

TC/880 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Mrs Ross (Chair of Town Council) announced:

- That on 1st May she had been honoured to open the Stonehouse Rotary Club fete which was held on the Town Greens. It was a very successful event and indeed it was a pleasure to see the Town Greens being used for the enjoyment of so many people.
- There had been a very good attendance at the Annual Town Meeting held on 19th May. Overall it was felt that the new format, which included the production of an information leaflet and the reports given by grant receivers, was well received. Once again the presentation of the Civic Awards raised a great deal interest for those attending. Councillor Mrs Ross extended grateful thanks to all those Members who had attended and particularly to those who assisted with the refreshments.
- That a meeting of some members of the Doverow Hill Trust had recently taken place. Unfortunately there had been some difficulties in arranging this mainly due the Hayward family member living in Scotland. However, he has indicated his willingness to involve one of his children to represent the family. A report of the meeting will be forwarded to all members of the Trust.

TC/881 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

A list of accounts requiring authorisation for payment had been circulated to all Members. Following consideration Councillor Lewis proposed that the payments be approved. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Govier and agreed by all Members present.

TC/882 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10TH MAY 2010

Councillor Mrs Latchford (Convenor of Committee) presented the Minutes of the Regeneration & Environment Committee meeting held on 10th May 2010.

As there were no matters raised the Minutes were duly noted. A copy of the Minutes is appended in the Minute Book that is held in the Town Hall for public information.

TC/883 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17TH MAY 2010

Councillor Lewis (Convenor of Committee) presented the Minutes of the Finance & Strategy Committee meeting held on 17th May 2010. The following matters were raised:

Minute No. G1/05 – Update of Matters Arising from Previous Minutes **(c) Town Council Quality Status**

A Member suggested that in view of recent central Government changes consideration should be given to contacting the National Association of Local Councils to clarify the future requirements of Quality Council Status.

Minute No. G1/05 – Update of Matters Arising from Previous Minutes **(d) Youth Strategy**

Members present were informed that the Town Clerk had contacted Lyn Speak (Gloucestershire County Council Youth Services) with regard to attend a full Town Council meeting. A response was still awaited.

Members present duly noted this information.

TC/883 Finance & Strategy Committee (continued)

There being no further matters raised Members present duly noted the Minutes as presented. A copy is appended in the Minute Book that is held in the Town Hall for public information.

TC/884 TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FINANCE & STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17TH MAY 2010

Minute No. G1/05 – Update of Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

(b) Town Council Communication Strategy

Resolution: (i) That a further Town Council surgery be held on the Town Green on Saturday 10th July 2010 from 10am – 12 noon.

Councillor Mrs Latchford proposed that the Resolution should be approved. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Brine and agreed by all Members present.

Minute No. G1/05 – Update of Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

(h) Mayor's for Peace

Resolution: That Stonehouse Town Council should not pursue the proposal to declare Stonehouse as a Mayor's for Peace town.

Councillor Brine proposed that the Resolution should be approved. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Lewis and agreed by all Members present.

Minute No. G1/08 – Grant Application Requests

Resolution: That the following grants be awarded:

**(i) Royal British Legion Women's Section –
A grant of up to £250 for the purchase of a new standard bearer's uniform based on receipts offered at that time.**

(i) Royal British Legion Women's Section (cont'd)
Councillor Mrs Latchford proposed that this Resolution should be approved. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Mrs Swain and agreed by all Members present.

**(ii) Stonehouse Dance Group –
A grant of £500 be made from the Grant budget and £250 from the Youth budget.**

Councillor Mrs Swain proposed that this Resolution should be approved. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Drew and agreed by all Members present.

**(iii) Shrubberies School P.T.A. –
A grant of £750 be made from the Grant budget and £250 be made from the Youth budget.**

Councillor Lewis proposed that this Resolution should be approved. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Mrs Latchford and agreed by all Members present.

**(iv) Transition Stroud –
A grant of £300 be made towards the Changing Gear and Access Bike projects.**

Councillor Drew proposed that this Resolution should be approved. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Lewis and agreed by all Members present.

TC/885 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES RECREATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24TH MAY 2010

Councillor Mrs Ross (Chair of Town Council) presented the Minutes of the Amenities Recreation & Tourism Committee meeting held on 24th May 2010. The following matter was raised:

Minute No.G3/06 – Update of Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

(a) Allotments

Councillor Govier informed Members present that he had attended his first meeting with the Allotment Tenants' Association. Several issues were raised during discussion and it was agreed by Members present that these should be reported to the next meeting of the Amenities Recreation & Tourism Committee.

There being no further matters raised the Minutes were duly noted. A copy is appended in the Minute Book that is held in the Town Hall for public information.

TC/886 TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS FROM THE AMENITIES RECREATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24TH MAY 2010

Minute No. G3/06 – Update of Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

(c) Oldend Lane Playing Field – Town Council Facilities

Resolution:

That the quotation from G & R Watson for the installation of an exit door at the front of the workshop be accepted.

Councillor Mrs Latchford proposed that this Resolution should be approved. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Drew and agreed by all Members present.

Minute No. G3/06 – Update of Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

(g) Oldend Lane Playing Field Site – (i) Stonehouse Town Football Club

Resolution:

That Stonehouse Town Football Club be offered a further one year's Lease based on a rent of £600 but that the short, and very temporary extension of the Lease would be conditional on marked improvement works, agreed with the Town Council, being undertaken.

Councillor Brine proposed that this Resolution should be approved. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Lewis and agreed by all Members present.

TC/887 TO APPROVE THE TOWN COUNCIL'S AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2009/2010

Having been circulated with a copy of the audited accounts Councillor Brine proposed that these be approved. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Lewis and unanimously agreed by all Members present.

Members wished to record their thanks to the Responsible Financial Officer for the work he had undertaken to produce and collate an excellent set of accounts.

TC/888 GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

County Councillor Mrs Williams informed Members that she did not have a written report available for circulation but verbally reported:

TC/888 Gloucestershire County Councillor Report (continued)

- County Highways had carried out road patching within the town, including parts of Chestnut Avenue which had been an area of local concern.
- Waiting Restrictions – various adjustments to the proposed Waiting Restrictions in several areas of the town will be undertaken very soon. A review will be carried out in a few months time to ascertain whether revised Restrictions are adequate and if it is felt that any additional lining is required this will be considered. Particular concern had been expressed by some residents of The Lawns who felt that the new restrictions were not extensive enough.
- Whilst noting the Town Council's request for Lyn Speak to attend a full meeting, Members may wish to note that plans for the new Youth Centre are being put forward for discussion at the County Council on 4th June 2010. It is hoped that once these have been agreed then it will be possible to provide more detailed information on the progress of this matter.

TC/889 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

It was noted that no written reports had been received from the three Ward District Councillors. However, Councillor Brine reported verbally that (a) the new Cabinet had been elected and (b) that at this stage there were no District Council matters to bring to the Town Council's attention.

TC/890 STONEHOUSE PARTNERSHIP REPORT

It was noted that the next meeting of Stonehouse Partnership is due to be held on Tuesday 13th July 2010.

Members were also informed that Sustainable Stonehouse were organising a "Walk to Town" lunchtime event. This will be taking place on 30th June 2010 and is aimed at raising awareness of how to get into the town from the Industrial Estates on and around Oldend Lane. It is hoped that this will help to promote walking and also benefit High Street businesses.

There will be marshalls along the route to guide people. The Group would welcome volunteer help for either marshalling or the refreshments that will be served in the Community Centre.

TC/891 TO NOTE SUNDRY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

- Rachel Harris (Manager), The Elms (The Order of St John Care Trust) – letter of thanks for donation (Mayor's Charity for 2009/2010) towards the purchase of a mobile sensory unit for the home.
- National Association of Local Councils – Direct Information Service Issue No.732
- Gloucestershire Association of Parish & Town Councils – invitation to submit a Resolution for debate at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 14th October 2010.
- Cotswold Canals Trust – The Trow
- Gloucestershire Rural Community Council – Stroud District Report
- Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association – "The Playing Field" Newsletter
- Action for Market Towns – Partnership membership information.

TC/892 DATES OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Regeneration & Environment Committee	21 st June 2010	7pm
Finance & Strategy Committee	28 th June 2010	7pm
Amenities Recreation & Tourism Committee	5 th July 2010	7pm
Full Town Council	19 th July 2010	7pm

TC/893 TO NOTE MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT COMMITTEE AGENDAS

There were no requests for items to be included on next Committee Agendas.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.
