



# Stonehouse Town Council

Town Hall, High Street, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire GL10 2NG

## **MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Town Council meeting) OF A MEETING OF STONEHOUSE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2015 COMMENCING AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.**

Present: Chairman/Town Mayor Councillor Chris Brine  
Vice Chairman Theresa Watt

Councillors David Drew, Roger Govier, Carol Kambites, Gary Powell, Simon Lewis,  
Paul Stephens, John Aldis, Neil Gibbs, Vicky Redding, Pam Swain, Rob Waite

Also Present: Town Clerk Gill Jennings, County Councillor Lesley Williams, District Councillor  
Mattie Ross

**Attendees are reminded that the PROCEEDINGS of this meeting may be filmed,  
photographed or recorded**

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### TC1578 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Councillor Jan Dyer (illness)

### TC1579 Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded of their obligation within the requirements of the Adopted Model Code of Conduct, to declare personal or disclosable pecuniary interests where applicable

Councillor Lewis declared an interest in K1/177 (TC1589)

### TC1580 To agree the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**The Minutes were agreed as a true record**

### TC1581 Changes to the Local Plan

To receive a report from SPA and to discuss public consultation on the points relevant to Stonehouse

**Minutes of the SPA Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> February were circulated. In the interim of re-convening the Hearing SDC have now decided to consult residents about a decision they have already taken to increase the housing numbers from 9500 to 11200. SDC have already adopted West of Stonehouse as the only sustainable site for 1350 homes on 9<sup>th</sup> December. Yet a Sustainability Appraisal conducted in February 2015 produced as evidence in the consultation reveals plans for 3550 homes by 2031 as one scenario. It is important that residents are made aware and that the council responds to prevent this unnecessary growth. The response forms provided in the consultation were extremely complex and it was felt this would prevent useful public engagement.**

### TC1582 Javelin Park - Update

**The Town Council's letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> January to Peter Bungard with a FOI request had not received a response. The County Council meet on 18<sup>th</sup> February when County Councillor Williams will put forward a motion that the contract be scrapped, this will be voted upon but Cabinet will have the final say. Councillors and residents urged to attend. Glosvain and Stroud District Council investigating a Judicial Review.**

### TC1583 Adjournment for Public Participation

No adjournment was called.

TC1584 To receive brief written reports from County/District Councillors on matters of concern to Stonehouse

County Councillor Williams advised that she had attending a meeting with the Town Council regarding the High Street repairs and there seemed to be a suitable way forward.

District Councillor Mattie Ross expressed her wish that the County Council would see sense regarding Javelin Park. She advised the Council to view the housing project completed by Two Rivers behind the High Street which was of exceptional quality.

TC1585 To receive Chairman's report and External Representative Reports

Councillor Kambites reported that she has been appointed as a Trustee to the CAB and was attending their meetings on a regular basis.

Councillor Redding reported that she had been unable to attend the last meeting of the Standish Partnership Board but believes a draft design has been submitted to Stroud District Council.

Councillor Redding reported that she had been interviewed by Sport England regarding the Skatepark and the Stonehouse project has been chosen as a case study by Inspired Facilities.

*Please note that Members may ask for an explanation of wording but not raise new matters or amendments which are to be referred to the Committee Chair for the next Agenda:*

TC1586 To receive the Minutes of the Development Control Panel Meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015

The Minutes were accepted.

TC1587 To receive the Minutes of the Regeneration & Environment Committee of the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015

The Minutes were accepted.

TC1588 To receive the Minutes of the ART Committee of the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015

The Minutes were accepted.

**Resolution Required:**

**K3/236 To permit temporary expenditure from reserves to 50% of the order total in advance of the grant receipt - Resolved by unanimous vote.**

**K3/238.3 To agree the award of a contract 2015-16 – Resolved by unanimous vote.**

TC1589 To receive the Minutes of the Finance & Strategy Committee of the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015

**Resolution Required:**

**K1/171.8 To accept the recommendations of the F & S Committee – resolved by unanimous vote**

**K1/171.9 To accept the recommendations of the F & S Committee – resolved by unanimous vote.**

**K1/171.10 To accept the recommendations of the F & S Committee – resolved by unanimous vote**

**K1/171.11 To accept the recommendations of the F & S Committee – resolved by unanimous vote**

**K1/172 To agree the appointment of the Independent Internal Auditor – resolved by unanimous vote**

**Councillor Waite left the meeting**

**K1/177 To agree the recommendations of the F & S Committee – Councillor Lewis left the meeting during discussion.**

TC/1589 Finance & Strategy Committee (continued)

**K1/177 - continued**

**Following further consideration of the lease the Council did not agree the recommendation and resolved:**

**To acknowledge the request of the tenant for further discussion on receipt of notice.**

**To keep the rent at the same level as last year.**

**To invite the tenants and the PO into two separate meetings**

**K1/178 To agree the recommendations of the F & S Committee- Councillor Lewis present The Heads of Terms as amended were agreed with the additional requirement for Greensquare to lead and manage the public consultation, also use of local tradesmen where possible. The Council were shown an amended plan which would be discussed with the football clubs on 18<sup>th</sup> February.**

TC1590 To approve payments due

**Payments to cheque 7878 £9121.52 were approved.**

TC1591 Matters of Information

Glos Local Transport Review Consultation 16<sup>th</sup> Feb to 27<sup>th</sup> March

[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/consultations)

TC1592 Date of Next Meeting

**23 March 2015**

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