



Stonehouse Town Council

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting)
of A MEETING OF THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON
MONDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2016 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET,
STONEHOUSE

Present:

Councillors: Vicky Redding (Deputy Convenor)
Theresa Watt (Chair of Council/Mayor)
Pam Swain (Deputy Chair of Council/Deputy Mayor)
Committee Clerk: Rachel Russell

Also present: Cllrs. Gwen Atkinson, Neil Gibbs and Gary Powell, Two members of the public, Saul Cooke-Black, Stroud News and Journal.

Attendees are reminded that the Proceedings of this meeting may be filmed, photographed or recorded.

K2/284 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Coombs and Kambites

K2/285 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

K2/286 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 JANUARY 2016

The Minutes were approved as a true record.

K2/287 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no call for an adjournment.

K2/288 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

1. The Town Council has received two complaints made by residents of Oldends Road regarding speeding and suggestions for a 20 mph speed limit and zebra crossing have been made. George Lloyd, Police Community Support Officer has provided the results of some speed surveillance work done at Oldends Lane. Average speeds were 26mph towards the level crossing and 28mph towards Gloucester Road, with excessive speeding at some times. The Town Council will contact Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) Highways and County Councillor Lesley Williams supporting the extension of a 20mph speed limit along Oldends Lane and the provision of a safe crossing there.
2. High Street: parking outside Co-op Funeral Care to be permitted as happens in practice. (Note: this was agreed at the Regeneration and Environment Committee meeting of 2 November 2015 and GCC Highways informed of the decision.) Rosedale Avenue: photographs taken over 5 days show no excessive parking by commuters.

Views can still be submitted by the public to GCC Highways regarding parking issues.

Cllr. Swain raised the issue of damage caused by buses mounting the verge near the Town Green; the Committee Clerk advised that the Town Clerk has recently contacted GCC Highways regarding finding a solution to this problem.

K2/288 Highways Issues

3. Action has been taken to clear drains at the Horsetrough Roundabout which so far seems to have prevented flooding reoccurring. Town Council to monitor condition of footpath near the roundabout as this has been severely flooded.
4. A High Street business owner had requested that Stroud District Council should allow one hour's free parking in the town centre car park. The Committee Clerk advised that parking in Nailsworth and Minchinhampton is free; the charges in Painswick are the same as Stonehouse.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Stroud District Council asking that parking charges in Stonehouse's car park are removed in line with other market towns in the District.

For consideration by the full Town Council: That a petition of High Street businesses requesting free parking in Stonehouse is co-ordinated by the Town Council.

K2/289 MEETING WITH NEIL CARMICHAEL MP REGARDING BRISTOL ROAD STATION

Cllr. Watt has been invited to this meeting of a range of partners on 7th April. Cllr. Kambites to be asked if she would also like to attend. Cllr. Watt to ask for invite list to check that Local Economic Partnership have been invited.

K2/290 STATION LINK PATH GRANT APPLICATION TO GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY (GWR)

Cllr. Watt and Rachel Russell met with Andrew Middlecote of GCC Highways on 5th February. Further details on costs and timings have been sent to GWR who are due to send a contract for the £6,000 grant awarded. An application to GCC Highways Communities Fund for £3,000 has been made. The work should be carried out over the summer.

K2/291 INFORMATION FOR STATION USERS ON PUBLIC CAR PARK

A draft poster has been prepared by the Committee Clerk. Poster to include arrow/directions showing road access to car park. Cllr. Watt to discuss displaying poster at station with GWR Station Manager at In Bloom meeting 23rd February.

K2/292 NETWORK RAIL'S OPTIONS FOR GLOBE INN LEVEL CROSSING

Cllr. Powell, attending as a member of the public, was invited to report on the meeting with Network Rail of 11 February 2016. Of the four options being considered for the Globe Inn Level Crossing, closure with diversion, lights and warning bell, footbridge and underpass, the latter came out as the best solution when considered against a number of criteria including cost and utility to the public. It is not known when a final decision regarding changes to the crossing will take place.

There were a range of different interest groups at the meeting which also covered proposals for the Gannicox Level Crossing in Stroud. Stroud District Council were invited but not Stroud Town Council. The Committee Clerk informed Stroud's Town Clerk that the meeting had taken place.

Network Rail were asked for and have provided a contact for pursuing enquiries regarding building a footbridge at the Oldends Lane Level Crossing, particularly as this will be the main pedestrian link between Stonehouse and West of Stonehouse. The Committee Clerk to return a Development Questionnaire sent by Network Rail.

K2/293 STREET AUDIT

Progress made on the audit of bus shelters was noted; three of the seven shelters which are the Town Council's responsibility have not yet been inspected. An audit of street furniture and playground equipment has been done and reported to the Amenities, Recreation and Tourism Committee.

K2/294 GRANT APPLICATION REGARDING DOVEROW WOODS

An application to Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust's My Wild Space Fund has been made regarding Doverow Woods for tree safety works, benches and viewpoints.

K2/295 GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN CONSULTATION

Cllr. Kambites responded on behalf of the Town Council after consulting with other Committee members by e-mail.

K2/296 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

1. Minutes of Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan Group (SNPG) meetings of 21st January 2016 and 4th February 2016 were circulated with the agenda. Cllr. Redding gave a verbal report; SNPG are still aiming to have a draft report ready for the Town Council meeting on 21st March and there is a lot of work to do including finalising draft policies, preparing evidence and completing a Town Character Assessment.

2. **Local Green Space designation:** The Committee supports the inclusion of the following areas as Local Green Space in the draft Neighbourhood Plan:

- Town Greens, High Street
- Verney Field.
- Midland Road and Severn Road Greens, Park Estate, subject to the possibility that some of these Greens could be used to provide social housing.

K2/297 COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE

There has been £212.02 (cost of October 2015 Neighbourhood Plan Emerging Policies Consultation Event) spent from Neighbourhood Plan budget. Stuart Todd Planning Consultancy have sent an invoice related to their current work on policy development which will be paid using the recent Locality grant.

Other spending is on the Committee Clerk's wages as Neighbourhood Plan Administrator.

K2/298 PLANNING RESULTS (RECEIVED FROM STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL)

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

15/2313	79, Regent Street, Stonehouse Erection of a new dwelling REFUSAL	(OBJ)
15/2559/FUL	Land Off, Ebley Road, Stonehouse. Proposed development of two dwellings. REFUSAL	(COMMENT)
15/2566/FUL	The Warehouse, Upper Mills Trading Estate, Bristol Road, Stonehouse. Remove existing roof panels and replace with "Kingspan" double insulated roof panels plus skylights (blocks 21, 24 and 25) CONSENT	(N.O)

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K2/298 Planning Results (Continued)

15/2657/HHOLD	Tree Tops, Ebley Road Replace existing porch with new, comprising hall and accessible toilet/shower CONSENT (N.O)
15/2741/HHOLD	Brookfield, Downton Road, Bridgend, Stonehouse Two storey side and single storey rear extension. CONSENT Decision made before DCP.
15/2437/FUL	Stonehouse Court Hotel, Bristol Road, Stonehouse New entrance canopy, new glazed doors and new terrace CONSENT (COMMENT)
15/2610/FUL	Site For Training Area At Wycliffe College, Bath Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. Synthetic training area measuring 30 x 18m with 3m fencing and access path. CONSENT (N.O)
15/2688	8 Rosedale Avenue, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire Retrospective application for the erection of a conservatory CONSENT (N.O)
15/2709/COU	Unit 9B, Ryeford Industrial Estate, Ryeford, Stonehouse Change of use from B8 storage and distribution to B2 general industrial. CONSENT (N.O)
15/2863/HHOLD	39, Ryelands Road, Stonehouse Proposed two storey and single storey extensions with alterations to existing roof area. CONSENT (N.O)
15/2844/HHOLD	39 Ebley Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2LW. Two dormer windows to front elevation, two storey rear extension, relocation of porch and raised decking area to the rear. CONSENT (N.O)
16/0050/TCA	Stonehouse Park, Sperry Way, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. Group of Willows - Re-pollard at previous pollard points CONSENT (N.O)

K2/299 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

4th April 2016

Street Audit, County Council Parking Review.
