



## STONEHOUSE TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Council meeting) of a meeting of the Town Council HELD ON MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2018 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.**

Councillors: Councillors John Aldis, Becky Amor, Leigh Binns, John Callinan, Deborah Curtis, Neil Gibbs, Tim Jackson, Carol Kambites (Vice Chairman/Deputy Town Mayor), Gary Powell, Pam Swain, David Thorpe, Theresa Watt (Chairman/Town Mayor)

Also present: County Councillor Lesley Williams, District Councillor Mattie Ross, Rachel Russell, Committee Clerk

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### TC1964 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Atkinson and from Gill Jennings, Town Clerk/RFO.

### TC1965 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### TC1966 To agree the Minutes of the Town Council meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017

The minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr Powell and seconded by Cllr Callinan. Eleven in favour, one abstention.

### TC1967 To receive and request reports from County/District Councillors

District Councillor Ross gave a brief verbal report:

**Roadworks for incinerator cable:** District Cllr. Ross has received a number of complaints; temporary traffic lights sometimes go wrong. District Cllr Ross requested the contact number for complaints about the work.

**Stroud District Council budget** is to be decided at a meeting this Thursday. The District Council are able to retain some Right to Buy receipts by building some houses in Wooton.

County Councillor Williams gave a brief verbal report:

**Roadworks in Stonehouse:** County Cllr. Williams had spoken to Caroline Gogram at Gloucestershire County Council(GCC) regarding various roadworks and requesting rational timetabling of future works. Energetics Electricals are working at Chipman's Platt for the West of Stonehouse development. Wales and Western working at Cross Keys. The Morgan Sindall cable installation work is to the original timetable.

**Carillion liquidation:** GCC is not affected.

**GCC Budget:** Proposed budget for 2018/19 of £407,007,000. County Cllr. Williams advised Town Councillors to look at the breakdown of this budget which will be agreed in February.

**Air quality:** County Cllr. Williams had attended a session on this topic; there are hot spots and monitors around the County.

**Road reinstatement:** Councillors raised concerns about the quality of reinstatement work; these concerns also raised by other parishes at a recent UBB Liaison Group meeting. County Cllr. Williams advised that the Street Works team were inspecting and finding the work satisfactory. County Cllr. Williams to ask the Street Works team to issue a statement.

**Highways:** There will be 3 weeks work from Lengthsmen and around £10,000 in Local Highways budget for Stonehouse for 2018/19. B4008 not in budget for 2018/19 for

resurfacing. Assessment of need for road works is done by an independent company. Cllr. Watt requested that the resurfacing of the B4008 is considered in to 2019/20 budget. Amey contract ends in 2019 and they will not be bidding again.

TC1968 Adjournment for Public Participation

There was no call for an adjournment.

TC1969 To receive reports from the Council Chairman and Town Councillors

The Chairman is due to attend the opening of Dream Doors, High Street and the opening of new facility, Moreton Hill Care Centre.

Councillors had been invited to attend a Stroud Town Council event regarding a masterplan design for Stroud Station forecourt, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2-4.30pm and 6-8.30pm, Imperial Hotel, Stroud.

Robert Hitchins Ltd had informed the Town Council that the proposed name, suggested by Eastington Parish Council, for the West of Stonehouse development was "Great Oldbury". Councillors had no objection to this proposal.

Cllr. Callinan reported back from the UBB Liaison Group meeting. Stroud District Council will be setting up air monitoring equipment near the incinerator site; information on the location and type of monitors will be provided. The Clerk to the Liaison Group is to forward information regarding the monitoring equipment.

Stonehouse was said to be excluded from benefiting from UBB's £25,000 Community Fund. Cllr. Kambites to e-mail David Mossman as this was thought to be an oversight which had been corrected.

Cllr. Powell reported back from a recent Stonehouse in Bloom meeting, a plaque has been delivered to be fitted to the Town Hall. The AGM is at 6pm on 20 February 2018. Strong volunteers needed for some current work. There was a successful meeting with an In Bloom judge.

Cllr. Binns reported that Opportunity Stonehouse had asked if a Town Councillor will attend their meetings. These are quarterly meetings for networking, hosted by APT. Cllr. Swain to contact APT for further details.

TC1970 To receive the Minutes of the Development Control Panel of 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**The Minutes were noted.**

TC1971 To receive the Minutes of the Regeneration & Environment Committee Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 and consider any Resolutions requested

**The Minutes were noted.**

Cllr. Jackson confirmed that the intention of the resolution at K2/565 was not to change the Council's policy on delegation.

**K2/565 For resolution by Town Council:**

**That one additional Development Control Panel is scheduled during the summer break in the Town Council's usual meeting cycle.**

**That responses to simpler planning applications, when they cannot be considered at a Development Control Panel meeting, can be given using delegated powers.**

**Where there is a more contentious application to consider, the Convenor of the Development Control Panel will call an additional meeting.**

**Proposed by Cllr. Callinan, seconded by Cllr. Kambites. All in favour.**

**K2/567 For resolution by Town Council:**

- a) That the Town Council focuses tourism related work on encouraging use of Canal, Cycle Route 45, Cotswold Way and existing and any future railway stations.**
- b) That a Tourism Working Group is set up with initial task to work on Wharfedale Way site.**

**Proposed by Cllr. Binns, seconded by Cllr. Callinan. All in favour.  
Cllrs. Amor, Binns, Kambites and Powell volunteered to join the Tourism Working Group.**

TC1972 To receive the Minutes of the Amenities & Recreation Committee Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and consider any Resolutions requested

**The Minutes were noted.**

It was noted that no decision has been made regarding the planning application for the pavilion extension, Oldends Lane and that expenses for a planning appeal would be for professional fees with payment authorised by the Finance and Strategy Committee.

**K3/565 Council to commit to Appeal expenses in the event of a failed planning application  
Proposed by Cllr. Swain, seconded by Cllr. Powell. Ten in favour, two abstentions.**

TC1973 To receive the Minutes of the Finance & Strategy Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**The Minutes were noted.**

Cllr. Watts thanked the Events Working Group and Caroline for organising a brilliant Goodwill Fest, in budget.

**Resolutions required:**

**Council to receive proposals for shared facilities at the Town Hall/PO premises and to pass a resolution**

The Council considered the proposal put forward by the Library Service and the conditions suggested by the Finance & Strategy Committee. It was proposed by Cllr. Kambites, seconded by Cllr. Callinan that the Council agrees to continue along the terms suggested by the F & S Committee. Ten in favour, one against, one abstention.

**Council to pass a resolution to request the precept as recommended under K1/449.4**

It was noted that the precept figure given in K1/449.4 was £300 more than the figure circulated in the agenda papers due to a change in the Regeneration budget at their last meeting. As the latter figure was the sum of the three committee budgets, as considered by the Finance and Strategy Committee, and circulated with the agenda, it was used as the precept figure. The total requirement was £293,620 and taking income into account left a precept requirement of 275,450.

**Proposed Cllr Swain, seconded Cllr Powell that the precept be RESOLVED and requested from Stroud District Council at £275,450. All in favour.**

**Council to pass a resolution to adopt the additional/amended policies under K448/K451**

**Resolution to adopt the interim Data Protection Policy presented to the Finance and Strategy Committee at K1/448.**

**Proposed by Cllr. Callinan, seconded by Cllr. Kambites. All in favour.**

TC1974 Finance

1. To agree payments due  
Payment due in January of £21, 057 were proposed by Cllr. Swain and seconded by Cllr. Jackson. All in favour.
2. To agree the bank reconciliation December  
Deferred as further information required.
3. To appoint Internal Audit Panel  
Cllrs. Amor, Callinan and Thorpe appointed as the Internal Audit Panel.

TC1975 Items for Committee Agendas

Following items proposed:

To agree use of Youth Centre facilities by other groups, including kitchen and WCs.

To agree weekly use of Youth Centre by Toddler Group.

To agree position of donated bench.

To create surfaced path in Meadow Road recreation ground from Upper Queens Road to level crossing.

TC1976 Date of Next Meeting

5<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

The Council will by resolution exclude the public from item TC1977 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and publicity of the item would be prejudicial to the public interest.

**Cllr. Swain resolved to exclude the public from the meeting, seconded by Cllr. Powell.  
All in favour.**

TC1977

To receive a report from the District Valuer regarding land of interest to the Council and agree a way forward

Councillors requested that the District Valuer's report is considered by the Recreation Working Group who will work to develop the sports offer on the land concerned.

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