



## **STONEHOUSE** **TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** (subject to agreement at the next Council meeting)  
of a **MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held at 7pm on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in the Town Hall,  
High Street, Stonehouse GL10 2NG.

**Present:** Becky Amor, Gwen Atkinson, Leigh Binns, Carol Kambites, Deborah Curtis, Neil Gibbs (Vice Chair/Deputy Town Mayor), Tim Jackson, Gary Powell, Pam Swain, David Thorpe, Theresa Watt (Chair/Town Mayor)

**Also Present:** Town Clerk, County Councillor Lesley Williams

Attendees were reminded that the Proceedings of this meeting may be recorded, filmed or photographed but that any person requiring such a record is asked to give polite notice at the start of the meeting.

### **TC2059 To Receive Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Watt and Cllr Curtis. Apologies were also received from District Cllr Mattie Ross.

### **TC2060 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **TC2061 To agree the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

The Minutes were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Kambites, all in favour

### **TC2062 To note the resignation of Cllr Aldis and vacancy arrangements**

Councillors noted the resignation of Cllr Aldis and also that of Cllr Callinan. There was currently the opportunity for members of the public to call an election.

### **TC2063 Public Adjournment (max 15 minutes)**

Cllr Williams enquired about outcome of Heart of England in Bloom event

### **TC2064 To receive brief reports and responses to questions on matters of importance to Stonehouse from County and District Councillors**

Councillor Williams informed the meeting of the public consultation taking place regarding the A38 roundabout layout changes. An Extraordinary meeting of the county council will be discussing the appointment of a portfolio holder for climate change mitigation. It has been noted by the council the high number of admissions to hospital relating to breathing problems. Parish councils can assist by insisting on eco systems on new builds. Councillor Williams will be involved in a review of accessibility issues over a wide range of services. The Town Council asked Cllr Williams to assist with linking the town to the canal. Cllr Williams reminded the council of the importance of the Ship Inn Site as a strategic link to the canal. The Town Council will have representation at the Stroud Planning meeting to voice the Town Council's objections.

**TC2065 To discuss the Community Governance Review/West of Stonehouse and any representation**

The gist of the council's aims was discussed in that there was a need to bring some of the new West of Stonehouse development within the parish boundary for economic and social reasons. These would need discussion with Eastington/Standish Parish Council prior to completing the consultation response. Cllr Kambites, Binns, Jackson would make themselves available for an evening meeting for a report back to the next Town Council meeting.

**TC2066 To receive brief reports from the Chair and Town Councillors on external meetings attended and to receive the appropriate minutes**

- Cllr Atkinson reported that she had met with the Tenants Association. Minutes are available from the Clerk.
- Cllr Kambites had attended GAPTC AGM and reported that the 3 motions proposed had been carried. She had also attended a cycle group meeting at Stroud DC which was reviewing cycle path schemes. The Town Council asked that she represented them in future meetings of the Stroud DC on this matter.
- Cllr Powell reported that the Bloomers Café will recommence on 22<sup>nd</sup> September in the Town Hall.

**TC2067 To accept the Minutes of the Development Control Panel meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July and 28<sup>th</sup> August**

The Minutes were accepted.

**TC2068 To accept the Minutes of the Regeneration & Environment Committee meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 and to consider further information received from Glos County Council on proposed changes to the Shared Space**

The Minutes were accepted.

Resolution Required: K2/693/4 Proposed to agree to take ownership of the Ebley Rd bus shelter once it is repaired (Note this matter might be deferred pending new Governance arrangements)

Cllr Kambites proposed that the ownership be transferred subject to there being no boundary change, Cllr Jackson seconded, all in favour

The report on the shared space was noted and there were no objections to the recommendations of the Regeneration & Environment Committee.

**TC2069 Discuss the outcome of Stroud District Council carpark charges review and agree action**

The Clerk reported that the changes for Stonehouse carpark will be implemented in that there will be 72 hour parking and free parking after 3pm.

**TC2070 To accept the Minutes of the Amenities and Recreation Committee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

K3/639.e Resolution Required - It is proposed by the Committee that a change is made to the settlement boundary to include the Oldends Lane proposed development site  
Proposed Cllr Swain, seconded Cllr Atkinson, all in favour

K3/643 Resolution Required - It is proposed by the Committee to proceed with the purchase of the Athletics Field

Proposed Cllr Powell, seconded Cllr Atkinson, all in favour

**TC2071 With reference to TC2070 (K3/643) to agree Legal Fees (estimated £900) in connection with the purchase and draft lease of the Athletics Field.**

Proposed by Cllr Binns to proceed with the draft lease and legal work involved in the purchase, seconded by Cllr Powell, all in favour

**TC2072 To accept the Minutes of the Finance and Strategy meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018**

The Minutes were accepted.

K1/514a It is proposed by the Committee to deliver services through two Committees from April 2019 with meetings taking place monthly over 10 months. Draft terms of reference to be developed.

Proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Thorpe, all in favour

K1/516 It is proposed by the Committee that the Council offers a lease over a 40 year term without a capital repayment clause, the permitted use to be that of a staffed public library  
Further to some discussion the proposal was amended to a 40 year term without a capital repayment clause, the permitted use to be that of a public library with the flexibility to change to another agreed use. Proposed Cllr Kambites, seconded by Cllr Swain, all in favour

K1/518 It is proposed by the Committee that the Council adopts a Social Media Policy as drafted  
With the deletion of "Invite questions" proposed by Cllr Binns, seconded by Cllr Jackson, all in favour

**TC2073 To agree any Items for discussion by Committees**

Matters referred to would be dealt with by the Clerk in the normal course of administration

**TC2074 Date of Next Meeting**

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018

**An adjournment may be called if there are any legal matters which require a Council decision.**

None required

---