



Stonehouse Town Council

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee Meeting)
of A MEETING OF THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON
MONDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET,
STONEHOUSE

Present:

Councillors: Chris Brine (Chair of Council)
Theresa Watt (Vice Chair of Council)
Vicky Redding (Deputy Convenor – Chaired the Meeting)
David Drew
Janis Dyer

Also Present: Graham Stephens, Stanley Dicker (Standish PC)
County Councillor Lesley Williams
Police & Crime Commissioner Martin Surl
1 member of the public
Town Clerk Gill Jennings

K2/134 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Carol Kambites. Apologies were received from Haresfield Parish Council.

K2/135 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

K2/136 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 JUNE
2014

The Minutes were approved as a true record

K2/137 LORRY WATCH 7PM – 7.45PM

The Committee was joined by Police & Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire to discuss the effectiveness of conducting a Lorry Watch Scheme. Martin Surl agreed that the scheme was an enormous undertaking for parishes and enforcement was not a priority for the police. Lengthy discussion took place regarding the problem of lorries diverting from the congested A419 to the B4008. **It was agreed that the Commissioner would request monitoring over a period of 3 months, enforcement, and an appeal for cooperation to companies based in Stonehouse. A report might be appropriate in the media. He would investigate the purchase of CCTV equipment which might be used by a number of parishes. Councillor Lesley Williams offered to assist with a request to Glos County Council for better signage.**

K2/138 STANDISH HOSPITAL SITE 7.45pm

GVA (Bilfinger Real Estate) were present to explain the Enquiry by Design process and programme of events which covered the period 9th October to 13th October. GVA hoped to gain input from the community to develop and test ideas for the site. Stroud District Council and other stakeholders would also take part. **Cllr. Vicky Redding would attend on behalf of the Town Council and issues from the neighbourhood planning process would be fed into the consultation.**

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K2/139 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (15 MINUTES)

County Councillor Lesley Williams raised her concern that Stroud District Council seemed to be keen to develop 2 proposals without a real community use due to the desire to achieve £500,000 from the site. It appeared that there might be a compromise available if they were prepared to accept a lower site value.

K2/140 SHIP INN SITE

To discuss the proposal put forward by Stroud District Council to confirm its preferred use as either a. a residential institution supporting people with learning difficulties with a room for community use or b. as a petrol filling station, shop and cafe

Councillors were disappointed that the cash objective of the canals project had been put before the provision of a community facility to enhance Stonehouse settlement. It appears that a more suitable option of a non-food retail shop with ancillary café/bar was discouraged from proceeding to the second phase and SDC officers had therefore recommended 2 proposals which make some compromise towards the “theme” of community use. The Town Council totally rejected the idea of a petrol filling station as this would spoil the canal scene and immediate environment. The option of a residential institution which offered a community hall might be more palatable but asked SDC to obtain a more detailed proposal which explains how this might be managed and accessed.

K2/141 STONEHOUSE STATIONS

1. Following a meeting which took place between 15th July 2013 attended by Cllr Drew, Cllr Watt, Rob Niblett of Gloucestershire County Council and Mark Russell of Stroud District Council to discuss re-opening of Bristol Road station the Committee are asked to study the actions agreed and evaluate how to proceed. To discuss whether S106 is appropriate for feasibility studies. To also discuss the conflicting evidence regarding station prioritisation.

The Committee were pleased to note some progress towards a joint action plan with GCC taking the initiative to explore funding for a feasibility study. Further work would be required through the Local Transport Plan and Network Rail consultation. The Committee felt that S106 funding should be applied to capital expenditure only. The conflicting evidence put out by MP Neil Carmichael regarding a station North of Stonehouse was making it difficult to progress the matter of Bristol Rd station with any credibility. The Town Clerk was asked to write to him. Cllrs would also consult with him.

2. A meeting has been arranged on 8th October with First Great Western to discuss enhancements to Stonehouse station

The Committee welcomed the opportunity to make a number of proposals for enhancements. It was suggested that budget surpluses might be used as match funding for items within the power of the Council.

K2/142 COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE

1. To agree committee expenditure to date against budget headings – Committee expenditure in June £336 & July £336
2. To discuss items for consideration in the budget for 2015-16 – The Committee had not achieved the projects anticipated in the year and were asked to carefully consider any items for inclusion in the next draft budget.

K2/143 PLANNING RESULTS (for information only)

(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)

14/0850/FUL	38 Sherborne House Retrospective application for the renovation and conversion of 3 bed property into 2 x 1 bed properties. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(N.O.)
14/1061/FUL	Telecommunications Mast, Bristol Road The removal of 15m high pole with 3no. antennas within a shroud and replacing it with 15m high Jupiter pole with 3no. antennas within a shroud. Installing 3no. equipment cabinets and ancillary development. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(Comment)
14/1066/HHOLD	5 Whitefield Close, Bridgend Alterations and extension. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(N.O.)
14/1099/HHOLD	9 Ryelands Road Replacement conservatory. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(N.O.)
14/1249/ADV	Wycliffe College, Ebley Road Metal sign, incorporating griffin logo and the word WYCLIFFE on north elevation of the Upper Prep building. ADVERTISING CONSENT GRANTED	(N.O.)
14/1260/FUL	The Ryeford Arms, 12 Ebley Road Part demolition, refurbishment and extension to existing building, erection of new buildings and Change of Use to C2 to provide a dementia care facility. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(SUPP)
14/1377/T5DAY	Upper Mills Trading Estate, Bristol Road Coppice 3 dead/dying Alder trees. PERMISSION GRANTED	(N.O.)
14/1547/TCA	8 Court Farms Mews, Bristol Road Fell 2 x Ash trees and 1 x Sycamore tree PERMISSION GRANTED	(N.O.)

K2/144 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10th November 2014
