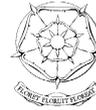


# Stonehouse Town Council

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



**MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Town Council meeting)  
of a meeting of STONEHOUSE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 25 JANUARY 2016  
COMMENCING AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.**

Present: Chairman/Town Mayor Theresa Watt  
Vice Chairman/Deputy Town Mayor Pam Swain  
Councillors Gwen Atkinson, Jo Byrne, Neil Gibbs, Carol Kambites, Gary Powell,  
Paul Stephens, Tim Jackson, Rob Waite

Also Present: Town Clerk Gill Jennings, 3 members of the public, County Councillor Lesley Williams, District Councillors Chris Brine & Mattie Ross

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**Attendees were reminded that the PROCEEDINGS of the meeting may be filmed, photographed or recorded. The Chairman also reminded attendees that there was an appropriate time for public participation and that attendees should not speak during proceedings unless by invitation of the Chairman.**

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TC1678 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Amy Coombs, Debbie Curtis, Vicky Redding

TC1679 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.

Councillor Rob Waite declared an interest in TC1688 (Precept) TC1689 (Payments) due to the website hosting contract with Coconut Group.

TC1680 To agree the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015

The Minutes were agreed as a true record

TC1681 High Street Improvements – Parking Review

To consider input to parking review for further action by Regeneration Committee

**The Committee has identified a need to address a potential obstruction problem at the end of Laburnum Walk and the need for lifting of the parking restriction outside the funeral parlour. Councillors were asked to submit any ideas for the High St or parking in general to the Regeneration Committee for collation into a report for the County Council.**

TC1682 Adjournment for Public Participation

(Maximum of 15 minutes – Any Member of the Public may speak only once in respect of any business itemised on the Agenda for a maximum of 5 minutes)

Lesley Williams asked if permitted or other interjection would be minuted. Councillor Watt advised that the Council did not have a policy on this and perhaps there would be no minutes of such comments.

A resident expressed disappointment in the decision K2/271. He was advised that this was now a matter for the County Council.

TC1683 To receive and give reports to/from County/District Councillors on matters of concern to Stonehouse

Councillor Williams explained that whereas 3.9% increase was unavoidable the county were making savings in a number of departments which might affect services. She advised that 1.9% of the funding increase would be spent on children's services. A consultation paper was available for comment. **F & S Committee will consider this.**

Councillor Brine stated his disappointment in the decision K2/271 and criticised the decision making process and made reference to the imminent elections.

Councillor Ross complained that there was not always an accurate and full record of what she said in the minutes. She stated that the district council were meeting with Capita to discuss their housing plans, it may well be that the council will not have enough funding.

TC1684 To receive a report from Councillor Kambites 14/0810/OUT West of Stonehouse and consider any further correspondence with Stroud District Council

Councillor Kambites reported that the outline application had been permitted, without amendment, by a vote of 8/2 despite helpful input by district councillors. It was hoped that the District Council would pay heed to the issue of connectivity and ensure the provision of a footbridge over the railway line. There seemed no point in further correspondence at this stage.

TC1685 To receive the Minutes of the Development Control Panel Meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016

The Minutes were noted. Councillor Kambites advised that the Brunsdon Yard application was of concern in that it might have a negative effect on the High Street.

TC1686 To receive the Minutes of the Regeneration & Environment Committee Meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**To receive the Minutes and consider the proposals:**

The Minutes were noted.

K2/257 Standish Hospital Site

**Resolution:** That Stonehouse Town Council support the use of the Standish Hospital Site for Care Housing as proposed by Stroud Commonwealth Limited. **Proposed C Kambites/Seconded P Swain. All agreed.**

K2/270 Community R4C Proposal

**Resolution:** That the Town Council supports the proposal for a recycling plant **Proposed J Byrne/Seconded C Kambites. All agreed.**

TC1687 To receive the Minutes of the Amenities Recreation & Tourism Committee of 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016

To receive the minutes and consider the proposals:

The Minutes were noted

**Resolution:**

**K3/357.4 That the Council earmarks sufficient funding (£10,000) towards replacement vehicle Proposed G Atkinson Seconded J Byrne All agreed**

**K3/357.5 That the Council earmarks sufficient funding towards the following planned expenditure:**

**Resurfacing and marking out of Oldends carpark in order to progress to a controlled carpark £50,000**

**Further extension of community facilities at Oldends Lane £250,000**

**Architects Plans & planning fees (£5000)**

**Proposed P Swain Seconded G Atkinson, All agreed**

TC1688 To receive the Minutes of the Finance & Strategy Committee Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016

To receive the Minutes and consider the proposals:

Resolution:

**K1/259.4 That the Council requests a precept in the sum of £238750.**

**Item TC1692 was brought forward for discussion. The contract with Veolia might be extended until the end of June but disposal costs would increase with the new contractor. The Council agreed to allow for another £600 to meet waste disposal costs. The Council agreed by unanimous vote to request a precept in the sum of £239350.**

**K1/259.6 That the Council earmarks sufficient funding for Town Hall & Communication Improvements £12000 in addition to the amount held for pensions/gratuities. Proposed R Waite/Seconded C Kambites, All agreed.**

**K1/260 That the Council adopts the amended Financial Regulations and proposed Scheme of Delegation. Proposed P Swain/Seconded J Byrne**

TC1689 To Agree a further payment of £300 for the Defibrillator and other due payments  
**Councillor Gibbs confirmed that a further £300 was required to train local people in CPR as a back up to the defibrillator. The Council considered this and agreed to grant up to £300 for this purpose when the training was put in place.  
Payments totalling £17429.11 to date were agreed.**

TC1690 To receive the Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Group of 10<sup>th</sup> December and 7<sup>th</sup> January,  
The Minutes were noted.

TC1691 To consider celebration of the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
**The Council agreed to set up a working group to formulate celebration of this event (Cllrs Byrne, Swain, Atkinson, Jackson, Stephens)**

TC1692 To receive notice of termination of Waste Contract (Veolia)  
Due to the change in the District Council's waste contract the Town Council's contractor has given notice to end their contract at the end of March 2016. Veolia staff are being transferred to Ubico and have agreed to find out whether they may work for the Town Council in the interim.  
Discussed under TC1688

TC1693 Date of Next Meeting  
21 March 2106

The meeting closed at 8pm.

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