



## STOCKTON HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Present:** Councillor H J Dutton (Chair)

Councillors S Barlow, N Bent, A M Fell, C E Jones, C E Jordan, L Murphy, D Robb, P J Walker and J C Wheeler.

**Attending:** Mrs. L Jacob (Clerk); Mr P Briggs (Assistant Clerk); PCSO Phil Hilton; one member of the public.

#### **18/097 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs S W Boggan, S L Dean, S H Taylor, P Todd, and G Welborn.

#### **18/098 Declarations of interest**

Cllr Walker and Cllr Wheeler declared that they were members of Warrington Borough Council Development Management Committee and would therefore not participate in any items regarding planning issues.

#### **18/099 Public Participation**

##### 99.1 PCSO Monthly Report

PCSO Hilton reported a decline in Anti-Social Behaviour incidents from last month, partly attributable to the presence of the outreach workers who attend Alexandra Park on Friday evening. Other incidents included shoplifting, theft of a handbag and two thefts of cars with the perpetrators currently in custody. PCSO Hilton provided information on preventing keyless car theft. The police are currently focusing on the riding of cycles without lights, issuing fixed penalty notices to adults and letters to parents for incidents involving minors (15 letters have been issued to date). Officers are also more visible during the festive period, monitoring the night time economy of the village. Reports of dog fouling are also being monitored.

PCSO Hilton reported that the Christmas Lights Switch On had been well managed. Cllr Barlow informed PCSO Hilton that a meeting to review the service had been requested.

##### 99.2 Members of the Public

A member of the public reported that feedback from the Christmas Lights Switch On had been positive. Concerns had been raised regarding the "sink hole" outside the Mulberry Tree. The resident also reported on activities of Promote Stockton Heath, minute 18/109.2

#### **18/100 Minutes**

##### 100.1 Parish Council

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 13 November 2018 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

##### 100.2 Planning, Finance and General Purposes Committee

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

#### **18/101 Matters to be resolved arising from the minutes**

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

101.1 (minute P18/060) **Recommended** that approval be given for payment of the accounts as detailed on the schedule of payments dated 4 December 2018.

**Resolved** to accept this recommendation.

101.2 (minute P18/065) **Recommended** that a donation of £100 to both Stockton Heath Primary School and St.Thomas' CE Primary School in appreciation for the carol singing provided at the Christmas Lights Switch On event be made.

**Resolved** to accept this recommendation.

101.3 (minute P18/066) **Recommended** that a donation of £50 be paid to Warrington Animal Welfare, the chosen charity of the bagpiper and to Lymm High School on behalf of the bugler, for their contribution to the Remembrance Sunday event.

**Resolved** to accept this recommendation.

101.4 (minute P18/067) **Recommended** that £500 be granted to the Warrington Foodbank and that the cheque be prepared for signing following approval by full council on 11 December 2018 in order for the donation to be available to the organisation for the Christmas period.

**Resolved** to accept this recommendation.

### **18/102 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:

*Parish Council Tuesday 13 November 2018:*

102.1 (minute 18/085.2) A letter had been received from the resident stating that the hedge had been trimmed to the satisfaction of WBC and highlighting issues with cars parking on pavements in the Whitefield Road area.

102.2 (minute 18/088.3) A letter had been received from a resident expressing thanks for the clean up at "Bessie's Lane" and outlining concerns regarding fly tipping that has been ongoing.

102.3 (minute 18/088.4) The clerk had received guidance from WBC regarding making applications to nominate Assets of Community Value. It will be necessary to purchase Land Registry or other plans and provide some detail to each application, meaning that some time will elapse before all assets which were nominated are completed.

102.4 (minute 18/089) The figure 167 should read 137, being the number of Band D equivalent homes advised by Warrington Borough Council.

102.5 (minute 18/090) Cllr Dean had produced a written report on the Creamfields meeting. Several parishes had reported an increase in noise and it was stated that noise monitoring on "sub-bass" levels had not been monitored but that this would be rectified for the next event. Security was well organised, clear-up operations patchy. There was an invitation to make a grant application in January – the clerk to follow-up.

102.6 (minute 18/091) Mr David Watson of Warrington Borough Public Protection Unit had accepted an invitation to the January Parish Council meeting to give information on the recent public consultation on the night time economy.

*Planning, Finance and General Purposes Tuesday 4 December 2018*

102.7 (minute P18/069) Cllr Barlow reported that tender documents for the alterations to Stockton Heath Library would be issued in January and that Livewire would arrange a meeting with the Parish Council to establish requirements and discuss the lease and the financial contribution of the Parish Council.

### **18/103 PCSO Funding for 2019/20**

Cllr Barlow proposed that Stockton Heath Parish Council agree to continue funding of a 0.5 "enhanced" PCSO in financial year 2019/20. All agreed and it was

**Resolved** that Stockton Heath Parish Council agree to continue funding in financial year 2019/20.

**18/104 Budget forecast and precept 2019/2020**

The Assistant Clerk presented the proposed budget which recommended a precept of £55 per Band D equivalent property. Cllr Walker proposed and Cllr Murphy seconded the recommendation. All agreed and it was

**Resolved** that

The Parish Council Budget for 2019/2020 be approved.

A request to WBC be sent, for the sum of £132,770.00 for the financial year 2019/2020, which equates to a Parish Rate of £55.00 per Band D equivalent properties.

**18/105 South Warrington Parish Councils Local Plan/PDO Working Group**

The letter received from the clerk of the Working Group was discussed. The letter set out the actions the group were proposing ahead of the publication and consultation on the Local Plan, expected April 2019, being training for councillors, the preparation of a leaflet informing the public of the key points of the Local Plan proposals and guidance on making a response to the consultation.

Cllr Barlow proposed that a reply be sent stating that Stockton Heath Parish Council felt that Stockton Heath faced unique challenges with regard to the Local Plan and that for this reason the Parish Council would decline the offer to join the group at this point.

**Resolved** that the clerk of the working group will be informed of the council's decision.

**18/106 Sandy Lane Community Recycling Centre**

Cllr Walker reported that the Executive Board, WBC had instructed officers to look again at the operating costs of the Sandy Lane Centre and report back to that Board by May 2019. The recycling centre will not close at the moment and an allocation for a recycling centre in South Warrington will be made in the Local Plan.

**Resolved** that a letter be sent to WBC to express relief at this decision and to reiterate the importance of maintaining a recycling site in South Warrington until a new site is operational.

**18/107 Stockton Heath Festival Grant Request**

Cllr Dutton declared an interest in this item, being a trustee of the Festival and took no part in the discussion or voting.

The request by the Stockton Heath Festival Committee for a grant towards the 2019 Festival was considered and it was

**Resolved** that a grant of £2,000 will be made to the Stockton Heath Festival Trust.

**18/108 Christmas Lights Switch On**

The Christmas Lights Switch On event on Friday 30 November 2018 was well attended.

**Resolved** that this item be delegated to the Village Committee for further discussion.

**18/109 Reports from Outside Bodies**

**To receive** and **discuss** reports from attendance at other meetings.

109.1 HS2 Briefing on Monday 19 November 2018, attended by Cllr Walker

Cllr Walker reported that the present route of the HS2, with a completion date of 2033, will by-pass Warrington Bank Quay station and may result in a reduction in service quality to the West Coast line from Warrington to London and Scotland. Impact will be felt in Lymm and the villages of Croft and Culcheth will be divided by the line. The building of the line will bring benefits of increased capacity as faster journey times will create more capacity for larger numbers of trains on the line, and thus increased passengers being carried.

109.2 Promote Stockton Heath Monday 26 November 2018, attended by Cllr Barlow

A local resident provided information on the fundraising event held on Saturday 8 December and outlined events for the coming weekend.

109.3 Stockton Heath Primary School meeting attended by Cllr Jordan  
Cllr Jordan reported on a meeting of the school council where pupils had discussed the possibility of having a crossing patrol attendant for West Avenue and had taken part in anti-bullying week activities.

**18/110 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk provided information received since the Monthly Parish Council Meeting of Tuesday 13 November 2018. Additional items received since 5 December 2018 included Christmas cards from the Mayor and the South Area Team; the ChALC 2019 training programme, an invitation for the Chair to attend the Rixton Civic Service and an email from St Thomas' Church advising that a Faculty application was not necessary in relation to the repairs to the War Memorial.

**18/111 Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Barlow – reported that she was pursuing a remedy for tree debris blocking drains on Fairfield Road.

Cllr Dutton – reported that the female swan removed from Ackers Pit after sustaining injuries had subsequently died from suspected lead poisoning; reported that she had received an enquiry regarding fundraising at the Forge Shopping Centre and had referred the enquirer to the owner.

Cllr Murphy – reported that social media posts had indicated that the Forge Car Park was to be resurfaced in January. Cllr Wheeler replied that this did not appear to be the message coming from the latest Executive Board meeting. Clerk to request an update from the WBC officer.

Cllr Jordan – asked about the possibility of arranging a litter pick event to coincide with Children in Need and to involve the primary schools. This will be placed on the agenda of the next Village Committee.

Cllr Boggan (via Cllr Robb) - is concerned about the high water levels in the Bridgewater Canal.

Cllr Wheeler (and Cllr Todd) – had received a request from a local resident for some planting to be considered on land at Rosemary Avenue/Mill Lane and were contacting Torus, the landowner, to pursue the request. The resident, who litter picks along Fairfield Road, had also enquired if additional bins could be provided on that stretch. The clerk to enquire to WBC about introducing new bins.

Cllr Jones – reported that a resident had enquired if a park and ride facility for Warrington Hospital was feasible. A bus service to the hospital currently runs from the Bus Interchange in the town centre. Additionally, it was suggested that the resident could pursue the enquiry via the doctors' surgery.

**18/112 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 8 January 2018 at 7.30pm.

A reminder that PFGP meets on WEDNESDAY 2 January 2019 at 6.30pm at Stockton Heath Library.

A reminder that the Land Assets Committee meets on Tuesday 8 January 2019 at 6pm at the Sandy Lane Centre.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm, whereupon the Chairman invited councillors to partake in seasonal refreshments.