



# Stonehouse Town Council

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

## **MINUTES (subject to approval at the next meeting) OF A MEETING OF STONEHOUSE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 27 OCTOBER 2014 COMMENCING AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.**

**Present:** Chairman/Town Mayor Chris Brine  
Deputy Chair Theresa Watt  
Councillors John Aldis, David Drew, Gary Powell, Carol Kambites, Roger Govier, Jan Dyer, Rob Waite, Paul Stephens, Vicky Redding, Simon Lewis

**Also Present:**  
County Councillor Lesley Williams  
District Councillor Mattie Ross  
Town Clerk Gill Jennings  
8 members of the public

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*The Chairman opened the meeting by paying respects and a call to prayer to the late Councillor Anthony Howarth whose memorial service will take place at St Cyrs Church on the 15<sup>th</sup> November at Midday.*

*Councillor Drew commended Councillor Howarth for his knowledge of local authority matters as Clerk to Rodborough Parish Council, as well as being a Town Councillor. He would be remembered for his work with Scouts, Youth Groups, as a JP and Chair of the Independent Visiting Board of Prisons and would be sadly missed.*

### TC1531 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Pam Swain

### TC1532 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

### **Cllr Rob Waite/TC1543 Payment to Hostpipe**

### TC1533 To agree the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014

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

### TC1534 Public Adjournment (15 minutes duration)

Members of the public may speak only once for a maximum of 5 minutes on any specific agenda item.

Residents were concerned about the plans to develop the Ship Inn Site as a petrol station. The access arrangements would mean removing a cycle path and joining on to the congested traffic lights. There were concerns about the pollution of the canal, and the potential use of the site for fuel was contested. During discussions Town and Ward Councillors expressed their lack of support to the scheme which would be resisted in the planning process. Councillor Watt explained that the LEP and local MP had promoted a scheme for the A419 which was now a priority for the Local Transport Board and involved widening the road and alterations to the roundabout at Horsetrough and Oldends which might have anticipated the use of the Ship Inn Site, Wycliffe sports centre and extension of Oldends Industrial Estate. The Town Council had not been consulted. County Councillor Lesley Williams stated that the plan had been raised about 2 years ago and she would forward the details to the Clerk.

TC1535 To receive the Minutes of the Development Control Panel meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014

The Minutes were noted.

TC1536 To receive the Minutes of the Regeneration & Environment Committee meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014

A Report is attached to this Agenda of a meeting held with First Great Western (for information) The Minutes were noted. The Council were encouraged by the new approach from FGW but Network Rail needed to take action. A letter has been sent to Network Rail requesting this.

TC1537 To receive the Minutes of the Amenities, Recreation & Tourism Committee meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014

A Report has been circulated **for Resolution** and is attached to this Agenda

**The Council Resolved** (LGMP) A 1976 s 19(3) to proceed with development of recreational facilities:

**a. The Council to proceed with obtaining tenders for enhancements to the pavilion and to proceed to order within S106 funding.**

**b. Replacement Recreational facilities consisting of:**

i) Hall/skittle alley to accommodate 120 (104 seats currently)

ii) Lounge to seat 60 people

iii) Both of above with bar access

iv) Kitchen

v) Cellar

vi) 2 x changing rooms + 2 x referees changing rooms

vii) Toilets - internal + outside disabled and public

viii) Storage

ix) Stand seating for 100

and replacement workshop i.e. double garage with toilet/shower and small office area and landscaping to the carpark and surrounds.

Relocation of the ATC hut to either Stagholt field or adjacent to the pavilion.

1. That the community facilities will be available for public hire by arrangement with the leaseholders in accordance with 2 new leases
2. The stakeholders (Council/Football Club/Magpies) will apply for external funding but that the project will not be dependent on/or delayed by such funding being made available and that the Council will make funding available from reserves or by loan and through development of redundant land for up to 36 houses.

**Next Stages:**

1. An undertaking to be provided to Greensquare/Ark
2. A further layout plan and costs to be identified/sources of funding
3. Public and Planning Consultation

TC1538 To receive the Minutes of the Finance & Strategy Committee meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014

The Minutes were noted

TC1539 To receive Minutes from the Neighbourhood Plan Group of 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014

The Minutes were noted

TC1540 To receive Brief Reports from County/District Councillors

County Councillor Lesley Williams reported that the County had been presented with the first draft budget which called for a huge saving. District Councillor Mattie Ross reported that the District had also made savings and would be presenting a standstill Council Tax.

TC1541 To appoint a Representative to the Canals Partnership

Carol Kambites was appointed. **Terms of Reference would be set by the Regeneration & Environment Committee.**

TC 1542 To appoint 2 Representatives to the West of Stonehouse Working Party

**David Drew and Vicky Redding were appointed. Carol Kambites would stand as substitute if either representative could not attend. Terms of Reference would be set by the Regeneration & Environment Committee**

TC1543 Finance

a. To agree payments (Oct to date of meeting) - **Payments were agreed £17462.97.**

b. To receive draft budgets for each Committee

Council is requested to consider whether all spending plans have been reflected in the Budget, whether surpluses and deficits have been fairly reflected and to consider the impact of the LCTS and to recommend any changes for Committee consideration. – **The Draft Budget was accepted for consideration**

c. To agree draft of Earmarked Reserves for 2015-16 – **The Draft of Earmarked Reserves was accepted for consideration**

TC1544 Matters of Information

Reminder – Remembrance Day Parade takes place on the 9<sup>th</sup> November.

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

The Council will by resolution exclude the public from item TC1545 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and publicity of the item would be prejudicial to the public interest.

TC 1545 Legal Representation – Orange (EE)

The Clerk advised that following receipt of the Council's Notice to Quit EE had responded with a counter claim. The solicitor involved had not provided advice as requested therefore the Council agreed to pass this on to another legal advisor for assistance. The main aim being to achieve cooperation from EE.

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