



STONEHOUSE

TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting)
of a meeting of the AMENITIES and RECREATION COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 13th AUGUST
2018 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE**

Present:

Becky Amor (Deputy Committee Convenor)
Deborah Curtis (Committee Convenor)
Gary Powell
Theresa Watt (Chair of Council/Mayor)

Also Present: 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

K3/634 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Gibbs

K3/635 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

K3/636 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18th JUNE 2018

Cllr Powell proposed the minutes for acceptance, seconded by Cllr Amor, all in favour

K3/637 PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT

A maximum time limit of 15 minutes allocated for residents to raise comments (3 minutes each) on any item on this agenda

A representative of Stonehouse Town Football Club was present to explain current developments. The club has obtained sponsorship from Redrow Homes. The club will be improving the stands with additional hard standing and would like to install a 30' x 10' portacabin next to the main stand. This would provide a kitchen and physio unit. They would also want their existing container re-sited to adjoin the portacabin and plan to run the water and electricity supply from the pavilion. The use of the old changing rooms will cease on 26th August 2018.

Drawings of the intended stadium lighting were provided. It was difficult for all involved to understand the level of information required by Stroud District Council.

K3/638 PLAY EQUIPMENT

To receive a report from the Recreation Working Group and to approve tender documentation. Details of the tender documentation were approved with the exception of the area B which needed the addition of the new right of way which could not be built over.

K3/639 OLDENDS LANE DEVELOPMENT

a. To receive costs of further flood reports - these were not to hand.

- b. To receive and agree revised Business Plan - the draft was agreed but required further detail from external parties.
- c. To provide an update on consultation arrangements - Consultation had not taken place at the Horticultural Show. Cllr Watt offered to consult outside the Co-op and Recreation Working Group are to meet and discuss further consultation which might take the form of a questionnaire delivered to households.
- d. Progress on Lighting technical report - Football Club had noted they were given permission by the Committee to install lighting and could not provide any fresh information other than that with their planning application.
- e. Committee to consider and make recommendation to Council re: settlement boundary - The Committee agreed the proposed changes to the settlement boundary for the Local Plan review. **For Resolution.**
- f. Update from Stonehouse Football Club - The Committee raised no objection to the portacabin being located within the stadium grounds at the Club's own cost. The Clerk would inform the architect so that it can be incorporated in the next drawing. The Club wanted to run the water and power supply from the pavilion. **This would be put on the next Agenda for confirmation of arrangements. B/F**

K3/640 FINANCE

1. To check Committee expenditure and receipts against budget June 2018 - **Payments £10496.63 and receipts £262.50 were agreed.**
2. Authorise expenditure to date July 2018 - **Payments £4600.06 agreed.**
3. Agree improvements to the height barrier Oldends Lane £2975.00 – **The Committee agreed that the height barrier should be modified at £2975**
4. Review pitch hire fees and fixed fees - The Clerk was asked to draft some changes to the hire fees. **The Committee agreed to increase Stonehouse Football Club's fixed fee to £1700.**
5. Planter contract for 2019-20 - Cllr Powell investigating scheme of contract window boxes to reduce watering time.

K3/641 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Discuss last year's display and decide on any changes

The Committee identified a need to prune the High St. trees. Cllr Swain was asked to investigate solar lights for the trees and new motif lighting.

K3/642 RECEIVE A REPORT ON PROPERTY MAINTENANCE and agree any actions including the purchase of new equipment

The Committee noted the report and agreed that instructions should not be given to maintenance staff by councillors. Shrinkage of the grass matting was noted and it was recommended that this was revisited under different weather conditions and quotations to be obtained.

K3/643 ASSET ACQUISITION

1. Athletics Field – To consider a report on the diverted footpath and make a recommendation to the Town Council on the acquisition of the field - The Committee were disappointed that the Athletics Club were unwilling to have a meeting. The Clerk to write to the parties concerned and request that they consider a different throwing area and revisit the practicality of a fence. Network Rail to be asked to surface the intended footpath. It was agreed that the Council should proceed with purchase of the land without further delay. **For Resolution.**
2. Verney Fields - Appoint a working group to carry out survey work on a new footpath and registration as a Village Green
Cllr Watt and Cllr Curtis offered to carry out the necessary research and to bring a report back to the Committee.

K3/644 STONEHOUSE ALLOTMENTS

To receive further information on the proposal of a compost toilet

It had been explained that the toilet would be sited between plot 49 and sheds 1-6.

Grant funding has been applied for. The Committee agreed to the proposal by unanimous vote.

K3/645 ST CYRS CHURCH GROUNDS

Update on investigation - Following a request by the church for the council to assist in maintaining the land the clerk advised the Council that following investigation of the legal framework and procedure followed the matter of the new burial ground was found to be illegal. No transfer document was evident in either the Council's, solicitor's, Church, or Land Registry files. The transfer of land to the Church for nil consideration would have been illegal in any case. It appears the Church merely made a first registration of the land in 1996. The funds given to the Church by Stroud District Council for the purchase of the land were never exchanged. Time had elapsed for a legal remedy but the Clerk was requested to write to the Church and suggest that they put the matter right.

K3/646 DOG WASTE - Renard Rise

Committee to discuss resident request for the installation of a dog waste bin

The Committee considered the request and agreed that this was the responsibility of Stroud District Council.

K3/647 DISTRICT INITIATIVES

Consider whether the parish is included in sports initiatives to a lesser extent and how to address this

The Committee agreed to seek a meeting with Stroud District Council as it was felt too much emphasis was placed on Stratford Park and facilities at Dursley.

K3/648 STAGHOLT - VARIATION OF CONTRACT and TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO SITE ENTRANCE AND SECURITY

Clerk to give a verbal report and arrange a site visit - The Clerk advised that during the site development it would be necessary for the council to make the field more secure and to improve the track access. Cllr Powell and Clerk to meet with the maintenance team to discuss.

K3/649 LEASES

1. Receive an update on the status of Lease renewals

Wessex Cadets lease - delay due to their request for L & T protection.

Stonehouse Community Association - delay due to poor communication between solicitors

K3/650 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

1st October 2018
