



STOCKTON HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF STOCKTON HEATH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 8 JANUARY 2019 AT 7.30 PM AT THE SANDY LANE CENTRE, SANDY LANE, STOCKTON HEATH.

Present: Councillor H J Dutton (Chair)

Councillors S Barlow, N Bent, S L Dean, A M Fell, C E Jones, C E Jordan, L Murphy, S H Taylor, P Todd, P J Walker, G Welborn and J C Wheeler.

Attending: Mrs. L Jacob (Clerk); PCSO Chris Hodgson; two members of the public.

18/113 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs S W Boggan and D Robb.

18/114 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.

18/115 Public Participation

115.1 PCSO Monthly Report

PCSO Chris Hodgson gave his monthly report. Anti-Social Behaviour had been a primary issue, resulting in a dispersal order for Stockton Heath being issued following a serious incident. An increase in inconsiderate parking over the festive period resulted in fixed penalty notices being issued. A number of thefts had taken place, including shoplifting and three thefts from motor vehicles. Bikes were stolen from Walton Road (recovered) and Roman Road (not recovered) and criminal damage occurred to two vehicles and a glass door of a premises. The PCSO Team have organised some events for young people to take place at the end of January and February at the Sandy Lane Centre.

115.2 Members of the Public

A member of the public reported on activities by Promote Stockton Heath. Monies raised from the Christmas events were donated to the Walton Lea Project and The Room at the Inn. The current chair of the group is stepping down from the role for six months, but activities such as the Easter Bunny Hop and the Stockton Heath Festival will go ahead as usual.

115.3 Presentation by Dave Watson, Manager, Public Protection Unit, WBC on Night Time Economy

Dave Watson gave a verbal report on the process being followed to update the Statement of Licensing document. The document was last refreshed in 2015 and provides a framework for determining licensing applications. It contains four licensing objectives covering crime, public nuisance, public safety and protecting children from harm and these themes were covered in the recent public consultation, which had resulted in over 800 responses. Responses for Stockton Heath included comments that dispersal noise was more of an issue than noise coming from the premises during operating hours; that litter was of concern; that the opening hours were appropriate and that more traditional public houses and family eating outlets were desired. It is expected that the document will be drafted and available for comment early in the next financial year.

Councillors then asked a number of questions and the following information was given:

An objection to a licence is not permitted on the grounds of saturation;
The licensing authority and members of the public can make objections to a licence application but that the representation must be based on the licensing objectives.

The framework suggests a closing time of 1 am and although not legally enforceable, weight may be given to it when determining new applications or applications to review a licence.

Licences are granted for the premises, to an individual person and to the designated person in charge.

The Archangel scheme, operated by the police force, which set standards for those holding a licence, is no longer in operation.

Licensing laws apply to supermarkets but do not restrict where the supermarkets can physically place alcoholic items for sale.

Central government may consult on changes to the Late Night Levy which would help to address litter from late night refreshment venues.

18/116 Minutes

116.1 Parish Council

Resolved that the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 11 December 2018 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

116.2 Planning, Finance and General Purposes Committee

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning, Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 2 January 2019 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

18/117 Matters to be resolved arising from the minutes

To consider the recommendations of the Planning, Finance and General Purposes Committee of Wednesday 2 January 2019.

117.1 (minute P18/073) **Recommended** that approval be given for payment of the accounts as detailed on the schedule of payments dated 2 January 2019.

Resolved to accept this recommendation.

117.2 (minute P18/076) **Recommended** that the fee of £40 be paid for the renewal of the Data Protection registration with the Information Commissioners Office.

Resolved to accept this recommendation.

18/118 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 11 December 2018:

118.1 (minute 18/099) A meeting with Inspector Neil Drum will take place on Thursday 24 January, 2pm at Stockton Heath Police Station. Members of the PCSO Working Group will attend.

118.2 (minute 18/107) An email was received from the Stockton Heath Festival Committee thanking the Parish Council for the grant towards running the festival.

118.3 (minute 18/111) Cllr Barlow requested that WBC display signage to indicate that they will be cleaning tree debris on Fairfield Road and was informed that this will be reviewed by WBC.

Planning, Finance and General Purposes Wednesday 2 January 2019

118.4 (minute P18/077) Councillors were asked to consider any items for inclusion in the discussion of the lease for the office at the library, due to take place with Livewire on

Thursday 10 January 2019, 2pm at the Orford Hub. Cllr Barlow reported that Cllr Sharon Harris (SWISH) and Liam Fortune (FOAP) would be attending the meeting.

18/119 Reports from Outside Bodies

To receive and discuss reports from attendance at other meetings.

There were no reports from outside bodies.

18/120 Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided information received since the Monthly Parish Council Meeting of Tuesday 11 December 2018, for council **to note and make resolutions** where appropriate.

The request to use Mill Lane Field by the Stockton Heath Festival Trust was discussed and it was agreed that permission would be given and that the clerk should issue the Field Agreement document for signature by the Trust.

The consultation on Bus Information Strategy was highlighted and it was agreed that the Village Committee will discuss the drafting of a response at their meeting on 21 January 2019.

It was agreed that two signatories should sign a cheque for £1080 for the provision of the Christmas trees (30 foot tree for Victoria Square and five trees for the charity shops).

18/121 Councillors' Reports

To report any matters that have been raised to councillors since the Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11 December 2018.

Cllr Jordan – the pathway to the Medical Centre needs the leaves and tree debris removing; the lights in that lane are now working; the Warrington Foodbank seems to have moved premises.

Cllr Dean – the broken litter bin on Ackers Road junction with Ackers Lane had been repaired.

Cllr Walker – the Cheshire Railings at Lumb Brook Road need renovation/painting; had received a resident complaint about the poor condition of the pavement at Victoria Road.

Cllr Barlow – residents of Victoria Road are to petition the Borough Council for residents' parking.

Cllr Welborn – secure barriers had been placed around the collapsed manhole cover outside the Slug and Lettuce; the sinkhole outside the Mulberry Tree had been repaired; the hairdresser, Tony and Guy had reported that they were concerned about the flooding that occurs outside their premises during heavy rains.

18/122 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 12 February 2019 at 7.30pm.

Meeting ended at 8.57 pm