



## **STONEHOUSE** **TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Town Council meeting)**

**Of a meeting of the Town Council HELD ON MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.**

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

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

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### TC1979 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Atkinson (holiday), Cllr Thorpe (work) Cllr Curtis (family matter)

### TC1980 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

### TC1981 To agree the Minutes of the Town Council meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting of the 22<sup>nd</sup> January were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Kambites, all in favour

### TC1982 To receive and request reports from County/District Councillors

Councillor Williams had queried the additional High Street disruption associated with the cable pull. The Town Council confirmed that this work had not been explained to them before. Western Power will not confirm dates. Park Road due to be resurfaced but following discussion about whether this should be delayed the Town Council had no reason to believe that a delay would benefit residents. Cllr Watt asked whether UBB could be asked to provide another week of free car parking.

Councillor Williams reported that there would be a 2.69% increase in County Council budget but could not confirm whether this included an increase for adult and child social care.

A417 changes will go ahead.

Councillor Ross confirmed that Stroud District Council has increased its budget. An additional 2 staff have been employed in youth services. She reported that the Heritage Lottery Fund had visited to inspect ongoing projects. She asked if the Town Council were interested in taking ownership of the land at Burdett Road abutting the new station platform. The In Bloom Group are planning to plant this area with funding requested from Network Rail.

Councillor Powell reported that Stroud DC have introduced a £20 charge for removal of bulky items.

### TC1983 Adjournment for Public Participation

No adjournment was called.

TC1984 To receive reports from the Council Chairman and Town Councillors

Cllr Watt reported that she had attended the opening of a new bar at Stonehouse Court Hotel and the Heritage Lottery visit at the Gate House, Bonds Mill. The latter event was a good opportunity to show Stonehouse Town Council's support and interest in the canal.

Cllr Callinan has attended meetings of GAPTC Executive Committee and reported that NALC and GAPTC are urging councils to approach principal authorities for a share of business rates for the delivery of devolved services. This is one of the issues being raised through Lobby Days and David Drew MP has been asked to assist Stroud District councils.

TC1985 To receive the Minutes of the Development Control Panel of 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**The Minutes were noted.**

TC1986 To receive the Minutes of the Regeneration & Environment Committee Meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and consider any Resolutions requested

**The Minutes were noted**

TC1987 To receive the Minutes of the Amenities & Recreation Committee Meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and consider any Resolutions requested

**K3/582 The Committee propose that the Town Council should make an offer for the purchase of the Athletics Field (Clerk to negotiate) For Resolution**

**Cllr Gibbs proposed, Councillor Powell seconded the above motion. All in favour. The Council resolved that the Clerk makes an offer based on the advice from the District Valuer.**

TC1988 To receive the Minutes of the Finance & Strategy Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**K1/462.6 Council are required to note and accept the Risk Assessment and controls (attached)**

**Council agreed to note and take into consideration.**

**K1/461 Town Hall Premises - The Committee propose a response to the County Council defining terms (attached) For Resolution**

**The Town Council must also consider Option D and Option E drawings produced by the County Council and agree whether these are an acceptable alternative to Option C. The Town Council agreed a preference for Option D but felt that staff should meet with the architect to check practicalities and make any adaptations necessary.**

**The terms drafted by F & S Committee, checked and altered by Building Facilities Working Group did not necessarily fit with the concept of Option D, therefore the Clerk offered to restate those terms to GCC to suit the circumstances of Option D.**

TC1989 Finance

- 1. To agree payments due - Proposed Cllr Swain, seconded Cllr Jackson that payments totalling £27280.66 were agreed. All in favour**
- 2. To agree the bank reconciliation February - the Bank Reconciliation was not to hand whilst the RFO was checking on details of a receipt.**
- 3. To arrange an Internal Audit Panel meeting for April - Friday dates would be offered.**

TC1990 Items for Committee Agendas

**For Amenities and Recreation Committee:**

**Maintenance of 2 new trees (Cllr Swain)**

**Land at Burdett Close (Cllr Powell)**

TC1991 Consultations

**To appoint 2 attendees to Frome Town Council Conference "Breaking the Mould"  
Cllr Swain and Cllr Kambites were appointed to attend at £99 each.**

TC1992 Date of Next Meeting  
9<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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