



STONEHOUSE

TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting)
Of a meeting of the AMENITIES and RECREATION COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2018 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.

Present:

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

Also Present: Town Clerk

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

K3/560 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

K3/561 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

K3/562 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 NOV 2017

The Minutes were approved as a correct record.

K3/563 PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT

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

Leigh Binns representing Stonehouse Scouts requested support for a St Georges Day Parade which would take place on the 23rd April. The Committee expressed their support for such an event. Cllr Powell offered to make enquiries into the road closure requirements.

K3/564 NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT

a. To receive a report from the Recreation Working Group
Cllr Gibbs reported that a questionnaire would be sent out to the schools and other organisations regarding play equipment choices. The responses would be analysed in February.

K3/565 OLDENDS LANE PLANNING APPLICATION

1. Discuss outcome of planning application and make a recommendation to Town Council
The Clerk reported that the planning officer seemed likely to reject the application but a request had been made for a committee decision. **The Committee agreed that this was the best course of action and that the Town Council should be prepared to follow through to appeal if necessary. For Resolution**

K3/566 FINANCE

1. To check Committee expenditure and receipts for November/December against budget
November payments £34609.54 and receipts £26841.50 were agreed as correct.

December payments £5148.15 and receipts £287.50 were agreed as correct.

2. Revisit likely costs of Oldends Redevelopment and agree any actions
The Committee agreed that the costs of redevelopment might be increased by £48000 if highways improvements/planning appeal proved necessary. Necessary provision would be required in earmarked reserves depending on the outcome of the planning application.

3. Consider whether any changes are necessary to the draft budget for 2018-19
The Committee considered the reduced budget. In light of the need for new play equipment and to cover other increases **it was agreed unanimously to set the Committee budget at £129000. The RFO was asked to move funds between headings to achieve this.**

4. Authorise any payments due - there was no payment schedule

5. Consider quotations for grasscutting contract 2018-19 (£19312/£23877)

The Committee agreed to place the contract at £19312

K3/567 RECEIVE A REPORT ON PROPERTY MAINTENANCE and agree any actions

The Committee received the report and noted the work carried out to date.

K3/568 RECEIVE A REPORT ON HIGH STREET TREES AND CONSIDER REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH COSTS FROM GCC

Replacement of trees at the front of the Globe Inn with 2 x Hop Hornbeams at £500. 50% contribution requested

The Council agreed a £250 contribution.

K3/569 ATHLETICS FIELD

1. Receive Valuation Report and agree a recommendation to the Town Council
The report was not available.

2. Receive a bridge design and agree terms with Network Rail
The Committee agreed the design and terms. A formal contract will follow.

K3/570 OLDENDS LANE RECREATION

1. Consider request to provide refreshments to Junior Football & request for lock-up
The Committee agreed an extension to the refreshment arrangements but had no suggestions for a lock up.

2. Update from Junior Parkrun
The Committee noted that Junior Parkrun hope to commence in March 2018. F & S Committee to consider welfare arrangements.

K3/571 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12 February 2017

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

The Council will by resolution exclude the public from item K3/572 & 573 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and publicity of the item would be prejudicial to the public interest.

K3/572 LEASES

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

Draft leases received by the clerk were being checked. Magpies want to change their organisation name to Stonehouse Social Club and have been asked to provide a constitution document. There was reluctance on their part to sign the new lease and terms. **The Committee agreed that the situation would not be allowed to drift and they would review the situation at the February meeting. The Committee agreed that the Football Club would not be allowed access to the old changing rooms at the end of the current lease.**

K3/573 SALE OF STAGHOLT

1. Update on progress

The Committee approved the exchange of contracts.
