



STONEHOUSE **TOWN COUNCIL**

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Town Council Meeting)
of a **MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held at 7pm on 22nd October 2018 in the Town Hall,
High Street, Stonehouse GL10 2NG.

Councillors Present: Councillors Becky Amor, Gwen Atkinson, Leigh Binns, Carol Kambites,
Deborah Curtis, Mike Davis, Tim Jackson, Sally Pickering, Gary Powell, Pam Swain, David
Thorpe, Theresa Watt (Chair/Town Mayor)

Also Present: Town Clerk Gill Jennings, District Councillors Mattie Ross and Chris Brine

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.

TC2075 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Gibbs

TC2076 Welcome to newly Elected Councillors and receive their Declarations of Acceptance of Office

Councillors Mike Davis and Sally Pickering were welcomed by the Chair and signed their
Declarations of Acceptance of Office

TC2077 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Pickering declared a non-pecuniary interest in TC2090 (Ecotricity) but the clerk advised
there was no material decision being made.

TC2078 To agree the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10th September 2018

The Minutes were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Kambites and
carried by majority vote

TC2079 Public Adjournment (max 15 minutes)

A representative from Stroud Auction Rooms gave an overview of the benefit the business could
bring to the town. He explained recent developments on the adjacent site which was seeing a
large number of lorry/heavy movements associated with dredging of the canal. The site might
also be used by County Highways for storage of heavy plant in the road widening project. He
felt that these developments had changed the nature and use of the site in advance of any
planning application. He had hopes of the Auction Rooms bringing business to the town.

TC2080 To receive brief reports and responses to questions on matters of importance to Stonehouse from County and District Councillors

Councillor Ross had attended a meeting with Healthcare England (HE) who had been
complimentary about Stroud District Council's approach to issues. HE will be approached for
funding. Cllr Ross still pressing Network Rail to complete station extension work and is hoping
that In Bloom will take over the Burdett Road land. Cllr Brine informed the Council that Bristol

Road Station back in the Strategic Plan. He asked that the Town Council pay careful attention to the Market Town Initiative and give canal related projects priority.

Cllr Watt reported that she had asked Cllr Williams for an update on progress with the library. Still waiting for a decision on the finances. Councillors were reminded of their request for a meeting with Glos County Council but it was now agreed that this was not necessary at this time.

TC2081 To discuss the Community Governance Review/West of Stonehouse and any representation

Further to a meeting with Eastington Parish Council the Town Council **agreed to press ahead with an application for a boundary extension to the parish.** Regeneration Committee tasked with making the application. In the meantime, the Town Clerk to write to Eastington PC with a suggested boundary line.

TC2082 To receive brief reports from the Chair and Town Councillors on external meetings attended and to receive the appropriate minutes

Cllr Kambites and Rachel Russell had attended a Neighbourhood Development Plan workshop. The Government have changed the way they calculate housing numbers and it is likely that Stroud District Council will have to find a further 200 houses approximately in their Review. Attendees were advised not to proceed with NDP reviews at the current time as the process is likely to be simplified.

Cllr Jackson and Cllr Atkinson attended Stroud DC Development Control meeting to speak on the Ship Inn Site application but this was deferred until 27 November at 2pm. The Town Council would send representatives.

TC2083 To accept the Minutes of the Development Control Panel meeting held on 24th September 2018

The Minutes were accepted.

TC2084 To accept the Minutes of the Regeneration & Environment Committee meeting held on 24th September 2018

The Minutes were accepted. Cllr Powell asked the Committee to pursue the matter of a VAS.

At the last Town Council meeting the report on the shared space was noted and there were no objections to the recommendations of the Regeneration & Environment Committee. **The Committee asks the Town Council to pass a Resolution to instruct the Traffic Working Group to work with GCC Highways on proposals for changes to parking arrangements and other measures, excluding the provision of a zebra crossing, to improve road safety as part of the reinstatement of the shared space after the cable installation works.**

Cllr Jackson proposed, Cllr Powell seconded the Resolution, all in favour

TC2085 Discuss the outcome of Stroud District Council carpark charges review and agree action

At the last Town Council meeting 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. This decision has been deferred due to various representations. An update will be available for discussion.

Ward Councillors reported they have requested parity for Stonehouse. Proposals will be revisited following a further public consultation.

TC2086 To accept the Minutes of the Amenities and Recreation Committee meeting held on 1st October 2018

The Minutes were accepted. It had been noted by Councillors that another planning application in Oldends Lane had been permitted without the need for flood or ecology reports.

TC2087 To accept the Minutes of the Finance and Strategy meeting held on 3rd September 2018

The Minutes were accepted.

K1/530.a The Committee recommend a Resolution to adopt new Terms of Reference for a Council Business Committee, Town Environment Committee and Council.

Cllr Thorpe proposed the Resolution, seconded by Cllr Swain, all in favour

K1/530.b The Committee recommend a Resolution to agree new budget headings relevant to the Terms of Reference

Cllr Kambites proposed the Resolution, seconded by Cllr Curtis, all in favour

K1/531.4 The Committee deferred a decision on a grant application by Share & Repair awaiting further information. The Council's attention is drawn to a request made of Stroud District Council for assistance. Discuss potential assistance from the Market Towns Initiative or other sources.

Ward Councillors are exploring the possibility of allowing use of part of the town centre carpark. The MTI allows £20,000 for co-working start-up which might be useful but not available until 2021. Another source of assistance might be for the Town Council to lease premises for sharing by various groups. Whilst there was uncertainty about future premises for the organisation and lack of a business plan the matter could not proceed.

K1/531.5 The Committee recommend setting up a Business Networking Group with the aim of communicating with businesses to ensure town centre vitality and stakeholder inclusion.

Members to be appointed

The Council accepted the recommendation. A civic event might be the way forward.

Cllr Watt, Cllr Thorpe, Cllr Powell would meet to discuss.

K1/531.6 To Resolve to accept amended Financial Regulations

Cllr Curtis proposed the amended Financial Regulations, Cllr Swain seconded, all in favour.

TC2088 Finance (these items will be made available at the meeting)

- a. To agree payments to date - Payments to date were proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Curtis, agreed at £15897.93
- b. To receive a draft budget - A draft budget was circulated with a potential precept requirement of £292050.
- c. To consider a grant application from Stonehouse African Drummers for funds to purchase musical instruments - The Council agreed to defer a decision until further information was available.

TC2089 To appoint Cllr Kambites as council representative on GAPTC Executive Committee
Proposed Cllr Jackson, seconded Cllr Atkinson, all in favour

TC2090 Correspondence

To receive correspondence for information. The Council discussed the correspondence received from Stroud Auction Rooms and agreed to respond with their support. Cllr Brine was asked to call-in the application for committee decision.

To discuss whether any support can be provided to Kimmins Mill curator - The Council agreed to offer to salvage any Stonehouse artefacts if possible.

To discuss whether support will be given to Eastington Parish Council who wish to call in the planning application submitted by Ecotricity - The Council agreed that a call-in might offer a wider view.

TC2091 To consider whether to make a Community Right to Bid for the Woolpack Inn

Further to discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Binns to make a Community Right to Bid, seconded by Cllr Kambites, all in favour.

TC2092 Date of Next Meeting

3 December 2018

An adjournment to exclude the public may be called if there are any legal matters which require a Council decision.

There was no adjournment
