

Stonehouse Town Council



MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting)
of a MEETING OF THE AMENITIES, RECREATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE HELD ON
MONDAY 1ST JUNE 2015 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.

Present:

Theresa Watt (Chair/Town Mayor)
Pam Swain (Vice Chair/Town Mayor)
Gwen Atkinson
Neil Gibbs
Deborah Curtis

Town Clerk Gill Jennings
District Councillor Mattie Ross, 1 member of the public

Attendees are reminded that the Proceedings of this meeting may be filmed, photographed or recorded but anyone wishing to make a record should first inform the Chairman

K3/273 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Gary Powell

K3/274 TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE CONVENOR

Neil Gibbs was appointed by unanimous vote

K3/275 TO APPOINT A DEPUTY COMMITTEE CONVENOR

Gary Powell was appointed by unanimous vote

K3/276 TO APPOINT RECREATION WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

Pam Swain, Neil Gibbs, Gwen Atkinson and Deborah Curtis were appointed

K3/277 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are reminded of their obligation within the requirements of the adopted Model Code of Conduct to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests where applicable.

None declared

K3/278 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13th APRIL 2015

The Minutes were approved

K3/279 PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT (15 minutes)

Members of the public may speak only once for a maximum of 5 minutes on any specific Agenda item.

A team of players from Stonehouse wanted regular access to the boule court and felt it should be unlocked. They also complained about the playing surface which was not, in their opinion, compacted correctly. The Clerk explained that whilst the court had been unlocked it had been dug up and this has changed the playing surface. A resident suggested that if the surface had been properly laid it would not have been possible to dig it up but accepted that the contractor who installed it were experienced. The Committee decided to have 2 extra keys cut, one would be given to the team and an approach would be made to the Woolpack Inn to hold the other. The court would be kept locked until the surface had been rectified.

K3/280 OLDENDS/STAGHOLT REDEVELOPMENT

1. Progress with the planning application – Pavilion, and to discuss any other works outstanding and to consider a report from a meeting with Hill Valley & Vale Childrens Centre.

Planning permission had been granted for the extension to the pavilion. The Clerk was requested to order tender documentation.

Work was now underway on the cctv and security lighting. Two children's centres had shown interest in hiring the pavilion on a regular basis. Part of their activities involved cooking lessons for young parents. Cllr Swain to enquire whether the youth centre might be used for the cooking sessions. The Committee agreed that baby changing facilities would be provided.

2. To receive a report of the Recreation Working Group Meeting held on 6th May, and to considered progress of Consultation Events, altered layout of proposal.

Following the meeting on 6th May an altered layout of the football pitches and community buildings had been agreed. A further consultation event would be held at Magpies Social Club to include neighbours. The Committee agreed the altered layout but urged the Working Group to set up a meeting with the Gloucestershire FA to include Jane Bullows of Stroud District Council to check that the changing rooms were not unnecessary given the close proximity of the pavilion.

3. Progress of Land Acquisition – Expression of Interest

The County Council had acknowledged the Council's expression of interest and their Asset Department were evaluating the land.

4. Cost of replacing Height Barrier Arm

The Committee felt that improvements to the design of the barrier were needed. Clerk to check whether a lower level lock could be fitted.

K3/281 FINANCE

1. To check Committee expenditure/receipts against budget April

Payments £3641.27 and Receipts £9999.50 were agreed as correct and in accordance with the budget.

2. To agree payments May

Payments of £9667.62 were agreed as correct.

K3/282 SKATEPARK

1. To receive a condition report on the Skatepark

Maverick had made their annual inspection and reported they would be carrying out some minor repairs. Graffiti was removed by the grounds staff. The Committee asked the Clerk to approach Maverick for improvements to the drainage on the site.

K3/283 TO CONSIDER PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY FENCING

The Committee agreed to consider the purchase of a stock of heras fencing for health & safety/emergency security purposes. Clerk to obtain costs

K3/284 MEADOW ROAD PLAYING FIELD

1. To consider enhancements & updating

Costs of fencing and other enhancements to be brought back to next Committee Meeting.

K3/285 STONEHOUSE IN BLOOM

1. To receive a Progress report and expenditure to date

The Committee had been able to find support for planting from the Horsetrough roundabout to Stagholt. John Stayte & Son had been approached but had declined to assist. The Committee needed to evaluate the cost of watering and consider making a contribution to the town council's costs.

K3/285 Stonehouse In Bloom (continued)

2. To consider commissioning a landscape design for the Garden of Rest
Rather than commission a design the Committee asked Stonehouse in Bloom to draw up a scheme for next year. The Committee thanked Cllr Mattie Ross for the improvements made to the garden of rest this year.

K3/286 ALLOTMENTS

To receive a report from the Deputy Clerk/Representative
The Tenants Association had made a report on the condition of the allotments. There were now 5 allotments for new tenants which appeared to exactly match the waiting list. The Deputy Clerk would be asked to offer out these plots and make her own inspection of the site.

K3/287 COURT VIEW

Update: Taylor Wimpey unable to proceed with adoption until Western Power have taken care of works required. In the meantime they will care for open spaces.

K3/288 HIRE OF LAND FOR STUNT SHOW

To consider a request for hire

The Committee considered this request and decided to decline it.

K3/289 TOWN GREENS & COUNCIL CAR PARK

1. Permission for use – Stonehouse Community Partnership 29th June-4th July and loan of Council marquees - Edible Open Gardens 13th July – Stonehouse Rotary (Celebration Day) 5th September.

Permissions agreed.

2. To consider a quotation for repainting the Council sign

The Quotation of £400 was agreed if the work could be put into effect before Stonehouse in Bloom took place.

3. To consider purchase of a planter

The Committee agreed that a planter for the Town Hall would be a nice feature but the expenditure would have to come from the Town Hall budget. To be referred to F & S Committee.

K3/290 DOVEROW HILL

To consider purchase of an information board and discuss access issues

The Clerk reminded the Committee that it had been agreed some years ago that a dedication plaque would be erected at Doverow Wood. This might be incorporated into an information board. Cllr Curtis advised that the History Group were considering the purchase of 3 boards and had been intending to approach the Town Council for assistance. Clerk to discuss with the Group. The Clerk to check on legal title where access is an issue.

K3/291 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

13 July 2015

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

The Council will by resolution exclude the public from item K3/292 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and publicity of the item would be prejudicial to the public interest.

K3/292 LAND VALUATIONS

1. To consider valuations and costs of redevelopment, proposal received from Football Club, and discuss way forward

The Committee were appraised of the costs of redevelopment in the sum of £3,025,000. This would require more discussion with the developer but at this point the Committee considered it unlikely that sufficient funding could be found.

In the meantime the Football Club had submitted a proposal to make changes to the Council's workshop as temporary changing rooms. The Committee felt that a build of this nature might need change of use permission.