



**MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) OF A MEETING OF THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 24 JULY 2017 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Tim Jackson (Convenor)  
Ray Clegg (Deputy Convenor)  
Gwen Atkinson  
Carol Kambites (Deputy Chair of Council/Deputy Mayor)  
Theresa Watt (Chair/Mayor)

**Committee Clerk:** Rachel Russell

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**K2/500 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received.

**K2/501 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**K2/502 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 JUNE 2017**

The minutes were approved as a true record.

**K2/503 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no call for an adjournment

**K2/504 HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

**1. Traffic working group**

To receive a report from Traffic working group on their meeting of 10 July 2017 and to consider the following recommendations:

**Oldends Lane:**

- a) That a scheme to provide a basic zebra crossing across Oldends Lane near to Midland Road with “Children crossing” signs should be a priority road safety project for the Town Council to pursue with Gloucestershire County Council.

**It was agreed that the Town Council should lobby GCC to provide a basic zebra crossing at Oldends Lane as a priority road safety project for the town.**

- b) That the Town Council consider what funding they may be able to contribute to this project.

The Committee Clerk reported that Dan Tiffney, GCC’s Local Highways Manager had advised that a zebra crossing could cost around £30-40,000 and that following the recent survey of pedestrians at Oldends Lane he will be priority assessing a scheme to do a feasibility study to cost and design installing a zebra crossing at this location. He has asked if the Town Council may contribute to the cost.

**Resolution for Town Council: That a contribution to the cost of a zebra crossing at Oldends Lane is considered when agreeing the Town Council’s budget for 2018/19.**

- c) That an application to the PCC Commissioners Fund for a crossing risks causing further delay.

**It was agreed that the Committee would consider making an application to the PCC Commissioners Fund for funding for the zebra crossing.**

#### **Portable Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS)**

- d) That the Committee request that the Town Council consider funding a portable VAS either from Town Council reserves or from a Committee budget.

**It was agreed that the Committee would not make a request to the Town Council to consider funding a portable VAS as permission from GCC Highways is required before putting up a VAS and no position for a VAS has been agreed.**

The Committee recommended that the Traffic Working Group visit Stroud Town Council to find out more about their successful application for a VAS.

#### **2. Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) Parking Review:**

- a) To note response from GCC to request to adjust signage to the town centre car park and request for parking bay outside Wynn's and agree further action.

The Committee Clerk reported that GCC's Parking Team had responded on 13 June stating that they would not make any adjustments to the signs to the town centre car park and that the expense of providing a parking bay outside Wynn's café was not justified.

**It was agreed to continue to lobby GCC Parking to make the car park signage clearer.**

- b) To note request received from resident for response from GCC to petition regarding parking at Burdett Close submitted December 2016.

The Committee Clerk reported that she had forwarded a request from a resident of Burdett Close for a response to a resident's parking petition of December 2016 to GCC Parking and that she had already chased a response several times.

#### **3. Local Highways budget**

To consider possible items to be covered by this budget, including bus shelters, to put before County Councillor Williams.

It was agreed to ask County Councillor Williams to consider funding or contributing to a new bus shelter on the Ebley Road and the possible zebra crossing at Oldends Lane.

#### **4. GCC Highways Parish and Town Council survey**

To consider a response.

Councillors commented that Amey's response varies depending on the individual providing the response. Some work is carried out very slowly such as the repairs to the Shared Space. The Committee Clerk will complete and return the survey.

#### **K2/505 THE COMMISSIONER'S FUND COMMUNITY FUND**

To note the progress of an application made to this Fund.

The Committee Clerk reported that she had contacted the Commissioner's Fund administrator recently but no further progress had been made on processing the Town Council's application.

#### **K2/506 PROPOSAL BY WESTERN POWER TO RUN AN ELECTRICITY CABLE THROUGH STONEHOUSE TO JAVELIN PARK INCINERATOR**

To note any further information received and agree further actions needed.

Cllr. Kambites reported from a meeting with GCC staff, other Town Councillors and the Town Clerk at which GCC had asked if the Town Council could indicate if they would give an agreement to the cable being routed through Laburnum Field. An Extraordinary meeting has been called to consider this request. Urbaser Balfour Beatty (UBB) are carrying out a detailed study comparing the High Street route with one including Laburnum Field and Oldends Lane.

Cllr. Jackson reported back from a Community Liaison Group meeting where it was reported that a decision on the route would be taken by GCC on a cost basis. The proposed colours of the incinerator building have been modified. The Chair of the Group will be writing to GCC to ask where waste for the incinerator will come from as Stroud District Council's success at recycling means there is unlikely to be enough waste locally.

#### **K2/507 BRISTOL ROAD STATION FEASIBILITY STUDY**

To receive a report on progress towards a feasibility study.

Cllr. Watts reported that the results of a timetabling study following on from the best value analysis are still awaited.

#### **K2/508 STATION LINK PATH PROJECT**

To report on progress on work to improve accessibility of gate at Queens Road end of path.

The Committee Clerk reported that the contractor has confirmed he will be able to start work within the next 8 weeks.

#### **K2/509 LIASON RE PLATFORM EXTENSION WORK BURDETT ROAD STATION**

To report information received from Network Rail.

The Committee Clerk reported that she received an e-mail from the Scheme Project Manager, Andrew Bailey advising that the platforms would now only be extended in one direction and the work was likely to start December 2017 and be completed May 2018. A new planning application for the revised work has been recently submitted. The Committee Clerk to contact Andrew Bailey to request that the Town Council is kept informed of project progress and its likely impact on services and facilities at the station, by means of a meeting if necessary.

#### **K2/510 GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY'S CUSTOMER AND COMMUNITIES IMPROVEMENT FUND**

To consider an application to this fund.

The Committee Clerk and Cllrs. Kambites and Watts to meet to work on an application based on promoting links with the Cotswold Canal, the Cotswold Way and the town centre, promoting the history of the station in partnership with the History Group and providing facilities such as additional bins.

#### **K2/511 BUS SHELTERS**

1. To report on transfer of responsibility to the Town Council of six bus shelters on High Street and Gloucester Road.

The Committee Clerk reported that she had asked Jonathan Roberts of GCC about transfer of ownership but had not had any response.

Cllr. Kambites asked that washing bus shelters is included in the Town Council's Groundsmens' schedule.

2. To report progress on repairs to bus stop, Foxes Field, Ebley Road

The Committee Clerk reported that she has not been able to find out who owns this bus stop. Cainscross Parish Council have not yet responded to a query. Committee Clerk to check further the original planning application to see if it might still be owned by the developer.

#### **K2/512 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL CAR PARK**

1. To consider a request received from a resident for a section of long stay parking in the car park.

**Resolution for Town Council: That Stroud District Council is asked to provide a long stay parking area in the town centre car park.**

2. To consider provision of a board in the car park advertising local businesses.

Cllr. Atkinson advised that one shop owner was attracting customers from Gloucester because of the cheap easy parking in the town park and that there might be an opportunity to promote traders on the High Street and other areas with an information board in the car park. Councillors agreed that efforts should be made to promote Stonehouse businesses but thought

needed to be given to the method as it is hard to keep this information up to date. Cllr. Atkinson to provide some examples of possible ways of displaying information.

### **K2/513 PLANNING LOCAL**

To consider joining Planning Local, a Membership website that provides advice and support to Local Councils about planning issues, at a cost of £100 per year.

It was agreed that it was not necessary to join this website at present as information on planning is already available from a range of sources.

### **K2/514 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

To receive minutes and a progress report.

There were no new minutes to circulate. The Committee Clerk reported that the submission draft had been sent to the examiner but no report has been received yet.

### **K2/515 COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE**

1. To check current balances against budget.

Current expenditure of £4,548.91 from the Committee's budget was approved.

2. To agree any payments due to date.

There were no payments due.

### **K2/516 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)

**Street Trading Consent application: Road outside of Ryder Transport, Stonedale Road Stonehouse**  
Hot food, kebabs, burgers, chips.

**COMMENT**

**CONSENT**

**17/0834/FUL**

**23A Cotswold Green, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2ES.**

Change of use only change the use of the annex to an "independent dwelling"

**(N.O)**

**CONSENT**

**17/0941/TCA**

**West Wing, Bridgend House, Downton Road, Bridgend.**

Trees in a Conservation Area; work to 14 trees including removal of 9 trees.

**(N.O)**

**CONSENT**

**17/0889/HHOLD**

**19 Bristol Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2BQ.**

Proposed extension to rear of the property and small extensions to rear and front of garage.

**(N.O)**

**CONSENT**

**17/0947/HHOLD**

**37 Pheasant Mead, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2EQ.**

Two storey extension to the rear.

**(N.O)**

**CONSENT**

**17/0991/HHOLD**

**58A Gloucester Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2HQ.**

Installation of a garden room

**(N.O)**

**CONSENT**

**17/0976/FUL**

**Land Adjacent To 40, Osprey Drive, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.**

Construction of new 1 bedroom house

**(COMMENT)**

**REFUSAL**

**17/1012/HHOLD**

**18 Partridge Close, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2HJ.**

Erection of garage and shed.

**(COMMENT)**

**REFUSAL**

### **K2/517 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS**

**25 SEPTEMBER 2017**

Cllr. Clegg gave apologies in advance.