



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 6 JUNE 2016 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.

Present:

Theresa Watt (Chair/Town Mayor)
Pam Swain (Vice Chair/Town Mayor)
Deborah Curtis
Neil Gibbs (Convenor)
Gary Powell (Deputy Convenor)
Ginny Smart

Also Present:

Gill Jennings, Town Clerk, 2 members of the public, Cllr. Callinan

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

K3/390 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

K3/391 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.
There were no declarations of interest

K3/392 TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE CONVENOR

Councillor Gibbs was appointed by unanimous vote

K3/393 TO APPOINT A DEPUTY COMMITTEE CONVENOR

Councillor Powell was appointed by unanimous vote

K3/394 TO REVIEW THE RECREATION WORKING GROUP REMIT AND MEMBERSHIP

The remit was agreed as: To continue to review current recreation facilities, suggesting improvements - Members were appointed: Gary Powell, Ginny Smart, Neil Gibbs, Pam Swain, Debbie Curtis, Gwen Atkinson

K3/395 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11th APRIL 2016

Proposed by Gary Powell, seconded Pam Swain, all in favour

K3/396 PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT

David Montgomery was present to discuss metal detecting in Doverow Wood and along public footpaths. He currently has a permit to record the Thames foreshore. Likely to only find quarry tokens in the wood. Finds are recorded with the British Museum and the finder keeps them. Would be keen to work with Stonehouse History Group. Committee will consider request for a permit at their next meeting.

Lindsey Davies (resident) was present to request consideration of a bandstand for Laburnum Park, an idea which had been floated on Facebook. She was willing to do the fund raising and felt that the bandstand would be useful for music festivals, outdoor theatre productions, and might be secured with shutters. She was asked to liaise with Recreation Working Group and provide costings. Clerk suggested Group check on acreage surrounding existing bandstands and the law.

The Committee were invited to attend a BBC radio interview at the Upcycling Project in the Garden of Rest. Councillor Powell to attend.

The Arts Festival had requested permission to use the Town Greens for an art display. The Committee agreed. Cllr Smart to contact John Jeynes with her concerns about displays impeding motorists vision exiting Elm Road.

K3/397 PARK RUN

Update: Park Run have found funding and will commence in July. The activity will be reviewed by the Committee in July 2017.

K3/398 ALLOTMENTS - HANDOVER TO ASSOCIATION

Awaiting documents from the Association

K3/399 PLAYING FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

Benches and 4 trees have been planted in Meadow Road Playing Field. Awaiting ROSPA report. Review list of required improvements and consider costs of fencing and gates, Laburnum and Oldends Lane. The Committee considered the list of repairs required and agreed that in the absence of a full report the repair of the dog gate (£1620) at Laburnum and fencing (£4713) at Oldends Lane should proceed. Clerk to check that the current quotations are the cheapest possible - otherwise to resource.

K3/400 OLDENDS LANE PAVILION

Consider Lease proposal.

The Committee considered a request to allow a lease of the Oldends Lane meeting room for an Upcycling Project. The details received from the applicant seemed to indicate business use. The Committee agreed that a lease would not be granted.

K3/401 FINANCE

1. To check and agree Committee expenditure/receipts against budget April
Expenditure £42144.99 Income £4807.66 agreed as correct.
2. To agree outstanding payments May - these have been referred to Finance Committee.

K3/402 DOVEROW HILL

A Sustainable Development Fund Grant of £3000 has been awarded by the Cotswolds Conservation Board. Work is to be completed by 31st October 2017. To consider approach to work involved.

Cllr Curtis volunteered to identify how many benches were needed. Clerk to investigate costs and also cost of repairing kissing gate. Recreation Working Group to organise a Volunteers Day to help clear viewpoints.

K3/403 COURT VIEW

Update on hedging work. Committee to consider Council's position regarding transfer.

Works to the hedge alongside the industrial estate had commenced and then halted due to BT line. Cllr Watt reported that the newt barriers were also broken. It was 3 years since the last tree report and the Committee felt that an updated tree report, ecology report was needed to inform any handover. Clerk to request Taylor Wimpey to organise these reports.

K3/404 STONEHOUSE IN BLOOM

To receive an update on progress to date

Councillor Powell reported that hanging baskets had to be replaced. Volunteers have been working hard on planting the High Street. Network Rail have donated £150 and will provide an old station sign and new planter. The In Bloom Group have been busy fundraising with a carboot sale, cake and plant sale. Businesses are contributing. Cllr Callinan congratulated the In Bloom Group on their good work.

K3/405 MEMORIAL SEAT ON MEMORIAL GREEN

To consider a request for placement of a donated seat - The Committee agreed that there was insufficient room for another seat but the enquirer might sponsor upkeep of a seat and therefore be allowed a plaque. Clerk to progress.

K3/406 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

18th July 2016

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

The Council will by resolution exclude the public from item K3/407 and K3/408 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and publicity of the item would be prejudicial to the public interest.

K3/407 OLDENDS LANE REDEVELOPMENT

To receive and consider quotations for design and feasibility work - Five quotations had been invited and two were suitable. The architects would be invited to a meeting so that the details could be checked and an assessment made of their experience. A recommendation would then be made to Town Council.

To receive and consider quotations for drainage and heating - Mains drainage would cost in the region of £75000 and PLG heating in the region of £50000.

To discuss sources of funding - The Committee could call-off S106 funding to cover either the architect's fees or an element of the build costs. The costs of main drainage might be suitable for grant funding. Clerk to draw up a draft proposal.

K3/408 STAGHOLT

To consider an offer for purchase and discuss options

The Committee considered an offer for the site and agreed that this would be put to the Town Council for a decision. Another option might be to further explore cross-subsidy through a land agent.
