



**Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council  
held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.00pm  
in the Stonehouse Community Centre, Stonehouse**

**Present:**

Councillors: Neil Gibbs Chairman, Gwen Atkinson, Debbie Curtis, Michael Davis, Tim Jackson, Sally Pickering, Jennie Smith, Pam Swain, David Thorpe, Theresa Watt, John Parker, Leigh Binns

In Attendance: Ward Cllrs Mattie Ross and County Cllr Lesley Williams

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*Attendees were reminded that the Proceedings of the meeting could be filmed, photographed or recorded.*

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**A G E N D A**

**TC2352 To receive apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Carol Kambites and Cllr Kevin Parsons

**TC2353 To receive declarations of interest**

A declaration of interest was noted by Cllr Sally Pickering in relation to Agenda Item TC2363

**TC2354 To approve the minutes of the Town Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman

**TC2355 To receive reports from County Council and Ward Councillors.**

Cllr Williams was thanked for her efforts in relation to the resurfacing of the B4008.

Cllr Williams submitted a written report at the meeting. £20k of GCC budget to be allocated to highway improvements next year - option to use on cycle lanes could be considered on an individual basis. A request was made for Cllr Williams to continue efforts to talk to GCC re the transport plan and the need to include Bristol Road Station; in considering BRS, GCC thought more parking was needed - Cllrs considered the opposite to be the case as more rail users would be able to either walk or ride to the station.

The ability to walk on the grass verges along the B4008 was a concern since the resurfacing works.

Cllr Mattie Ross highlighted the district council purchasing new electric vehicles and cycles. Cllr Ross stated that she was disappointed with GCC's response to comments about the transport plan. She also mentioned that she would send around a note to district Cllrs on development control committee at SDC highlighting the benefits of approving the planning application for Stroud Auctions. Cllr Ross also mentioned Berryfields and the Sherbourne House Hub.

**TC2356 To receive brief reports from Members on external meetings attended.**

Cllrs Neil Gibbs and Carol Kambites - draft Local Transport Plan  
Cllr Pam Swain - Stonehouse Trustees  
Cllr Leigh Binns - Youth Council  
Cllr Mike Davis - Walking Festival Planning meeting  
Cllr Debbie Curtis - Stonehouse In Bloom Judging meeting

Cllrs Debbie Curtis and Pam Swain thanked the Clerk for his supporting work in reaching a positive conclusion with the Barnwood Trust Agreement

**TC2357 To receive RFO's report including the bank reconciliation for January 2020.**

The Bank reconciliation presented by the RFO for January 2020 was received and noted

**TC2358 To approve payments in accordance with the budget to date as listed**

Council **APPROVED** the payments as presented by the RFO.

**TC2359 To receive minutes of the Business Committee (BC) of the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020**

The council received and noted the minutes. There were no questions or comments

- TC2360**      **To consider recommendation on Agenda Item B/89 (BC 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2020)**
- Council RESOLVED to approve Business Committee's recommendation at its meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020
- TC2361**      **To consider recommendation on Agenda Item B/94 (BC 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2020)**
- Following a brief discussion, Council RESOLVED to replace Cllr Carol Kambites with Cllr Theresa Watts as the Town Council's representative at future Market Towns Forum meetings.
- TC2362**      **To receive minutes of the Environment Committee of the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020**
- The council received and noted the minutes. There were no questions or comments
- TC2363**      **To consider the Town Council's future Electricity supplier post March 2020**
- Council RESOLVED to approve the Clerk's recommendation
- TC2364**      **To consider the council's maintenance regime for its green open spaces post March 2020**
- Council RESOLVED to approve the Clerk's recommendation subject to the following that:-
- [The term re-wilding is not used in any future related text](#)
  - [Areas set aside for improving the biodiversity of sites are properly signed to enable residents to understand what the council were trying to achieve](#)
  - [The large bramble at the south west corner of Laburnum playing field was removed](#)
- TC2365**      **To receive an update from the Climate Change Action Group**
- Cllrs considered the recent climate change Action Fair as a great success with a good number of exhibitors and visitors attending despite the poor weather conditions. Thanks were given to attending County and Ward Cllrs
- TC2366**      **To note the date of the next Town Council Meeting - 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020.**

