



STONEHOUSE **TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Town Council meeting)
of a meeting of STONEHOUSE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 27 JUNE 2016 COMMENCING
AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.**

Present: Chairman/Town Mayor Cllr Theresa Watt
Vice Chairman/Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Pam Swain
Councillors: Jo Byrne, John Callinan, Ray Clegg, Deborah Curtis, Neil Gibbs,
Tim Jackson, Carol Kambites, Gary Powell, Ginny Smart
Also Present: District Councillor Mattie Ross, County Councillor Lesley Williams MBE,
Stroud News & Journal, 1 member of the public Town Clerk Gill Jennings

TC1738 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Paul Stephens (work commitments)

TC1739 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 Byrne declared an interest in K1/297 and TC1748

TC1740 To agree the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 23 May 2016

Cllr Powell proposed, Cllr Clegg seconded that the Minutes be accepted. All in favour

Post meeting Note: Minute TC 1723 should read Cllrs Watt, Swain, Kambites, Curtis

TC1741 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)

No adjournment was called.

TC1742 To receive and give reports to/from County/District Councillors on matters of concern to Stonehouse

Cllr Ross advised that a sheltered housing review was taking place and it would be useful to have a meeting with Town Councillors to discuss implications for Stonehouse. No further news on the Ship Inn site development. Cllr Ross voiced her appreciation of the contributors participation in the Paint the Town Pink event with many colourful knitted adornments throughout the town.

Cllr Williams reported that the corporate parenting team have met with young people to discuss their experience of care. Cross party motion has been proposed asking County for details of their financial status and ability to deliver services following the referendum result, also a motion regarding children's centres as there is concern that there will be a 2 tier system. Local Transport Plan has mentioned 3 possible sites for stations in the district and Cllr Williams invited questions to put to her Council.

TC1743 To receive reports from the Chairman and Town Councillors (external meetings)

Cllr Watt congratulated June Hennell and Lesley Williams on their award of an MBE. Invited a representative of the Council to attend the AGM of GAPTC - Cllr Callinan volunteered.

Cllr Kambites advised that she has stood down from her role as Trustee to the CAB but would still represent the Council at meetings.

Cllr Gibbs had attended a meeting of the Stonehouse Allotment Tenants Association and all was well.

TC1744 To receive the Minutes of the Amenities Recreation and Tourism Committee held on 6th June 2016

The Minutes were accepted further to clarification of the issues raised.

TC1745 To receive the Minutes of the Finance & Strategy Committee held on the 13th June 2016

The Minutes were accepted.

K1/296 To agree a Resolution to reduce account balances to £75000 protected limit as far as possible, and proceed with investments as recommended. Proposed Cllr Byrne, Seconded Cllr Smart, all in favour.

K1/297 To agree a Resolution to draw down funds from ART Committee and F & S Insurance Budget to cover cost of training as proposed. Proposed Cllr Callinan, Seconded Cllr Swain, all in favour.

K1/300 To agree a Resolution to set up a pension scheme with NEST, to agree a Tier payment, and to no longer permit new staff to the Gloucestershire Local Government Pension Scheme After much debate on whether to explore alternatives, or keep to the default contribution rate, the Council agreed on setting up a scheme with NEST at Tier 1 and to no longer permit new staff to the Gloucestershire Local Government Pension Scheme.

TC1746 To receive the Minutes of the Development Control Panel meeting held on 7th June 2016

TC1746 To receive the Minutes of the Regeneration & Environment Committee held on 7th June 2016

Both sets of Minutes were accepted.

TC1747 To consider Electronic mailing of all Agenda papers to save postage costs.

(Councillors would have the option of having paper copies on the evening of the meeting)

The Council agreed to electronic mailing of all agendas and supporting papers. Councillors to advise the Deputy Clerk if they require paper copies.

TC1748 To agree payments due to date

Payments for June totalling £36326.04 were agreed.

TC1749 Date of Next Meeting

5th September 2016

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

The Council will by resolution exclude the public from item TC1750 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and publicity of the item would be prejudicial to the public interest.

TC1750 LEGAL MATTERS

- Debate options for redevelopment and agree funding strategy and way forward.

The Council debated the merits of further development of Stagholt as a funding strategy. The Clerk advised there was a lengthy legal process to free up the land for development.

TC1750 (continued)

The Council agreed to keep the matter under review depending on the status of funds and appropriate use of the field.

The Council debated the purpose of redevelopment of Oldends Lane at an approximate cost of £750/800,000(allowing for contingencies) and in the majority agreed to press forward with plans for a new community building and housing. (Cllr Callinan/Clegg against/Byrne abstained)

The Council debated whether funding should be achieved by way of a public works loan and agreed that this option would not be ruled out. (Cllr Clegg against)

- To consider an offer for purchase of land and to reach agreement by Resolution

The Council debated the offer received for Stagholt carpark and pavilion and agreed to proceed with the sale subject to conditions & contract. (Cllrs. Byrne and Clegg abstained from voting)

K3/407 To appoint an architect to draw up plans for redevelopment of Oldends Lane (Resolution Required)

The Council heard from Cllr Curtis and Gibbs following meetings with the architects and agreed in the majority with the appointment of David Barnes at £36075. Cllrs. Callinan/Clegg voted against due to their lack of commitment to redevelopment. Cllr Byrne abstained.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm
