



## **STONEHOUSE** **TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting)  
of a meeting of the AMENITIES and RECREATION COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup>  
FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.**

**Present:**

Deborah Curtis  
Neil Gibbs (Committee Convenor)  
Gary Powell (Deputy Committee Convenor)  
Theresa Watt  
Carol Kambites

Also Present: Town Clerk

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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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**K3/574 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Amor (illness)

**K3/575 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

**K3/576 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8 JANUARY 2018**

This Minutes were proposed for acceptance as a true record by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Kambites, all in favour

**K3/577 PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT**

A maximum time limit of 15 minutes allocated for residents to raise comments (3 minutes each) on any item on this agenda  
There was no call for an adjournment

**K3/578 NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT**

a. To receive a report from the Recreation Working Group  
The Group had received a good response to the consultation and had enough evidence to choose equipment. The next stage is a meeting on site to discuss the space available.

**K3/579 OLDENDS LANE PLANNING APPLICATION**

1. Discuss outcome of planning application and make a recommendation to Town Council

It was reported that a call-in would not be allowed by the Planning Chairman. Cllr Curtis to co-ordinate a response in the press by those affected. It was agreed that the Clerk should explore whether non-determination might be a preferred route to a decision.

### K3/580 FINANCE

1. To check Committee expenditure and receipts for January against budget - **Expenditure £8453.42 Income £556.28 was agreed as correct.**
2. Revisit likely costs of Oldends Redevelopment and agree any actions - **this item could not be progressed.**
3. Authorise any payments due - **the payments were not ready for inspection. The clerk was checking an invoice presented for Christmas lights.**
4. Authorise cost of fencing - town green - A broken down fence on land adjoining the town greens had been dismantled, undergrowth cut back and it was proposed that this was replaced at a cost of £387.37. All in favour.

### K3/581 RECEIVE A REPORT ON PROPERTY MAINTENANCE and agree any actions and consider a TREE INSPECTION REPORT and agree actions

The Committee noted the maintenance report and discussed the request for tools and equipment. It was agreed to purchase tools at £442 and a ride on scag mower for £3179. The Tree inspection report was noted, the clerk was obtaining quotes for felling works, the other minor works would be a priority in the next month.

### K3/582 ASSET ACQUISITION

1. Athletics Field - Receive Valuation Report and agree a recommendation to the Town Council - The Clerk advised the Committee that the funds in the bank were receiving a lower return than they would if invested in land and receiving rent. They were ring fenced for purchase of land therefore it seemed appropriate to proceed with a reasonable offer. The Committee agreed to recommend that the Council makes an offer for purchase below the DVO's valuation to allow for any immediate maintenance. **For Resolution**
2. Verney Fields - Agree next action - Cllr Powell to meet with the ROW officer of GCC to discuss acceptance of an established footpath from Oak Way to Cotswold Green and to look at disused footpath from Rosedale.

### K3/583 RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS

1. Discuss improvements to Christmas Light displays and consider quotations for work to tree lights - The Committee were asked to consider whether there should be any additional displays. There were no examples to consider. The Committee considered two quotations for tree lights and **agreed by unanimous vote to accept the lower quotation from Blachere illumination at £1687.50.**
2. Discuss hanging baskets displays and consider quotations - the current contractor had held the price from last year and **this was accepted by unanimous vote at £2427.20**
3. To agree the position of a donated memorial bench - Cllr Swain reported that the Medical Centre were happy for the bench to be placed outside their premises. **The Committee agreed to pay for installation, the donator to purchase the bench and memorial plaque.**
4. To consider the concept of a surfaced path in Meadow Road recreation ground from Upper Queens Road to level crossing. Cllr Powell suggested that a path be created to the railway crossing by Leyhill working party. The Committee were not convinced about the timing of this but would consider material costs.
5. Discuss the provision of a water fountain - The Committee were advised of a request by a member of the public for a drinking fountain in the town centre. Whilst members were aware these were becoming popular it was felt there should be a proper

- investigation of the water source, maintenance issues, costs in another year's budget.
6. Discuss request for flying trapeze hire - The Committee discussed the proposal and agreed that the equipment would be quite intrusive and community activities should be encouraged rather than commercial ones. On this occasion it was proposed by Cllr Kambites that the application be refused, seconded by Cllr Curtis, all in favour.

### **K3/584 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**19 March 2018**

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

The Council will by resolution exclude the public from item K3/585 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and publicity of the item would be prejudicial to the public interest.

### **K3/585 LEASES**

1. Receive an update on the status of Lease renewals and agree action

The drawing now received for attachment to the Football Club lease.

Other leases awaiting return from tenants.

The Wessex Reserves had not been in touch in response to the Council's offer of a 7 year lease and the Clerk would chase up.

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