



**MINUTES** (subject to agreement at the next Town Council Meeting)  
of a MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL held at 7pm on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in the Town Hall,  
High Street, Stonehouse GL10 2NG.

**Councillors Present:** Councillors Gwen Atkinson, Leigh Binns, Deborah Curtis, Mike Davis, Neil Gibbs (Vice Chair/Deputy Mayor), Carol Kambites Sally Pickering, Pam Swain, Theresa Watt (Chair/Town Mayor)

**Also Present:** Committee Clerk Rachel Russell, District Councillor Gary Powell.

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.

**TC2114 To Receive Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from District Councillor Mattie Ross, Cllr. Tim Jackson and from Gill Jennings, Town Clerk.

Cllr Watt informed the meeting that Becky Amor had resigned as a Town Councillor. All councillors thanked Becky for her work as a councillor and in the town.

**TC2115 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**TC2116 Public Adjournment (max 15 minutes)**

There was no call for an adjournment.

**TC2117 To agree the Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**A correction to statements made TC2108: Council to receive a copy of the Town Clerk's job description and to acknowledge the statutory duty of the clerk to prepare the agenda making the final decision on the inclusion of any item in accordance with standing orders. A proforma agenda request form is herewith circulated for councillor use.**

The minutes as written were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Kambites, seconded by Cllr. Swain. All in favour.

There was some discussion regarding the statutory duty of the clerk to prepare the agenda.

It was agreed that a proforma agenda request form is needed and that the Policy Working Group will work on the wording and design in conjunction with the Town Clerk/RFO. Proposed Cllr. Pickering, seconded Cllr. Curtis. All in favour.

Cllr. Pickering asked for her thanks to the Town Clerk/RFO to be recorded for help with wording an agenda item to ensure that it is legal and relates to council policies.

**TC2118 To receive brief reports and responses to questions on matters of importance to Stonehouse from County and District Councillors**

District Councillor Powell reported that:

Stroud District Council(SDC) had agreed an allocation for Stonehouse of £43,000 from its Market Towns Initiative Fund and want to see the funds spent.

District Cllr. Ross has met with Alison Fisk of SDC regarding the Ship Inn site and SDC are arranging a meeting with the Town Council.

Questions to be passed to County Councillor Lesley Williams:

Cllr. Kambites asked why the cycle path next to the A419 has been fenced off near the weighbridge forcing cycles on to uneven pavement.

District Cllr. Powell advised a resident had asked why a blue sign advertising amenities in Stonehouse on the Horsetrough roundabout was pointing towards Ebley.

**TC2119 To be updated on the Community Governance Review**

No further information had been received.

**TC2120 To receive brief reports from the Chair and Town Councillors on external meetings attended and to receive the appropriate minutes**

Cllrs. Watt, Amor, Curtis, Jackson and Swain had a useful liaison meeting with District Councillors Brine and Ross. Cllr. Watt to write up minutes.

As the Town Council's representative on the Standish Hospital Liaison Group, Cllr. Curtis reported that planning permission for the redevelopment of the site has been granted.

Cllr. Swain attended a meeting of Stonehouse School Trustees, a charity which gives grants to children and young people in Stonehouse and St Matthew's Cainscross parishes. Grants were awarded to a number of individuals towards the cost of school trips and sports training.

Cllr. Watt reported that the Royal British Legion had raised £4676.67 with the 2018 Poppy Appeal in Stonehouse; the Rotary Club of Stonehouse raised £1,275 with their Santa's Carol Float at Goodwill.

The Chair had received a report from Junior Parkrun, a successful local project which as well as encouraging exercise helps with community engagement. Cllr. Binns organises the Junior Parkrun café on a Sunday morning and encouraged any groups who would like raise funds by running the café for a morning to contact her.

Cllr. Gibbs reported that he had met with a member of staff from SDC Waste Services on site at the Oldends Lane Industrial Estate to show her the littering problem there. SDC will investigate ownership of some land used by lorries for overnight parking and suggested their Licencing staff contact the owner of the Burger Van. **The issue of littering on the Industrial Estate to be passed to the Regeneration and Environment Committee.**

Cllr. Binns had attended an APT Committee meeting and reported that APT are setting up a scheme of Environmental Ambassadors, volunteers who will monitor and clear rubbish.

**TC2121 To accept the Minutes of the Development Control Panel meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

The minutes were accepted.

**TC2122 To accept the Minutes of the Regeneration & Environment Committee held on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

The minutes were accepted.

**TC2123 To accept the Minutes of the Amenities & Recreation Committee held on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

The minutes were accepted.

Cllr. Kambites asked if there were notices regarding dog fouling at Laburnum Recreation Ground.

**TC2124 To receive Committee budget reports to end of December 2018 for information**

The budget reports to the end of November 2018 were noted. It was noted that the rent from Orange was not yet received.

**TC2125 To consider last minute budget items raised at Committee meetings:**

Changes to groundstaff contract	1500
New website	4000
GMTF	250
Bus shelter development	1200
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The budget items raised were noted and considered under TC2127.

**TC2126 To accept the Minutes of the Finance & Strategy Committee held on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019**  
**The minutes were accepted.**

Cllr. Kambites asked if there was further information on the timing of the Town Council/GCC Libraries co-location in the Town Hall. Cllr. Watt advised that Town Clerk/RFO was due to meet with Jane Everiss, GCC Libraries.

Cllr. Pickering asked how the Committee's noting of a need for contingency planning (K1/552/3) would be progressed. **Cllr. Watt advised this would go forward to the Staffing Committee.**

Committee Clerk informed councillors that Town Clerk/RFO had advised regarding clarifications required by Finance and Strategy Committee at K1/552/4: information had been provided on current reserves and councillors would consider earmarking of reserves for 2019-2020 towards the end of this financial year.

District Councillor Powell left the meeting.

**It was resolved that Stonehouse Town Council as a body signs the call for an independent inquiry into the award and structure of the contract for the Javelin Park Incinerator (K1/555). Proposed Cllr. Watt, seconded Cllr. Kambites. All in favour.**

**TC2127 To pass a resolution to request the precept in the sum of £295850 or with additions from TC2125**

Committee Clerk informed councillors that Town Clerk/RFO had advised that if items from TC2125 were added to the budget they should be as a contingency sum as value for money has not yet been determined. Cllr Kambites suggested that the subscription to Gloucestershire Market Towns Forum should come under a subscriptions budget heading.

**Proposed Cllr Kambites, seconded Cllr Binns that the precept be RESOLVED and requested from Stroud District Council at £302,800 to include £250 addition to subscription budget and £6,700 as a contingency sum. All in favour.**

**Date of Next Meeting**

**4<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

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