

## Minutes of Betterment Meeting 12/8/14

Held at 60 Whitefield Rd, Stockton Heath at 7pm

In Attendance - Cllrs Mrs Hardie, R Hardie, R Hewitt, M Eldridge, D Meacock, J Ward

### Item 1 Review

Nothing to raise that is not on the agenda

### Item 2 Pathways money

Suggested the steps at Lychgate could qualify. We have been asked to provide a tarmac pavement between Worsley Rd and Hill Cliffe. The path at the triangle should be re-laid. There should be a proper pavement along the south edge of the triangle. RHa to inform Barbara Parratt.

### Item 3 Condition of tubs

Some are deteriorating. They could do with being dried out and preservative applied and lined with visquene. Suggested they be looked at in the Autumn

### Item 4 Tree work Playground and verges

Get quotation for pruning the trees in the verges and loosening the straps. There are two trees to be replaced on Playground RHa to list the work so that a quotation can be requested

### Item 5 Picnic area

D Meacock to organise when the field is clear to drive over.

### Item 6 Triangle programme;

Grass has just been mown by a neighbour. Paint on railings to be touched up.

### Item 7 Gate

No progress. Perhaps due to staff changes at Crematorium and Walton Estate. ME to follow up

### Item 8 War Memorial

Area cleaned up and weeded and geraniums planted by RHa. Some further flowers planted, the stonework washed and painted by members of the Walton Lea Project. Letter of thanks should be sent to Walton Lea Project for their work. Suggested we ask WLP to assist at picnic area.

### Item 9 Tree planting 2013/2014

No proposal made for tree planting, as it was suggested money should be spent in other parts of the Parish.

### Item 10 WBC work not being done

There are weeds growing on pavements and in gutters (which will prevent drainage and lead to blocked drains). Saplings are being allowed to grow along verges (narrowing the usable width of the roads). Drains are not being kept clear/clean. Verges are not being mown (resulting in an untidy appearance). Road signs are not being cleaned nor vegetation that screens them removed

#### Item 11 Bulbs

There are still places in the village where bulbs could be planted. Ie along A56 , Hobb Lane. Proposed we get 6 bags. (2 for JW, 2 for ME, 1 for DM) J Ward to specify variety

#### Item 12 AOB

It has been suggested that the bank on 3 sides of the ford is untidy and would be better for being landscaped. JW & ME to provide a scheme that could be costed Similarly in Hobb Lane.

Pond between two fields opposite the golf coarse needs tidied up and made more attractive. M Eldridge to ascertain ownership. The owners would then be asked if they could assist with this. ME suggested that the PC could provide some funding towards this

Banners at Triangle Following the first banner for a skate park, another for the cycle museum has been attached. RHa had enquired to find that banners can be attached on your own land or with owners permission. ME to enquire if skate park banner is temporary. Matter to be raised at PC meeting