

# 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 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.**

### **Present:**

Neil Gibbs (Convenor of Committee)  
Gary Powell (Deputy Convenor of Committee)  
Theresa Watt (Chair/Town Mayor)  
Pam Swain (Vice Chair/Town Mayor)  
Gwen Atkinson  
Deborah Curtis

Also Present: Town Clerk Gill Jennings

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*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*

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### **K3/349 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies

### **K3/350 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

### **K3/351 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

The Minutes were approved as a true record

### **K3/352 PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT (15 minutes)**

There was no public adjournment

### **K3/353 ALLOTMENTS – HANDOVER TO ASSOCIATION**

1. To agree wording of tenancy agreements and consultation method – The wording of the tenancy agreements was agreed. The Committee agreed that tenants would be consulted by letter requiring them to contact the Council if they objected to the transfer.

2. To receive a report from Cllrs Gibbs and Atkinson and consider any further action – Cllrs reported that they had attended a meeting of the association attended by 30 members. The association was not yet properly constituted and did not have its own bank account. When these matters were in place the council might proceed with item 1. A resolution would be put to the Town Council at that time. In the meantime the councillors would share the draft documents with the association for their approval.

3. To consider an allotment inspection report – The Deputy Clerk reported that there were 7 unworked plots which might be offered out to people on the waiting list.

### **K3/354 PLAY EQUIPMENT & PLAYING FIELDS REPORT**

1. To prioritise items for replacement in this current financial year – **The Committee considered the list and agreed to prioritise replacement of benches and litter bins on Meadow Road playing field and to provide 3-6 mature flowering trees from the current budget. Cllr Watt offered to look for funding for the trees.**

### **K3/355 OLDENDS LANE PAVILION**

- a. To receive a report from the Recreation Working Group and agree hire of storage area  
Cllr Swain stated that she had spoken to Dave Hoskins of the Stroud Junior League and he had agreed that the storage area might be shared with the junior football teams if lockable crating could be installed. The Junior League would be prepared to pay for the hire of this area at £3000 for a 10 year period. The seniors had approached the Council requesting the old gates taken from the pavilion entrance for their new pitch entrance.  
**The Committee agreed that these were worth in the region of £300 and the clerk should negotiate a sale on this basis.**
- b. To receive a progress report on the works - The clerk reported that the works were due for completion mid-February.

### **K3/357 FINANCE**

1. To check Committee expenditure/receipts against budget November/December –  
**The Committee agreed the expenditure of £33623.80 November £23471.22 December and receipts of £64103.10 in November and £24396.95 in December.**
2. To agree outstanding payments – There were no outstanding payments
3. Update on dispute with EON – **The Committee were updated on the dispute with EON. Western Power is currently investigating the output and possibility of moving the meter to the site of the pavilion. EON are examining the meter for faults but have been unwilling to accept that the bills are incorrect.**
4. To consider expenditure on replacement vehicle – **The Committee agreed to request the Council to set aside funding for a replacement vehicle in reserves £10000 (For Resolution)**
5. To revisit S106 agreements and redevelopment plans and agree spending plans for 2016-17 and to agree the final budget – The Committee considered the S106 funding owed to the Council when development takes place on Elm Road and Bristol Rd station site. The Clerk asked the Committee to ensure they had project plans capable of delivering the outcomes and that these formed part of their spending plans.  
**The Committee agreed to request the Council sets aside funding from reserves for:  
Resurfacing and marking out of Oldends Lane carpark in order to progress to a controlled carpark (£50,000)  
Further extension of community facilities at Oldends Lane (£250,000)  
Architects plans & planning fees (£5000)**  
The Committee reviewed the budget. In light of the fact that the allotments would be subsidised in terms of administration costs until handover to the association an amount of £400 was added to the existing budget bringing the total to £102950 (an increase of £850 on last year)

### **K3/358 DOVEROW HILL**

1. To receive a tree report – **The Committee were advised of the tree report findings. The Deputy Clerk was obtaining quotations.**

**K3/258 Doverow Hill** (continued)

2. To receive details of information boards – Stonehouse History Group had provided a display of information boards. **The wording and illustration of the Doverow board was approved by the Committee and had been agreed by Mr Fetherston-Godley (Trustee).**

**K3/359 LABURNUM FIELD HEDGE**

To receive correspondence – The Committee considered the correspondence from the resident who had taken out 12ft of hedging belonging to the Council. **Cllr Gibbs and Cllr Powell would visit the resident and try and negotiate reinstatement of the hedge in an attempt to avoid court proceedings.**

**K3/360 HIRE OF OLDENDS LANE PLAYING FIELD CAR PARK**

An enquiry has been received from the local fairground operators as to what the Town Council charge would be to hire the car park for one week in the Spring. **(The daily hire charge is £300 + VAT) – The Committee considered the request for use of the carpark. The daily hire charge would be applicable. However, the committee consider that the surface of the carpark is of concern and that it is not suitable for a public event at the present time.**

**K3/361 INFORMATION**

New legal topic notes are available from the clerk on Byelaws and Control of Dogs

**K3/362 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**29<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

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