



STONEHOUSE **TOWN COUNCIL**

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting)

Of a meeting of THE AMENITIES and RECREATION COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 19th JUNE 2017 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.

Present:

Deborah Curtis
Neil Gibbs
Gary Powell
Theresa Watt

Also Present: Gill Jennings Town Clerk/RFO, Cllr Callinan, 2 members of Junior Parkrun

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

K3/504 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Kambites (holiday). Cllr Baker's resignation from the Council was noted.

K3/505 TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE CONVENOR

Cllr Gibbs was proposed by Cllr Watt, seconded by Cllr Curtis, All in favour

K3/506 TO APPOINT A DEPUTY COMMITTEE CONVENOR

Cllr Powell was proposed by Cllr Watt, seconded by Cllr Curtis, All in favour

K3/507 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

K3/508 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8th MAY 2017

The Minutes of the meeting which took place on the 8th May were agreed by unanimous vote having been proposed by Cllr Curtis, seconded by Cllr Powell

K3/509 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)

Danny Smith and colleague attended on behalf on Junior Parkrun. They would be using a shorter course than the adult one and hoped to keep that on a different patch of ground with no conflict with other field users. A run would typically take participants between 6 and 25 minutes to complete. Toilet facilities would be useful but the council had indicated there would be a cost involved. It might be possible to contribute to costs with fundraising. Parkrun have not been able to check for clashes with football fixtures due to these not being confirmed.

K3/508 (continued)

Cllr Callinan made unsubstantiated claims regarding the redevelopment of Oldends Lane to which Cllr Powell responded that something positive was being done at last.

K3/510 OLDENDS LANE REDEVELOPMENT

1. Progress report on defibrillator - the defibrillator has been installed - an application for a grant to fund the maintenance at approx. £100 per year had been received and passed to Finance & Strategy. The Clerk advised that this expense might be met out of the pavilion budget but that any maintenance contract should then be between the Council and the contractor.
2. Receive a report from the Recreation Working Group of a meeting held on 24th May and agree location of future changing rooms - The Committee received the report which indicated that a premises licence would be sufficient for the community facilities. The bar area had been adjusted accordingly. Gloucestershire Highways have asked for amendments to the carpark area to allow for refuse collection and adjustments have been made to allow for coaches. The Group discussed the possible allocation of space for future changing rooms and a new plan was shown to the committee. **Proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Curtis that the plan for future changing rooms was approved. All in favour.**
3. Consider Junior Parkrun application for use of Oldends Lane playing field
The Committee felt that juniors should be encouraged to take as much exercise as possible. **Proposed by Cllr Watt, seconded by Cllr Curtis that Junior Parkrun be given permission to use Oldends playing field for exercise on Sunday mornings at 9.00am. The matter of use of toilet facilities was not decided.**

K3/511 ATHLETICS FIELD

Receive a report from the Recreation Working Group of a meeting held on 24th May with Stroud Athletics Club and agree next action.

The Working Group reported a positive meeting with the Athletics Club. They were keen to retain a lease over the land but would not object to a change in landlord. **Recreation Working Group to meet with County Councillor and county council officer to progress.**

K3/512 STAGHOLT

1. Receive a report from the Clerk on progress with the diversion of the footpath. - The County Council have approved the intended changes. The Athletics Club are in agreement provided the footpath is fenced off. Network Rail have agreed the Town Council's requirements and are drawing up an Agreement.
2. Discuss future security arrangements - The clerk advised the Committee that a new five bar gate and signage would need to be purchased once the new entrance and hard standing are created. This expense will come out of the sale proceeds. The Committee noted this.
3. Receive an update on sale arrangements - A site meeting will take place for survey work and agreement of the hardstanding area. The purchaser's solicitor is progressing the Release Deed.

K3/513 LABURNUM PLAY EQUIPMENT

1. An order has now been placed for equipment and fencing. Consider meeting notes of the 19th May. The Committee are to consider further costs of rubber mulch £310

The Committee considered the report of a site meeting held on 19th May setting out the reasons for a further link from the gate. **The additional costs were considered and agreed by the majority having been proposed by Cllr Curtis, seconded by Cllr Powell.**

K3/513 (continued)

2. Discuss quotation for works to crash barrier

The quotation had not been circulated. Work in the region of £790 was envisaged. The Clerk advised against removal of the crash barrier but the Committee agreed they would proceed with their plans in the Winter using inhouse staff.

K3/514 STONEHOUSE IN BLOOM

Receive a report from the In Bloom Committee

Councillor Powell reported that volunteers were busy weeding. Gardening Club still have work to do on the railway embankments and it is hoped that Network Rail will have done their planting by judging day. A resident has offered to decorate the bus stop at Pearcroft Road, which the Committee had no objection to.

K3/515 NETWORK RAIL - PROPOSED WORKS AT OLDENDS LANE

To consider a request for a licence - Network Rail have requested permission to erect a compound at the side of the railway bridge Oldends Lane for works to the bridge. Clerk to have site meeting with them. The Committee discussed the disruption which might exist for 3-5 months and agreed that a licence would be considered at a fee of £9000.

K3/516 FINANCE

1. To check committee expenditure and receipts for April & May against budget
April expenditure £3992.50, receipts £1358.02 agreed by unanimous vote
May expenditure £3453.19, receipts £2399.17 agreed by unanimous vote

2. To agree any payments due to date

There were no payments for consideration.

3. To consider whether membership of Fields in Trust £50 & Glos Playing Fields Association £100 should be renewed.

Proposed Cllr Watt, seconded Cllr Powell that both memberships be renewed. All agreed.
(To be passed to F & S Committee)

K3/517 ALLOTMENTS - HANDOVER TO TENANTS ASSOCIATION

Receive a report on the financial status and sign the Tenancy Agreement

The Clerk reported that an amount of £430 for shed deposits and £150 float would be due to the Stonehouse Allotments Association on handover. The Chairman of Council signed the Tenancy Agreement in the presence of the Committee.

K3/518 APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE RECREATION WORKING GROUP AND AGREE THE REMIT IS TO REVIEW RECREATION FACILITIES TO ENSURE THEY ARE SUSTAINABLE, ACCESSIBLE, FUNCTIONAL AND WHERE NECESSARY SEEK FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Cllrs. Gibbs, Curtis, Swain and Atkinson were appointed and would seek residents to participate in the group.

K3/519 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

31st July 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.
