



STONEHOUSE **TOWN COUNCIL**

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

Present:

Becky Amor (Deputy Committee Convenor)

Deborah Curtis (Committee Convenor)

Neil Gibbs (Vice Chair of Council /Deputy Town Mayor)

Gary Powell

Theresa Watt (Chair of Council/Mayor)

Town Clerk/RFO

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

K3/663 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

K3/664 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

K3/665 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 October 2018

Proposed Cllr Powell, seconded Cllr Amor. The Minutes were approved

K3/666 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

K3/667 OLDENDS LANE DEVELOPMENT

- a. To discuss the outcome of the public consultation - the consultation had been well attended and results of the survey would be analysed in due course.
- b. To receive a report from the architect - the architect had expressed the view that without making alterations to the house designs to remove negative impact of the stadium lighting the application could still fail. The Committee were unwilling to spend money on new designs and requested the clerk to contact an electrical specialist to obtain a report on the stadium lighting.
- c. To agree a final Business Plan for submission to Stroud Planning Department - The Business Plan was agreed. Councillors commented that Stroud planners were asking rather more of the council than any other applicant.
- d. To receive survey reports (if available) - these were not yet ready.
- e. Following installation of a large portacabin on the stadium grounds the Football Club have made a request regarding utility charges and payment of their grant - The Committee agreed with the Clerk's suggestion that quarterly bills in arrears will be raised to the football club

in the first 12 months and that the grant will only be paid when there is settlement by the football club of their contractors invoice and the council's rent.

K3/668 FINANCE

1. To check Committee expenditure and receipts against budget September/October 2018
September expenditure £7775.22 income £1074.75 was agreed by unanimous vote

October expenditure £11545.24 income £422.50 was agreed by unanimous vote

2. Authorise expenditure to date of meeting

The payment list was not available

3. Review grasscutting contract

Cllr Powell proposed, Cllr Watt seconded that the contract remain with Hawkins for the next financial year at £19891.87 (an increase of 3%), this was agreed by unanimous vote.

4. To receive a report about tree work authorised at last meeting

The clerk reported that a tree surgeon had been engaged to pollard 3 trees at a fraction of the last quote considered.

5. Consider budget implications of future suggested projects i.e. replacement of crash barrier fencing at Laburnum, new planter boxes at Town Hall, fencing at the Rest Garden, new Christmas lights

The Committee considered these projects and agreed:

- to proceed with the new planter boxes at the Town Hall (this would be added to the Town Hall budget and part would be reclaimed from the library service if in occupation of the building)
- to proceed with an additional 2 light motifs
- to obtain costs for removal of the hedge and installation of a fence at the Rest Garden

6. Consider the draft budget and make adjustments as necessary

No further adjustment was made.

7. To be made aware of increase in demand for hall space

The Committee were pleased to learn that more use was being made of the meeting room, that it was considered too small for some exercise classes which were now taking place at the Town Hall.

K3/669 RECEIVE A REPORT ON PROPERTY MAINTENANCE and agree any actions

The Council noted the report and agreed that some actions should have proper authorisation from line management.

K3/670 NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT

To consider a report from the Recreation Working Group and agree recommendation to Town Council

The report was not yet complete and would be referred to Town Council for a decision.

K3/671 MATTERS PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION & DECISION

1. STAGHOLT -SITE ENTRANCE AND SECURITY

A site visit has taken place and costs will be obtained for new fencing and height barrier following sale completion. The long stop date of 30th November is approaching.

Noted. The clerk will try to work with the developer's contractor to obtain a quotation for the works.

2. COURT VIEW - COUNCIL'S SOLICITORS HAVE RECEIVED FEE PAYMENT FOR PROGRESSING TRANSFER - Conditions of transfer not yet met.

Noted.

3. ATHLETICS FIELD - AWAITING STROUD DC DECISION - Moratorium period

Noted with some disappointment.

4. VERNEY FIELDS - awaiting report from Working Group on creation of new footpath

To be actioned in the New Year.

K3/672 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7th January 2019
