



Stonehouse Town Council

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) **OF A MEETING OF THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON** **MONDAY 24TH MARCH 2014 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE**

Present:

Councillors Clare Sheridan (Convenor of Committee)
Rob Waite (Deputy Convenor of Committee)
Chris Brine (Chairman of Town Council)
Simon Lewis (Vice Chairman of Town Council)
Carol Kambites

Also Present: Town Clerk Gill Jennings
2 members of the public
Representatives from Standish & Haresfield Parish Councils

K2/100 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from David Drew

K2/101 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

K2/102 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10TH FEBRUARY 2014

Proposed: Rob Waite Seconded Chris Brine The Minutes were approved as a true record.

K2/103 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Trevor Baker Q. Regarding K2/106 Committee have claimed a good response, what number of returns have there been?

Carol Kambites A. Over 90 responses

Trevor Baker Q. How did the Neighbourhood Plan group identify those answers as being from Stonehouse residents

Carol Kambites A. Postcodes were requested and applied to all responses.

John Callinan Q. Regarding K2/105.1 Did the Town Council ever investigate the reason for the failure of the components and have Glos County Council given any guarantees that the new material will not fail again.

Chris Brine A. Glos. County Council did not give the Council any explanation but stated they had a right to repair the road to make it safe. They had assured the town council that the new material was the most appropriate. This Council is not happy with the work carried out.

K2/104 LORRY WATCH

1. Scott Security will be present to demonstrate surveillance equipment.- This item was cancelled

2. To consider a report received from the Glos Constabulary Road Safety & Traffic Management Officer – The Committee noted that further signage had been recommended but that Glos. County Council were not willing to follow this recommendation without a change in their policy.

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K2/104 Lorry Watch (continued)

3. Standish and Haresfield Parish Council have been invited to discuss Lorry Watch Scheme
The Town Clerk gave a report of contact with Gloucestershire County Highways, who had directed her to the Road Safety Partnership who directed her to Tetbury Town Council. Trading Standards used to deal with Lorry Watch but there is now no provision of training or equipment. Roger Bellairs, a resident of Tetbury, had been co-ordinating the Watch but warned that he could see no real evidence that the police took action following violation of the prohibition. The Councils would require signage for the highway, high viz jackets, and to coordinate a Watch over a period of months rather than days. It was then the Council's responsibility to contact VOSA to identify vehicles and to provide that information to the police. The attendees felt this was a huge commitment which appeared to realise very few benefits without the back-up of Gloucestershire Constabulary and it seemed that they were being used to monitor something which the police should be enforcing. There could be some merit in leasing or purchasing cctv equipment and for Glos County Council to provide better signage. The attendees were disappointed at the lack of support from the other authorities and would invite the Police Commissioner to meet with them to discuss.

K2/105 TRANSPORT MATTERS

1. High Street Repairs – to review works carried out on the 16th March
Councillors were disappointed with the uneven, untidy and unattractive appearance of the mastertint. The Committee recalled that when they had met with Gloucestershire County Council there had been some urgency expressed in getting the work done immediately before the Winter “to avoid further deterioration” and yet it had taken them until mid March. The colour discussed had been beige but the appearance was now mustard yellow. The County Council had discussed “options” but had guided the Council away from two of them saying they were untried and not right for this application. There had never been any explanation from the County Council as to what they had done to obtain redress from the construction company Walsh, what guarantees had been obtained and how much compensation was owed. **The Town Clerk is to write to Nigel Riglar to obtain these details and to request that the work is reviewed and put right and that the Town Council is compensated.**

2. Bus Shelters Update - the Committee had been led to believe by Jonathan Roberts that 3 of the bus shelters could be replaced. At the same time he had been talking to Clear Channel about painting the shelters. It was very distressing to the Committee that Stonehouse High Street appeared to warrant second rate treatment, whereas Gloucester City and Painswick for example achieved better quality standards. The County benefitted from the sale of employment in Stonehouse but appeared to give nothing back. **Town Clerk is to write to Nigel Riglar requesting that replacement commences with the bus shelter outside Lobby's Fishing Tackle Shop in a livery to match other street furniture.**

3. Rail Stations Update - Passenger Focus had phoned to say there were having difficulty in obtaining a response from First Great Western who had a backlog due to the flooding experienced this Winter. This excuse was met with scepticism. Councillor Kambites had also written to the Station Manager without response.

K2/106 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

To receive Minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Group (for information only)
The Minutes were noted.

K2/107 STANDISH HOSPITAL SITE

As agreed at the full Town Council meeting held on 10th March 2014 this item is being included as an on-going matter for Committee information.

Standish Parish Council are setting up a Neighbourhood Plan.

K2/108 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)

- 13/2742/LBC 2 Ryeford House, Ryeford Road North**
Alterations and replacement of some of the existing windows and doors. Internal partition amendments. Demolition of existing lean-to to utility store. New Aga flue.
PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED (Supp)
- 13/2766/HHOLD 33 Regent Street**
Drop kerb outside property to allow access to property.
PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED (N.O.)
- 13/2799/HHOLD Greystones, Ebley Road**
Replacement garage and new rear conservatory.
PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED (N.O.)
- 14/0005/FUL Land adjacent to 7 Storrington Place, Storrington Road**
Construction of new car free detached house.
PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED (OBJ)
- 14/0047/FUL Land lying to the south of Albion Terrace, Downton Road**
Erection of a sales office.
PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED (Comment)

K2/109 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

1. Glos CC/AMEY Public Right Of Way Plan for 2014/15 (circulated)
Noted
2. Stroud DC are consulting on waste, recycling and street cleaning services and comments are invited via: <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=139272513066>
Councillor Brine stated that he was trying to arrange for Carlos Novoth to come and talk to the Town Council as there was some mention of services being offloaded to parishes and this warranted a collective response. In the meantime Council Members should make their own comments on the proposals on line.
3. Transition Stroud are holding an event on Eco Homes on May 3rd and 4th and An Installers Fair on the 26th April.

K2/110 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

28 APRIL 2014
