

Stonehouse Town Council



MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee Meeting)
of MEETING OF THE AMENITIES, RECREATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE HELD ON
MONDAY 9TH MARCH 2015 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.

Present:

Councillors	John Aldis	(Convenor)
	Chris Brine	(Chair of Town Council)
	Roger Govier	
	Gary Powell	(Deputy Convenor)
	Theresa Watt	(Vice Chair of Town Council)
	Neil Gibbs	

Also Present: Gill Jennings (Town Clerk)

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

K3/248 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

K3/249 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

K3/250 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2ND FEBRUARY 2015

The Minutes were approved

K3/251 PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT (15 minutes)

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

No adjournment was called

K3/252 OLDENDS/STAGHOLT REDEVELOPMENT

1. To receive a report from the Recreation Working Group and discuss any issues
The Working Group circulated a report from their meeting of the 18th February also a report on the progress of a funding enquiry to the Football Association was circulated by the Clerk. The Clerk was concerned that a 3G pitch would push up the cost by £300,000 and the Working Group needed to ensure that the project remained viable.

Members of the Working Group would meet with the Gloucestershire FA to ascertain the scope of funding and whether a 3G pitch was necessary.

2. Funding – Progress report & Review of S106 – Cllr Watt & Cllr Redding had not yet submitted a report on funding of the community facilities. The Clerk had met with Krista Harries from Stroud District Council regarding the S106 monies outstanding. There was some concern over the funding from Taylor Wimpey. **Project forms would be submitted to secure the funding.**

K3/252 Oldends/Stagholt Redevelopment (continued)

3. Pavilion Extension

Due to the time constraints on S106 funding the **Committee agreed that the extension drawing should be finalised (costs previously agreed £600) ready for submission for planning permission although Cllr Brine would seek more time to complete this process.** The Clerk asked the Committee to go ahead with the purchase of a new security door to the main entrance as the shutter was no longer working. **It was agreed that a steel door should be purchased (£2000).**

4. Discuss drainage issues on playing field

The Committee were made aware of the S106 available for drainage of Stagholt. The Committee agreed that drainage would be required on Oldends as part of the redevelopment project.

5. Consider quotations for flooring and new tables

The Recreation Working Group had obtained quotations for flooring, redecoration and new furnishings for the meeting room and changing rooms.

The Committee considered the three quotations for each item and agreed that the redecoration and flooring for the common parts should wait until after the football season but the meeting room should be decorated (£520) and re-carpeted (£1500) and fixtures (£2800). The Clerk was authorised to go ahead with placing an order for cctv/lighting as previously agreed (£1975).

K3/253 FINANCE

1. To check Committee expenditure/receipts against budget January – **Committee payments £6248.57 and receipts £979.21 were checked and verified against budget headings.**
2. To agree payments February – **Payments of £5486.61 were agreed as correctly accounted for.**

K3/254 SKATEPARK

Recycling Bins – Progress report (Chris Brine) – **Stroud DC have agreed the location of a bin and will advise costs in due course**

K3/255 STONEHOUSE IN BLOOM

To receive a report from the Working Group and to consider any planting arrangements for agreement. The Working Group have been able to form a committee of 12 members and the committee have opened their own bank account with a donation. Council sponsored floral displays will be paid for directly to the Council as usual. The Committee considered a request to replace the fencing alongside the Globe. Unfortunately since the removal of the original fencing any planting was being destroyed and needed protection. **The Committee agreed that bowtop fencing should be purchased at a cost of £1066 for installation by groundstaff (Town Green budget).**

K3/256 ALLOTMENTS

To receive a report from Councillor Govier on the Allotment Tenants' Committee meeting held on 23rd February 2015. The Spring 2015 edition newsletter was circulated. The tenants had asked for provision of a skip to allow clearance of larger items from abandoned plots and surrounds. **The Committee agreed to assist by hiring a skip for one weekend only – date to be agreed.**

K3/257 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

To consider a quotation for installation – A quotation and details of solar lighting had been provided although this was insufficient information for a decision. Cllr Swain would make a report for the next meeting and Cllrs Brine/Powell will examine the broken lights and investigate repairs.

K3/258 HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY

To agree an amendment for chainsaw operation – **The new policy wording and risk assessment was agreed for publication.**

K3/259 EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

To consider costs of chainsaw purchase and protective clothing – **The Committee agreed to purchase protective clothing (£182) but costs of hiring equipment would be investigated before proceeding with purchase of further equipment.**

K3/260 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

13th April 2015

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

The Council will by resolution exclude the public from item K3/261 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and publicity of the item would be prejudicial to the public interest.

K3/261 Legal Matters- Disputed Invoice, Sale of Perth

The Committee considered the explanation provided by the supplier Mant Leisure in that there had been a typographical error in the quotation. The Committee considered the value of the work carried out and agreed that an offer of 50% of the invoice value would be made in settlement.

The Committee were advised the purchaser of Perth had withdrawn and agreed that the land should be returned to the open market.
