



**MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting)**

**Of a meeting of THE AMENITIES, RECREATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.**

**Present:**

Neil Gibbs (Convenor)  
Theresa Watt (Chair/Town Mayor)  
Pam Swain (Deputy Chair)  
Deborah Curtis  
Trevor Baker

Also Present: Town Clerk Gill Jennings, 3 members of the public, Cllr Callinan

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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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**K3/492 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Powell

**K3/493 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

**K3/494 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017**

Proposed Cllr Watt, Seconded Cllr Baker that the Minutes were agreed as a true record. All in favour.

**K3/495 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)

Jennifer Empson, a resident of Eastington, introduced herself as having assisted her community in funding and designing a play scheme. She offered her services to the council. Leigh Binns, a volunteer on various Stonehouse groups including the scouts, expressed her wish for family orientated play schemes in Stonehouse incorporating somewhere to picnic. She was willing to assist the Recreation Working Group in creating new schemes.

The Committee explained their journey towards the current scheme having taken expert advice, considered 5 proposals and consulted with 120 children.

Daniel Smith was present to request the council considers a Junior Park Run at Oldends Lane on Sunday mornings. He was asked to write to the clerk with details.

**K3/496 OLDENDS LANE REDEVELOPMENT**

1. Progress report on defibrillator - the Park Run group were making arrangements for an electrician to call and quote for the installation of the equipment.

2. Pavilion Inspection report - The Clerk reported that the pavilion has been left extremely untidy and the football clubs had been advised to improve. A fault with the cistern in the men's toilets and a broken water heater had been dealt with under emergency powers.

### **K3/497 FINANCE**

1. To check and agree Committee expenditure/receipts against budget March  
Proposed Cllr Wat, Seconded Cllr Baker that March Expenditure £17120.02 and March Receipts £651.50 were agreed and checked against budget. The yearend totals of £105362.31 expenditure against budget £117250, and £27151.20 against budget £14300 meant a surplus of £24738 on the year due mainly to the unexpected income from car park rent and low insurance premium.

2. To agree any payments due in April  
Proposed Cllr Watt, Seconded Cllr Baker, Payments totalling £3523.97 to cheque no. 8501 were agreed as correct.

### **K3/498 S106 PROJECTS**

1. To accept a quotation for replacement play equipment (£24999) and fencing (£1790) and agree a project proposal for S106 funding (Laburnum Field)  
Proposed Cllr Watt, Seconded Cllr Swain that the council proceeds with an order to Proludic and Richings and submits a S106 request for £24999. All in favour.

### **K3/499 PLAYGROUNDS**

1. To receive up to date ROSPA reports - The Committee received the reports. The clerk advised that the minor works were being completed inhouse. Parts would be obtained for any replacements. The Recreation Working Group are to refer to the reports when considering further improvements.
2. To consider nuisance of ball games at Arrowsmith - The clerk reported that a resident had made complaints about balls hitting cars. The Committee considered whether to have a permanent sign erected requiring Soft Ball Games Only. Cllr Gibbs asserted there was a lack of evidence to back such an action.

### **K3/500 ATHLETICS FIELD**

Receive a report from the Recreation Working Group  
Cllr Swain reported that a meeting would take place with the Athletics Club on the 24<sup>th</sup> May and to date discussions had been very positive.

### **K3/501 STAGHOLT FIELD**

Receive copy correspondence and discuss any issues arising  
The clerk circulated correspondence requesting new rugby pitches and junior football pitches. The Committee agreed that Oldends Lane field was the most suitable location, and costs would not be incurred by the Committee in preparing Stagholt field. The Committee considered the problems which might arise with parking in the future but agreed that the sale of land at Stagholt would proceed.

The Committee were updated on pre-contract enquiries.

The clerk advised the Committee that the Allotment Tenants Association had made changes to the council's boundaries which were unacceptable and a letter had been sent to them.

### **K3/502 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

19 JUNE 2017 (Official handover of allotments)

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

Cllr Gibbs proposed, Cllr Baker seconded, a resolution to exclude the public from item K3/503 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and publicity of the item would be prejudicial to the public interest. The resolution was agreed by unanimous vote.

### **K3/503 LEGAL MATTERS**

To receive the minutes of the Recreation Working Group meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> April and discuss the request for an extended temporary lease (Magpies) and lease proposal (Stonehouse Town FC)

The working group have met with Magpies and Stonehouse Football Club to discuss the layout of the new community building. Magpies are to take advice on the licensing arrangements from Stroud District Council, following which a meeting will be arranged with the architect to amend the bar layout. Magpies are seeking a temporary extension of the current lease.

**Proposed Cllr Swain, seconded Cllr Curtis, abstained Cllr Baker, The Committee agreed that the clerk should progress this matter seeking permission to incur legal fees from F & S Committee. Cllr Baker requested sight of legal documents relating to Oldends Lane so that he might be better informed of the Council's position.**

The football club are seeking replacement land on which to build 2 additional changing rooms. They are to submit dimensions. Cllr Gibbs suggested that the Committee considers the council's requirements at the workshop/compound within a report.

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