



Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee held on Monday 1st July 2019 at 7pm in the Town Hall, High Street, Stonehouse

Those present:

Councillors: Gwen Atkinson, Tim Jackson, Carol Kambites (Deputy Chair of Council/Deputy Mayor),

Also attending

Neil Gibbs (Chair of Town Council / Mayor)
District Councillor Chris Brine
Richard Lacey (Minutes Clerk)

Attendees are reminded that the Proceedings of this meeting may be filmed, photographed or recorded.

E/18 To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Debbie Curtis and Jennie Smith

E/19 To appoint a Committee convenor

Councillor Jackson proposed, Councillor Atkinson seconded that Councillor Kambites be appointed the Committee Convenor for the year 2019/20. All were in favour.

Adjournment for public participation

Councillor Kambites then invited District Councillor Chris Brine to address the meeting and in view of the subject of his enquiries the Committee elected to take item E/25 at this point in the meeting.

District Councillor Brine detailed an earlier application from Wycliffe College to develop the Berryfield site for housing. He recalled that this was turned down and the decision to do so upheld on appeal on the grounds that there would be a loss of amenity space and views across the escarpment. Whilst he had no issue with the sporting facility he felt that this did not justify the application for housing particularly as only a small proportion of the development would be for affordable housing. Whilst Stroud District Council was meeting the housing requirements it was not satisfying the affordable housing needs and this development would not substantially help.

Councillor Gibbs felt that the Town Council should protect green spaces wherever possible.

Councillor Kambites (Convenor) advised those present that there would be further opportunities to discuss this in detail when the formal application was made but that enquiries could now be made of Wycliffe College regarding such information as a sight of the business case, community engagement plans, environmental surveys, affordable housing details and strategy, pedestrian and cycle accessibility. In depth details of this nature would assist the Town Council in its later deliberations.

District Councillor Brine then left the meeting and the agenda resumed at E/20.

E/20 Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

E/21 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on 29 April 2019

Councillor Jackson proposed, Councillor Atkinson seconded and all present agreed to approve the Minutes.

E/22 To comment on planning applications as listed

19/0869 and 19/0867 Ryeford Lodge and Ryeford Cottage. Support

19/0765/HHOLD 3 Spring Cottages, Ryeford. Comment: No objections subject to the relevant water officer at Stroud District Council being satisfied that water courses in the immediate vicinity were not in danger of being compromised.

19/0831/REM Phase 3B Land West of Stonehouse. Comment: This Council would ask that Bus Stops proposed were enclosed for the benefit of passengers and light controlled crossings installed near the proposed school.

19/1023/HHOLD 25 Quietways, Stonehouse. No Observations

19/0860/HHOLD 5 Park Road, Stonehouse. No Observations

19/1026/CPE Unit 27 Bonds Mill, Stonehouse. Noted.

19/1124/HHOLD 2 Severn Road, Stonehouse. No Observations

19/1205/HHOLD 26 Quietways, Stonehouse. No Observations

19/1258/HHOLD 42 Avenue Terrace, Stonehouse. No Observations

19/1164/P3P 14 High Street, Stonehouse. No Observations

18/1870/FUL Parking Area, Ryeford Road South. Comment: This Council would ask that Stroud District Council consider the effect on the flood plain and attendant litter and noise issues when considering this application.

E/23 To receive report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council, 23rd April to 24th June 2019

Noted.

E/24 To note comments on planning applications provided using delegated powers, 23rd April to 24th June 2019

Noted.

E/25 To agree a response to a public consultation by Wycliffe College concerning a proposed outline planning application.

<https://www.wycliffe.co.uk/public-consultation/>

As reported above.

E/26 To agree a response for recommendation to Town Council to Stroud District Council's consultation on a Street Trading Policy

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/business/licensing-permits/street-trading/consultation-on-stroud-district-councils-street-trading-policy-2019>

Councillors present considered that the District Council were achieving the best strategy for the policy and would recommend this to full Town Council

E/27 To receive a report on a meeting with Stroud District Council regarding the Governance Review and Ebley Ward and agree further action.

Councillor Gibbs appraised those present on the meeting and the fact that a recent , well represented, survey had shown that those on the “Foxes Field” estate felt more aligned with Cainscross whereas those to the west of this were largely more inclined to Stonehouse. An informal compromise therefore had been suggested with a new boundary reflecting the survey and this would be recommended to full Town Council.

E/28 To receive a report on progress towards the re-opening of Bristol Road Station

Councillor Gibbs advised those present that he had written to the three Ward Councillors asking for their personal views on this and their thoughts on how they thought the District Council viewed the prospect. Although one personal view had been verbally voiced he was awaiting further responses.

Councillor Jackson felt that it was time that this was brought to the fore once more and the Committee asked him to liaise with Councillor Watt from the Transport Working Group to obtain an update on the position so that this matter could be raised again at the next Committee meeting.

E/29 To receive notes from a meeting on 17th June of the Town Council’s Canal Rejuvenation Working Group

Members present noted this and also discussed the position regarding works being carried out on the Wharfedale site by the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust. Members felt that these works should be considered separately and remain under the remit of the Town Environment Committee.

E/30 To receive a verbal report regarding Stonehouse in Bloom

None was available.

E/31 To consider making a one-off contribution of £250 to become an Associate Member of Stroud District Road Safety Group.

Following due discussion Councillor Jackson proposed, Councillor Atkinson seconded and all agreed that a contribution of £250 be made. Town Council staff and the Responsible Financial Officer to be asked to allocate to the appropriate control centre.

E/32 To check current balances against budget

Duly checked and agreed.

E/33 To agree any payments due to date

Councillor Jackson proposed, Councillor Kambites seconded and all agreed to authorise the payments as submitted.

E/34 Date of next meeting: 29th July 2019

Apologies for this meeting were received from Councillor Kambites.