



# Stonehouse Town Council

**MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting)  
OF A MEETING OF THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON  
MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET,  
STONEHOUSE**

**Present:**

**Councillors Rob Waite (Deputy Convenor of Committee)  
Chris Brine (Chairman of Town Council)  
David Drew  
Carol Kambites**

**Also Present:**

**Liz Lawrence – Deputy Town Clerk**

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**K2/88 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Simon Lewis and Clare Sheridan.

**K2/89 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Chris Brine wished to declare a possible interest in Agenda item K2/97.

**K2/90 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY  
2014**

Following consideration, the Minutes were approved as a correct record.

**K2/91 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**K2/92 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

To receive a report from the Working Group.

As a member of the Working Group Councillor Rob Waite gave brief updates on their current progress:

- Further meeting held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2014
- The initial processes required to formalise the Working Group have now been completed.
- It has been agreed to not now include a survey questionnaire in the next edition of the Stonehouse News, however, it is planned to produce further awareness through an information article.
- There has been a good response to the on-line survey.
- It is proposed to hold a drop-in consultation/workshop on 26<sup>th</sup> April in conjunction with another town event.
- A further funding application is in the process of being completed.
- A short list of applicants for the Administrator's vacancy has been agreed and interviews will be held within the next few days.
- More involvement by local residents needs to be encouraged.

Full details of the meeting will be circulated with the full Town Council Agenda.

## **K2/93 EMERGENCY PLAN**

Pending further information.

**Following discussion it was agreed that Councillor Rob Waite should liaise directly with the appropriate Officer at Stroud District Council to ascertain their Emergency Plan equipment.**

## **K2/94 PRE-APPLICATION COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROTOCOL**

To consider the pre-application protocol proposed by Stroud District Council and to make recommendations to Town Council regarding adoption and to agree the details in the addendum.

**Members present agreed that the document is very complex and felt that there is a lot of detail that needs to be considered. Therefore the Committee Recommendation is that the Town Council do not sign the pre-application protocol at this stage but the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group should be asked to look at the document and comment accordingly.**

**It was agreed that this item should be included on forthcoming Committee Agendas for on-going consideration.**

## **K2/95 TRANSPORT MATTERS**

1. **Glos County Council have advised that work will be carried out to the High Street channel blocks on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March. A tow-away order may be imposed to remove vehicles during this work.**

**This information was noted.**

2. **Glos County Council are considering replacement or refurbishment of 3 bus shelters in the High Street. Pending a decision by GCC**

**This information was noted.**

3. **First Great Western have failed to respond to 3 letters of complaint about standards at Stonehouse station. Awaiting a response from Passenger Focus.**

**This information was noted but concern expressed about the continued lack of appropriate station facilities. Following discussion it was agreed that as a member of the Adopt-a-Station Group Councillor Carol Kambites should liaise directly with the Station Manager to continue encouraging a more positive course of action.**

4. **Bristol Road Station – A meeting has been requested with Stroud District Council/Network Rail to further discussions about the re-opening.**

**This information was noted.**

## **K2/96 ENERGY PROJECTS**

Committee to discuss energy project proposals for 2014-15.

**During discussion it was noted that with the proposals being considered for the Oldend Lane site renewable energy will certainly be taken into account. It was suggested that the Town Council should consider a Policy based on having renewable energy on any new build within Town Council ownership.**

**Members present agreed to support, in principle, investigating renewable energy schemes following an assessment of the financial benefits that have been gained from the solar panel installation on the Town Hall.**

## **K2/97 LORRY WATCH**

To consider advice and agree a way forward.

**Members present considered the information circulated with the Agenda and also the suggestion put forward by the Town Clerk on the availability of surveillance equipment that could possibly be used to assist with monitoring heavy good vehicles.**

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**K2/97 Lorry Watch** (continued)

It was agreed that an indication of costs should be obtained and an invitation extended to both Haresfield and Standish Parish Councils to join a demonstration of the equipment.

**K2/98 PLANNING RESULTS**

(For Members' information – the letter in brackets are an indication of the Town Council observation. N.O. = No Observations / OBJ = Object / SUPP = Support / DNO or Supp = Do Not Object or Support)

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| <b>13/2244/FUL</b>   | <b>Grove Farm, Browns Lane</b><br>Change of Use of stone outbuilding to form one dwelling associated with continued use of land and buildings as vineyard.<br><b>PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED</b>  | <b>(N.O.)</b> |
| <b>13/2539/TPO</b>   | <b>28 Bramble Lane</b><br>Tree Preservation Order – crown lift, thin and 20% crown reduction applied for due to excessive shading of applicant and neighbouring gardens. Crown lift required as low branches are starting to damage surrounding fences. Tree also requires dead-wooding works throughout.<br><b>PERMISSION GRANTED</b>  | <b>(SUPP)</b> |
| <b>13/2592/HHOLD</b> | <b>Sunnybank, Woodcock Lane</b><br>Erection of two single storey extensions and decked area.<br><b>PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED</b>  | <b>(N.O.)</b> |
| <b>13/2767/TCA</b>   | <b>Stroudwater Canal, Ryeford Road North</b><br>The trees to be worked have become very tall and in danger of falling over the towpath and adjacent buildings. The tree roots are being undermined and eroding. The ground under the towpath is threatening the canal. The trees to be worked on are Alder, Crack Willow and one Ash tree. Two Alders are dead and will be removed. The Alders will be re-coppiced. The Willows will be pollarded back to the original pollard bole.<br><b>PERMISSION GRANTED</b> | <b>(SUPP)</b> |
| <b>13/2745/FUL</b>   | <b>Land adjoining The Orchard, Bristol Road</b><br>Erection of detached dwelling.<br><b>PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED</b>   | <b>(N.O.)</b> |

**K2/99 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014**

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