



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

Present:

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

Also Present:

Gill Jennings, Town Clerk/RFO
Cllr John Callinan
John Tierney (Park Run)
Will Pedrick, Stonehouse Football Club & Kim Prestwood, Jumping Jack Flash Sports Lighting

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

K3/441 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

K3/442 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

K3/443 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2016

Cllr Powell proposed, Cllr Curtis seconded the minutes as a true record. Agreed.

K3/444 PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT

A maximum time limit of 15 minutes allocated for residents to raise comments on any item on this agenda (3 minutes per person)

Will Pedrick made a case for lighting the stadium. It would enable the club to move up the league and attract funding for future development. Contractor was present to explain that the lights would be positioned in the corners of the stadium and the low level lights would be baffled to prevent light pollution. There would be no effect on residential properties across the road but Magpies would be affected. It is envisaged that the lights would be used for 1 evening game per week until 9.30pm. They are 2kw lights running on 3 phase.

The Committee would seek advice from their architect and the football club are to make their site secure and obtain a quotation for insurance which will be at their cost. B/F

K3/444 (continued)

John Tierney advised that Park Run was going well with 700 members and up to 100 members attending at any one time. He thought it advisable that a defibrillator was located at the field and was looking into raising funds for this through a marathon or relay race. Cllr Swain suggested that refreshments from the youth centre might also boost funds. John will explore costs for further consideration by the football club and council.

K3/445 MINERALS LOCAL PLAN FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE

To discuss Policy MW06 which allows for fracking and to agree a response

The Committee agreed to suggest a change in words “will be permitted unless they involve unconventional techniques, particularly fracking”.

K3/446 OLDENDS LANE REDEVELOPMENT

1. To receive a report from the Recreation Working Group and Clerk.

The Recreation Working Group had met with the architect to revise the layout and would be meeting again to suggest further minor changes. They had not however reduced the size of the building as they felt it important to have a building fit for purpose. The Clerk had met with Magpies and in answer to their queries had advised that a lease on the building might have to be professionally valued but it would most certainly double the costs of the existing ground lease and if taking on management of the whole building the club would be responsible for all running costs/repairs. The Council would need to see the club's last 2 years accounts and terms of any contract with a brewery. Magpies are currently tied to a brewery.

2. To view site layout, revised clubhouse design, discuss costs, external funding.

The Committee considered the site layout and felt that minor changes should be discussed with the architect. The Committee agreed that the number of doors should be reduced with a preference for tall thin windows to allow light/views but minimise opportunity for a break-in. It was important to set out the management plan to inform the internal security and layout. The costs had not been reduced and were estimated at £620,000. The clerk was asked to progress the Veolia application on the basis of a 2 phase project. Funding from Reaching Communities needed investigating.

3. To agree pre-planning advice fee of £300, interim architects fee £5500

The Committee agreed to payment of the fee with an amended drawing being taken to the planning authority. The Committee agreed to payment of the architects fee.

4. To approve emergency replacement of sewage pump and further replacements required £1911.

The Committee agreed to this expenditure including the £260 emergency costs.

K3/447 GRANT EXPENDITURE

1. To agree cost of 4 Malvern seats for installation in Doverow Wood **£2500**

The Committee agreed the expenditure but would first explore lighter weight seats. If alternative supply could be found for a similar price this could go ahead.

K3/448 FINANCE

1. To check and agree Committee expenditure/receipts against budget September/October
September Payments £5846.68 Receipts £1594.80 were agreed against budget
October Payments £7703.35 Receipts £4740.70 were agreed against budget

2. To consider quotations for grasscutting 17-18

2/3 quotations received. One at £19167 without spiking and one at £19750 with spiking included. The Committee agreed to proceed at a cost of £19750.

K3/448 (continued)

3. To consider a draft budget for 2017-18

The Committee considered the draft budget. Expenditure £124100 Income £15550. A reduction had been made in insurance and Christmas lights, an increase in project plans to allow for project management of redevelopment. An allowance had been made for staff reorganisation which was proposed by Staffing Committee. The Committee will revisit the budget following the November meeting of Town Council if costs savings are required.

K3/449 STONEHOUSE IN BLOOM

To receive a report on finance and external funding

The report was not available.

K3/450 RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS

1. To consider Recreation Working Group report on replacement/additional play equipment for S106 funding

The Recreation Working Group have sought specialist advice and recommend that Laburnum Play area is given a make-over. They will return to the Committee with proposed equipment for agreement. The all weather pitch originally planned for Stagholt would be a long term plan and might be better sited at Oldends Lane.

2. To consider an insurance claim regarding latest incident of arson (Oldends) and damage to play park gate (Meadow Rd).

The Committee agreed to make an insurance claim based on quotations for replacement of the pavements and bin, and gate.

3. To consider concerns of residents regarding anti-social behaviour Oldends Lane/Garden of Rest

The Committee had been circulated with correspondence. Cllr Gibbs had checked with Kate Stuart of Gloucestershire Constabulary who advised there had only been 4 complaints in the last 2 months which in comparison with other towns was not of major concern. The situation would be monitored but likely to be seasonal.

4. To consider paying the costs of a floor mounted bin for Queens Rd.

Stroud District Council had asked the Town Council to fund in the sum of £500. The Committee agreed that this was extortionate as Members had originally been quoted £250. Clerk to check and if £250 then this could go ahead.

5. To review position of recycling bin recently placed at Laburnum Walk by SDC

Following complaints and possible misuse of the bin for dog litter, the Committee agreed to request Stroud District Council to move the bin to a location nearer the Co-operative store.

K3/451 REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT

An inventory of workshop equipment has been checked. The following items would be useful:

Leaf Blower £90

Edging Spade £25

Triple Extension ladder £170

Outdoor wheeled vacuum for clearing grass £1200

Weed control rotary broom £450

Microwave for rest room £60

Clerk was authorised to make purchases within budget

K3/452 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

To receive confirmation of costs of additional lighting.

Cllr Swain reported that additional lighting had been sourced within the total budget of £5000.

K3/453 STAGHOLT

Update on negotiations with the County Council

The County Council were proposing to charge an uplift just short of £30,000. They had not produced their policy document relating to uplift charges on the variation of a covenant and agreed they had not charged any other parish in this way. **The Committee agreed that this decision be taken back to their Property Board as it made the variation worthless to the Town Council and the County Councillor should assist.**

K3/454 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9th January 2017
