fee should the clerk's employment terminate; being 100% if termination is within the first year of completion; 50% within two years and 25% within three or four years.

This recommendation **resolved**.

To consider the recommendations of the Land Assets Committee of Thursday 6 September 2018.

63.5 (minute L18/05) **Recommended** that the actions as detailed be carried out for Financial Year 2018/19 and that the items outlined for Financial Year 2019/20 be included in the Parish Action Plan and the budget implications be included in the proposed budget document.

This recommendation **resolved**.

63.6 (minute L18/017) **Recommended** that the bridge repairs are undertaken by Neil Drinkwater as detailed.

This recommendation **resolved**.

63.7 (minute L18/017 and L18/019) **Recommended** that two memorial benches are purchased by Stockton Heath Parish Council, one for Ackers Pit and one for Mill Lane and **Recommended** that the request by a resident to place a memorial bench at Ackers Pit is granted.

This recommendation **resolved**.

63.8 (minute L18/018) **Recommended** that, in future, only pedestrian access is to be granted to residents of Birchdale Road to the Red Lane Allotments.

This recommendation was not carried and it was

Resolved that the Stockton Heath Allotments Association be informed that decisions regarding access for residents of Birchdale Road to the allotments be a matter for that group to resolve.

18/064 Matters arising from the minutes

The following updates on matters arising from agenda items from the aforementioned meetings, where the item is not listed under discussion below, were received:

64.1 *Parish Council Tuesday 10 July 2018:*

(minute 18/045.1) The next meeting organised by the South Area Team to discuss the WWI Centenary Commemorations is Wednesday 26 September 2018 at 5.30pm.

18/065 Youth Outreach Work

A representative from the Broomfields Youth Project provided an oral report on the impact of the provision of Youth Outreach Workers attending Alexandra Park on Friday evenings over the six month period funded by the parish council.

Workers were engaging with up to 30 young people each Friday evening, on each occasion different individuals made up the group, some from areas outside of Stockton Heath. Young people were encouraged to join the activities on offer at the Broomfields Youth Project or encouraged to modify their behaviour to avoid anti-social incidents resulting. Reported incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour had fallen, however August was a challenging month, with more incidents reported through the PCSO report and young people commenting that there was little for them to do during this period.

A grant application had been submitted with a proposal to continue to provide two Youth Outreach Workers for 50 weeks, with an additional 12 week provision to cover annual leave entitlement, the cost being £3720. Councillors discussed this proposal and it was **Resolved** that

The request will be granted with 50% of the monies to come from this budget year and 50% to be included in the budget for financial year 2019/20.

18/066 Sandy Lane Recycling Centre

Ian Brackenbury, Business Manager WBC, had sent an update stating that over 1000 responses had been received to the consultation and that a report was being prepared with appropriate recommendations for the November Executive.

18/067 Local Plan Response Group

The group had considered the initial report on Air Quality provided by Richard Moore and intend to invite him to attend the full council meeting in October. Mr Moore's report to be circulated to all councillors.

A request from the South Warrington Parish Councils Local Plan Working Group (SWPCLPWG) had been received again extending an invitation to Stockton Heath Parish Council to become a member. It was agreed that Stockton Heath Parish Council will reply and inform the SWPCLPWG that a decision will be deferred until the draft Local Plan has been issued for consultation by Warrington Borough Council.

18/068 PCSO Service Level Agreement and Invoice

The Service Level Agreement and invoice received from Cheshire Police for the enhanced PCSO service was discussed and it was

Resolved to accept the Service Level Agreement and arrange for the document to be signed, subject to the partner parish, Appleton, agreeing the content.

Resolved that the invoice will be presented for payment at the next Planning, Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting.

18/069 Reports from Outside Bodies

To receive and discuss reports from attendance at other meetings.

69.1 Public Rights of Way, 9 August 2018, attended by Cllr Dutton.

The footpath at Greenbank Gardens would be renewed during September.

John Thorpe, WBC Public Rights of Way Lead Officer is retiring from his post in

December 2018. Councillors noted that his help and advice had been most welcome through the years.

69.2 South Warrington in Stockton Heath (SWISH) Working Group, 11 September 2018, attended by Cllr Barlow.

The detailed plans drawn up by the SWISH Working Group had been approved by Warrington Borough Council following the recommendation at a meeting of the Partnership Board and a tender will be issued for the works necessary, with work scheduled to begin in 2019.

Cllr Murphy proposed a vote of thanks to the members of the SWISH Working Group for the work that had resulted in successfully securing a library service in Stockton Heath, serving the South Warrington area.

Details of forthcoming Friends of the Library events were also shared.

18/070 Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided information received since the Monthly Parish Council Meeting of Tuesday 10 July 2018.

The clerk had received three additional items of correspondence, being notification of a Campaign for the Protection of Rural England Green Clean Litter Pick initiative throughout September; information on holding Blighty Clubs and access to resources from the South Area Team; an invitation to join the Scouts at the Scout Hut for a Blighty Club themed open day.

18/071 Councillors' Reports

Cllr Walker - repairs to potholes on the pavements on Grappenhall Road were underway.

Cllr Todd - is progressing a request through WBC from a resident of Fairfield Road for signs to be provided at the road junctions asking drivers to turn off their engines when traffic is stationary due to bridge swings; reported that trees are overhanging and obstructing the footpath on Chester Road, by Cartwright's field; that the Lymm Fire Station is having an open day on Saturday 15 September.

Cllr Jordan – requested that the PCSO include his name at the beginning of his report; that an issue with the emptying of a green bin had been resolved and that the resident had offered his thanks to Cllr Jordan; that an incident of a car exiting West Avenue against the one-way enforcement had been witnessed.

Cllr Murphy – shared information that Peel Holdings have deferred the painting of the swing bridges for another year.

Cllr Dean – noted that residents had reported that the noise from the Creamfields Festival was obtrusive this year.

Cllr Taylor – reported that it is alleged that WBC do not enforce sound limits during Creamfields.

Cllr Boggan – a fence at Mill Lane appears to be higher than permitted but no residents had yet made a complaint; that a resident had offered the parish council a bench, but that it needed renovation and therefore might not be suitable.

18/072 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 9 October 2018 at 7.30pm.

Cllr Dutton closed the meeting at 9.16 pm