Stockton Heath Parish Council

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Dear Councillor

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COMMITTEE TO BE HELD AT STOCKTON HEATH LIBRARY ON TUESDAY 25 JANUARY 2022 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM.

Lara Jacob
Clerk to the Council 19 January 2022

AGENDA

V21/029 Apologies
To receive and accept apologies.

V21/030 Declarations of interest
Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when the item is reached. Declarations are a personal matter for each Member to decide and the decision to declare, or not, is the responsibility of the Member based on the particular circumstances. Dispensations on any declarations of pecuniary interest made either before or during the meeting to be then considered by the Parish Council and any dispensations documented accordingly.

V21/031 Public Participation
In accordance with Standing Order 3 (d,e,f,g,h,i) - The meeting shall be adjourned for a maximum of 30 minutes for Public Participation. Speeches will not last more than 3 minutes. No elector will be allowed to speak more than once on any one subject.

V21/032 Budget
To note the payments made and balances across the budget headings over which the Village Committee has oversight (enclosed)

V21/033 Street Tree Planting
To consider the proposal that the Parish Council provide £3,000 in this financial year to Warrington Borough Council to support the planting of street trees at those locations already identified as suitable. The monies to come from identified underspent budgets and a recommendation of the amounts to transfer made to full council.

V21/034 Christmas Lights
To review the Christmas Light display and Christmas Lights Switch on event.

V21/035 Queen's Jubilee Celebrations
035.1 **To note** that the next meeting of the Jubilee Working Group (community group) is Monday 31 January, 7.30pm at Stockton Heath Library.
035.2 **To note** that, at the January 2022 meeting of the full council, it was resolved to form a parish council focussed Working Group to research and bring forward recommendations for parish council led activities to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee.
035.3 **To discuss** any other actions.

V21/036 Stockton Heath Festival

036.1 **To note** that the organisers have agreed to the parish council having a stall in the marquee.

036.2 **To consider** any further action needed to prepare for the Festival stall.

V21/037 Floral Decorations

037.1 **To note** that the spring planting has taken place and that subsequently councillors planted a variety of spring bulbs.

037.2 **To note** that the red, white and blue scheme in the main planters through London Road and Walton Road has been agreed with the contractor.

037.3 **To note** that a long list of planting choices for pollinator plants at three planters at Victoria Square and the small planter at the London Road swing bridge has been communicated to the contractor and that an email to confirm that the contractor can shortlist the planting selection will be sent.

036.4 **To discuss** any other aspects of planting.

V21/038 Benches

038.1 **To note** that the delivery of the bench for the Forge Shopping Centre is scheduled for 28 January 2022.

038.2 **To consider** the information provided on the location and condition of benches across the parish and discuss any actions (to follow)

V21/039 Litter Management

039.1 **To review** the Service Level Agreement in place for the weekend litter picking team (enclosed)

039.2 **To receive** a verbal update on the work of the Rangers and discuss any actions.

039.3 **To receive** information on the location of the double bins and discuss any actions (*to follow*)

039.4 **To consider** the innovative ideas on litter management enclosed and discuss if any might be appropriate to trial in Stockton Heath (enclosed)

V21/040 Reports from attendance at outside groups

To receive reports from attendance at outside bodies and to discuss any issues arising.

V21/041 Publicity

To discuss any items for inclusion in the next newsletter or for publicising through appropriate media outlets.

V21/042 Matters for next agenda

To receive requests for items for the next agenda.

<u>Matters for discussion in closed session</u>

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s.2

A body may, by resolution, exclude the public from a meeting whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for some other special reasons stated in the resolution and arising from the nature of that business of the proceedings; and where such a resolution is passed, this Act shall not require the meeting to be open to the public during proceedings to which the resolution applies.

V21/043 Date and Time of Next Meeting

TBA - proposed Tuesday 29 April 2022

	Budget set 21/22	Spent to date	Balance
VILLAGE			
Christmas Trees & Lights	6000.00	3532.50	2467.50
Weekend Litter Pick	1400.00	523.13	876.87
Parish Ranger - Equipment/Supplies	500.00	424.59	75.41
Parish Ranger - Van Costs	4500.00	1350.00	3150.00
War Memorial Maintenance	400.00	0.00	400.00
Floral Decorations	7000.00	7259.98	-259.98
Ellesmere Road-seat easement	15.00	0.00	15.00
Provision of litter bins	6000.00	5590.40	409.60
Grass Cutting Contingency	1500.00	112.00	1388.00
Provision/Maintenance of Benches	300.00	0.00	300.00
Provision of new Planters/Barrier Baskets	400.00	0.00	400.00
Speed Indicator Device	200.00	54.84	145.16
Remembrance Sunday-RBL	150.00	0.00	150.00
Stockton Heath Festival	500.00	0.00	500.00
Events - Litter/Climate/Xmas Vouchers	800.00	17.28	782.72
History Trail	2000.00	0.00	2000.00
Air Quality Monitor	3000.00	2025.00	975.00
Biodiversity	500.00	0.00	500.00
TOTAL VILLAGE	**35165.00**	**20889.72**	**14275.28**

Item 39.4 Litter Reduction ideas extracted from the Friends of the Lake District Report

1 Using social media to highlight the number of people who visit the park and leave no trace, so it appears normal behaviour.

2 Putting up messages at gateways like railway stations and main roads to create a feeling that visitors are now entering a different type of natural environment to those they might typically visit.

3 Producing a “How to leave no trace” guide, with quick, simple, practical tips for planning your visit to the Lake District and how to leave no trace when you leave.

4 Producing a “Protect The Lakes” scheme for local businesses.

5 Introducing “Last bin until” message boards in car parks, town centres, and other locations with bins, to inform visitors that this is the last bin until the next village, destination, or for so many miles.

6 Using humorous messaging to communicate that no one is coming by to clear up litter left in the Lake District. We know that people are more likely to respond to and remember messaging that they find amusing. This could take on a variation of Keep Britain Tidy’s ‘there’s no such thing as the dog poo fairy’ to emphasise that no one is employed to remove litter in the National Park.

7 Using messaging to communicate the number of individuals (volunteers, rangers, residents and others) who work to maintain and protect the vast area of the National Park, to emphasise the very limited resource.

8 Introducing an initiative to highlight the Lake District as a protected landscape, and encourage visitors to act in accordance with this. This would simplify and condense current guidance into a few memorable rules for visiting the Lake District, as a protected area.

9 Using messaging to communicate to visitors that a) volunteers pick up litter in the Lake District –no one is paid to do it; and b) these volunteers would like to be spending their time on other tasks to help improve the National Park, such as building paths, walls, and working on conservation. This could be presented from the perspective of the volunteer.

10 And introducing a scheme for local businesses, such as shops, accommodation, campsites and hospitality, to offer use of their bins for disposing of rubbish."

https://www.friendsofthelakedistrict.org.uk/news/litter-research