



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

**MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting)**

**Of a meeting of the AMENITIES and RECREATION COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2017 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.**

**Present:**

Becky Amor  
Deborah Curtis  
Neil Gibbs (Committee Convenor)  
Gary Powell (Deputy Committee Convenor)  
Carol Kambites

**Also Present:**

Town Clerk Gill Jennings, Tim Williams (Stonehouse Football Club)

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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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**K3/531 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Watt (illness)

**K3/532 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

**K3/533 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> AUG 2017**

The Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> August were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Curtis, all in favour.

**K3/534 PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT**

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

Tim Williams is now managing Stonehouse Football Club. He advised that SFC quite prepared to have their container moved to accommodate new development but this needs discussion with the Council as they would not be able to meet the costs of relocating it. Dale Vince of Forest Green Rovers has indicated that women's teams might make use of Oldends Lane facilities when the club moves and there could be advantages in sharing facilities. A safe walkway needs to be maintained to the ground.

### **K3/535 NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT**

- a. Receive a report on installation of play equipment at Laburnum - The Committee were advised of the problems with installation and supply which meant that work was ongoing. **In future Officers of the Council, not Councillors, are to deal with quotations and contracts at the outset. The Clerk suggested making a retention from the payment until safety matting is satisfactory. Committee agreed.**
- b. To receive a report from the Recreation Working Group - The Committee considered the report of the 25<sup>th</sup> August. The Group currently exploring other parks and structuring public consultation. They estimate expenditure might reach £50,000 and would need Grant funding. **The Committee agreed that Oldends Lane would be the location of the next project but costs would need further consideration and the receipt of S106 should not be jeopardised.**

### **K3/536 NETWORK RAIL - PROPOSED WORKS AT OLDENDS LANE**

Road closure notice issued - awaiting commencement date

Works may be due to commence at the end of October as GCC have issued a road closure notice for the 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Clerk to monitor. Councillors to ensure that there is no clash with WPD works.

### **K3/537 GATED ACCESS - ALLOTMENTS**

To note a complaint about the gate and consider whether expenditure necessary

Councillors agreed replacement of the gate not required but a new fence panel and post could be installed.

### **K3/538 FINANCE**

1. To check Committee expenditure and receipts for August against budget  
Expenditure £9454.14 and Receipts £262.50 were agreed as correct

### **K3/539 ATHLETICS FIELD**

Report of a meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> September - Cllr Gibbs, Cllr Swain and the Clerk had attended a meeting with GCC who had agreed to a joint meeting with the Club to progress a proposal.

### **K3/540 STAGHOLT PAVILION**

To receive a report regarding reclamation of contents - Quotations for clearance work had been obtained at £700 and £1900. The problem was finding a recipient for the cleared items.

**Rather than incur the expense the Committee agreed that smaller items be removed by staff for storage in the workshop.**

### **K3/541 VERNEY FIELDS**

To receive a report from the Clerk

The planned visit by the footpaths officer has been postponed until vegetation dies back. Two further attempts have been made to make an offer to the landowner, without response from his agents.

### **K3/542 DOVEROW WOODS - ANNUAL REPORT**

To Receive the Annual Report

The Committee accepted the Annual Report. Councillors are keen to see the removal/repair of the old benches and further woodland clearance. Cllr Curtis will arrange to meet up with Cllr Watt and draw up an action plan.

### **K3/543 OLDENDS LANE & OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

- A. Update on architects fees and adjusted project timeline - The Committee noted the balance due and adjusted project timeline.
- B. To review charges to Stonehouse Football Club for hire of the pavilion - **The Committee agreed to make a 2% increase from 1<sup>st</sup> September.**
- C. Review of hire charges in general - **The Committee agreed to make a 2% increase.**
- D. Damage to height barrier - The Committee were advised that a refrigerated van had been seen running into the height barrier. CCTV footage given to police. Replacement would cost £2625 and an insurance claim being explored. Football Clubs asked to co-operate in finding the culprit.

### **K3/544 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 (draft budget)

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

The Council will by resolution exclude the public from item K3/545 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and publicity of the item would be prejudicial to the public interest.

### **K3/545 LEASES**

1. To agree instructions to surveyor - **The Committee agreed the costs of making a survey of the football stadium £350 and Stonehouse Community Centre £450 (with disbursements)**
  2. To receive a letter from Wessex Reserve e: Lease - **The Committee considered the request and agreed the Clerk's recommendations of a 7 year term, 3 yearly review, 1954 Act protection excluded.**
  3. To agree a draft of the Lease to Magpies - **The Committee agreed the terms of the new Lease for another 7 years with a clause for release of the occupied land upon provision of an alternative building.**
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