



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

**MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting)  
Of a meeting of the AMENITIES and RECREATION COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
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)

Also Present: Committee Clerk

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*Attendees were 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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**K3/615 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Cllr Watt presided until item K3/618. No apologies were received.

**K3/616 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**K3/617 TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE CONVENOR**

Cllr Curtis was proposed as Committee Convenor by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Watt. All in favour.

**K3/618 TO APPOINT A DEPUTY COMMITTEE CONVENOR**

Cllr Amor was proposed as Deputy Committee Convenor by Cllr. Powell, seconded by Cllr Curtis. All in favour.

**K3/619 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

The Minutes were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Gibbs, all in Favour.

**K3/620 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.

**K3/621 COURT VIEW**

Consider whether the Committee recommends proceeding with the Transfer of ownership of the newt pond area and public spaces with or without an updated ecology report?

The Committee recommends that Stonehouse Town Council only proceed with the transfer of ownership of the newt pond area and public spaces when all existing conditions are met,

including an updated ecology report, all tree works are done and clarification provided on the extent of land to be adopted and any relevant Highways adoption. Proposed by Cllr Watt, seconded by Cllr. Powell. All in favour.

### **K3/622 PLAY EQUIPMENT**

a. To receive a report from the Recreation Working Group and Committee to give directions as to next steps

Cllr. Gibbs reported from the meeting of the Recreation Working Group at Oldends Lane on 24 May 2018. Notes of that meeting and a report from the Committee Clerk of 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were circulated before the meeting.

**The Committee directs the Recreation Working Group:**

- to agree a list of equipment and work to a maximum budget figure of £45-50,000 so an invitation to tender can be drawn up.
- to agree which items will be removed and to check if any items should be stored.

Proposed by Cllr Watt, seconded by Cllr Powell. All in favour.

### **K3/623 OLDENDS LANE DEVELOPMENT**

a. Discuss resubmission of the planning application and interim actions required  
The Committee approved the interim actions outlined in the Clerk's report including a consultation event at Oldends Lane, no earlier than September, regarding proposals for community hall and housing, to be organised by the Recreation Working Group. Once results of consultation are known, decision to be made on whether to resubmit the planning application.

b. Consider whether to withhold permission for lighting the football stadium  
The Committee agreed to continue to grant permission for lighting the stadium and to work with Stonehouse Football Club to obtain the technical report required.

c. Discuss assistance to community groups in the promotion of their activities and membership, and renewal of their facilities  
Community groups are encouraged to promote their activities in Stonehouse News and the Town Council's website and to apply for Town Council grants if they wish.

### **K3/624 FINANCE**

1. To check Committee expenditure and receipts against budget May 2018  
Expenditure £11,603.63 and Receipts £4336.22 were agreed as correct

2. Authorise expenditure to date June 2018

Payments to date in June were agreed at £5,963.01.

3. Consider quotations for graffiti removal

It was agreed to accept the quotation of £335 for removal of graffiti at Oldends Lane skate park. Proposed Cllr Watt, seconded Cllr Powell. All in favour.

4. Consider quotations for improvements to the height barrier Oldends Lane

Quotations are still being sought by Maintenance Manager.

### **K3/625 RECEIVE A REPORT ON PROPERTY MAINTENANCE and agree any actions including the purchase of new equipment**

Further to the report received from the Maintenance Manager, he was requested to:

- Arrange for more regular emptying of septic tank.
- Carry out work or seek quotes for outstanding items identified in ROSPA report, bearing in mind that Oldends Lane play park due for refurbishment in 2018/19.
- Investigate costs of a Zero ride on mower.

The purchase of a small fridge for the compound was approved by the Committee.

The Grounds Team were thanked for their hard work for Stonehouse in Bloom.

### **K3/626 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 had reservations about the type of fencing recommended for sections D to E of the proposed footpath as it would not provide the protection required and suggested it might be better not to have a fence but to ask the Athletics Club to take account of this in their safety procedures.

The Committee recommended that point C of the proposed footpath ends at the current gate to the Oldends Lane recreation ground rather than a new gate which would be on a blind corner.

2. Verney Fields - To consider the work involved in researching and progressing this item and to make a recommendation to Town Council

Recommendation: That a working group including a member of staff is set up to look into options for Verney fields including a footpath modification order and registration of the land as a Town Green.

### **K3/627 STONEHOUSE ALLOTMENTS**

The request for further information regarding the compost toilet is outstanding for response.

Cllr Gibbs reported that the Allotment Management Committee were looking into alternative construction methods for a compost toilet, for example, metal cladding.

### **K3/628 STONEHOUSE TOWN F.C.**

The request for action by Stonehouse FC in installing their own metered water supply outstanding for response, and the Committee are to authorise the boarding up of the old changing rooms

The Committee recommend that Stonehouse Town F.C. take their water supply from the Town Council's compound but it must be metered and they must pay for it; the meter must be in the Town Council's workshop.

The Committee authorised the boarding up of the old changing rooms so long as the lease has ended. Proposed Cllr Watt, seconded Cllr Powell. All in favour.

### **K3/629 POTENTIAL BOGUS INSURANCE CLAIM**

Committee to note receipt of a potential bogus claim

The information provided regarding this potential bogus claim was noted.

### **K3/630 ST CYRS CHURCH GROUNDS**

Committee to note legal position and NALC's advice

The information and copies of correspondence provided were noted.

### **K3/631 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

30 July 2018

### **K3/632 LEASES**

1. Receive an update on the status of Lease renewals

Wessex Cadets lease is proceeding.

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