



STONEHOUSE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) of a meeting of the AMENITIES AND RECREATION COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Deborah Curtis (Committee Convenor)
Neil Gibbs (Vice Chair of Council /Deputy Town Mayor)
Theresa Watt (Chair of Council/Mayor)

ALSO PRESENT:

Cllr John Parker
Richard Lacey (Temporary Admin Assistant)
David Barnes, Architect

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

K3/682 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Gill Jennings (Town Clerk)

K3/683 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item K3/691 - Cllr Curtis declared a non pecuniary interest as member of Stonehouse Bloom Committee.

K3/684 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14TH JANUARY 2019

Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2019 was proposed by Cllr Gibbs, seconded by Cllr Watt. All in favour.

K3/685 PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT

There was no call for an adjournment.

K3/686 OLDENDS LANE DEVELOPMENT

The Committee Convenor Cllr Curtis invited David Barnes to join the meeting to comment on the following points:

1. To receive a report on the outcome of the public consultation.
Cllr Curtis advised Members present that the consultation, responded to by 53 people, had received 100% support for option 1 of the options offered which was to fund the development through enabling housing on the Magpies site.
Mr Barnes asked for a copy of the consultation results so that he could include these in the possible resubmission of the planning application. This was agreed by those present.
2. To receive an update from the Architect
Mr Barnes advised Members of the content of the Hydrok report and made particular note of the following points: It would not be possible to connect the pavillion into the existing system by means of gravity. Further the Midland Road gradient would not be enough to achieve the purpose and therefore there would need a pumping system to be installed.

K3/686 Oldend Lane Devevelopment continued)

Mr Barnes confirmed that the £8,500 quoted was for all fees including his own to clarify the situation.

He also advised those present that he intended to amend the plans to reflect Stroud District Council's concern regarding light intrusion to plots 6,9 7 10 by ensuring that the plans for these properties would not show habitable rooms facing the light source.

3. To consider and agree Architect/Consultants' fees for additional information in support of resubmission of planning application.

Members present considered this proposal and resolved to withdraw the wording in favour of the revised motion "To consider and agree Architect / Consultants' fees for additional information in support of planning application and the revised drainage strategy recommended and to submit the planning application accordingly" This was proposed by Cllr Watt, seconded by Cllr Curtis and carried unanimously.

Mr Barnes confirmed that he would resubmit the application before 22nd March 2019 and then left the meeting.

K3/687 OLDENDS LANE PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT

To receive information on project finance and note proposed timetable for work.

The Convenor advised those present of the project proposal following the site meeting on 5th February 2019. The contractors are currently anticipating installation between 25th February and 15th March.

It has been recommended that extra grass mats be added to the specification of the zip wire at an additional cost of approximately £312 and Members present resolved to fund this from the project over fund.

The contractors have also requested that a fencing panel be removed for ease of access and the mowing of the zip wire site which Members present agreed to. In relation to the Contractors query as to whether the Council would wish to retain the store springers and see saw scheduled for removal Members requested that the groundstaff examine these to see if they or their parts could be used elsewhere.

Members present also resolved to ask the Contractors if they could remove the trim trail apparatus if this presented a modest extra cost.

Finally Members wished to express their thanks to Rachel Russell for all the work she has undertaken on grant funding for this project.

K3/688 FINANCE

1. To check Committee expenditure and receipts against budget
No information available to undertake this at present.
2. Authorise expenditure to date of meeting
No information available to undertake this at present.

K3/689 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON PROPERTY MAINTENANCE and agree any actions

1. Stagholt Brook clearance

Members present received a report from the Groundstaff regarding proposed maintenance of the brook as this was the optimum time of year to carry out this work. It had been suggested that a former contractor be asked to contract in to assist with the Town Council Ground Staff to achieve this. It was felt, by the Ground Staff, that this work could be achieved within 24 working hours and the contractor required £20 per hour to assist in this work. Members present considered this, Cllr Watt proposed, Cllr Curtis seconded and all agreed to authorise this work and the payment.

2. Replacement of pumps at Oldend Lane effluent pump station.

The Town Council had previously authorised the work to be carried out by Mike Davies Pumping Services subject to him providing satisfactory insurance confirmation and a full health & safety assessment. This has still not been forthcoming despite numerous reminders and currently the Council Ground Staff are having to manually remove water.

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Members present found this to be unsatisfactory and resolved to advise Mr Davies that the authorisation had been removed due to his failure to provide the necessary documentation and the contract to be awarded to the second lowest quotation submitted by Cotswold Drain Services at £3,234.

K3/690 REST GARDEN

To receive information and discuss proposals regarding the boundary line adjoining Laburnum Walk

Members present studied a Ground Staff report containing suggestions for the Rest Garden and in particular the area where the boundary hedge has been removed. It was felt that the total removal of the hedge would destroy the enclosed confines of the Garden which was felt to be beneficial and the passage of both pedestrian and vehicular traffic would destroy the roots of the existing pine trees to their ultimate detriment. In addition there were concerns about the possible existence of underground services.

In view of these concerns Members present resolved to ask the Ground Staff to source and plant mixed hedge species and erect temporary chestnut paling to protect these during growth.

K3/691 STONEHOUSE IN BLOOM

1. To receive an update

Cllr Curtis advised those present that Stonehouse In Bloom had now been able to adopt the railway station and could now apply for small grants to purchase planters for the platforms. They were also seeking grants from the Barnwood trust to assist with projects for the disabled and vulnerable.

2. To receive and consider additional Rest Garden proposals

The In Bloom Committee were also wondering if they could have permission from the Town Council to erect a raised bed in front of the Chapel picture to be constructed with sleepers. Members present felt that further enquiries should be made before any permissions were granted as this could be a burial site. Cllr Curtis agreed to investigate.

Any further tree removals were denied.

It was also suggested by those present that the Ground staff could use wood chippings currently held at the workshop site for use in the Town including the allotments.

K3/692 CORRESPONDENCE

1. To note request from Horticultural/Jolly Group for permission to use the Laburnum Walk Playing Field on 11th August 2019.

Cllr Watt proposed, Cllr Gibbs seconded and the meeting resolved to give permission.

K3/693 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

18th March 2019
