



Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee held on Monday 24th February 2020 at 7pm in Stonehouse Community Centre, Laburnum Walk, Stonehouse, GL10 2NS

Present: Councillors Debbie Curtis, Neil Gibbs (Chair/Mayor), Carol Kambites (Convenor, Vice Chair/Vice Mayor), Jennie Smith.

In attendance: Rachel Russell, Deputy Clerk

E/125 To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Atkinson and Parsons.

E/126 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Gibbs declared an interest in item E/130 as he knows the owners of the property where the footpath is being diverted from. He agreed to not take part in any discussion on this item.

E/127 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on 20th January 2020

The minutes of 20th January 2020 were agreed as a true record. All in favour.

E/128 To comment on planning applications as listed

19/2713/ADV Old Station Yard, Bristol Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.
Advertisement Application, Proposed signage.

Comment: The signs are large and intrusive. It would be preferable if the signs were smaller and positioned lower down on the building.

20/0102/ADV Plot G, Stonehouse Park, Sperry Way, Stonehouse.
Advertisement Application: Various signage

No observations

20/0119/HHOLD 7 Chestnut Avenue, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2HW.
Single and 2 Storey extension to the front of the property

No observations

19/2165/DISCON Parcel H16-20 Land West Of Stonehouse, Grove Lane, Westend,
REVISED CONSULTATION: Discharge of Condition: Description: Discharging condition
46-area masterplan on permitted application S.14/0810/OUT

COMMENT: Eastington Parish Council's comments regarding footpaths, bridleways and new walking routes, protection of existing hedgerows and trees and consideration of site layout in relation to water run off and solar gain are all strongly supported.

It is disappointing that the revised Masterplan document does not address the Biodiversity Officer's comments regarding the need for a study of the impact of introducing roads which cut through the hedgerow on the North East boundary in order to access the potential site allocation PS19. Mitigation measures should be considered and made conditions of the discharge of condition 46.

The revised Masterplan document (February 2020, P19-0013_06G) is still vague regarding a proposal to increase density along the edge of the H16 land parcel in the light of the possible site allocation PS19. The planning authority should seek clarification as to the number and type of units now proposed in this area.

Any cycle routes, such as the one shown on DRWG P19-0013_02, should be off road and designed so they can link to Stonehouse and other settlements as the development is built.

It is requested that all the trees and plants introduced as part of the landscape strategy are sourced from within the UK both for biodiversity benefits and to minimise the spread of tree diseases.

20/0094/PIP Land At New House, Oldends, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.
Permission in Principle for a residential development up to 9 Dwellings

COMMENT: The site may have potential for housing but it is difficult to comment further without even an outline planning application. Stonehouse Neighbourhood Development Plan policies should be taken into account when considering any proposals, particularly Policy H1 Local Needs Housing (Dwelling Size and Type), Policy H2: Ease of Access in New Residential Development and Policy H3: Play Areas in New Residential Development.

20/0207/HHOLD 5 Coates Gardens, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2EB.
Proposed two storey side extension

No observations

20/0212/TPO 28 Bramble Lane, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2RA.
Tree Preservation Order: Works to large Oak tree

No objection to proposal subject to agreement of arboricultural officer and to work being carried out by qualified tree surgeon.

20/0224/TPO Stonehouse Community Centre, Laburnum Walk, Stonehouse,

Tree Preservation Order: T1 (Ash) - Fell to a height of 3m to leave monolith. T2 (Ash) and T3 (Ash) - Fell to ground level.

No observations; Town Council is applicant.

20/0232/FUL Land At 50A, Bath Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.
Erection of one dwelling with associated works

COMMENT: It is suggested that a cycle/pram store is provided for the dwelling. Given the progress of the Stroud District Local Plan Review, consideration should be given to ensuring that the design of the dwelling aims for zero carbon development, sustainable construction techniques and provision of renewable or low carbon energy sources in line with draft Local Plan Strategic Objective SO5: Climate Change and Environmental Limits and draft Core Policy CP8 New Housing Development.

20/0256/HHOLD 4 Storrington Place, Storrington Road, Stonehouse

Two storey rear extension and single storey side extension

No observations.

20/0285/HHOLD 31 Crescent Road, Bridgend, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

Extension of existing garage, side porch. Garage roof converted from flat to pitched roof with skylights

No observations

The following application was received after the preparation of the agenda:

20/0233/VAR 14 Park Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2DE.

Variation of Condition: Removal of condition 4 (CMS) from the application S.17/1912/FUL

The application was noted.

E/129 To receive report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council, 14th January 2020 to 13th February 2020

The report was noted.

E/130 To note notice of a public path diversion order for footpath MST27 received from Stroud District Council.

Cllr. Gibbs did not take part in a brief discussion on the diversion order. It was agreed there were no observations to make on the notice.

E/131 To note the Second Public Consultation by Wycliffe College on 27 February 2020 regarding development proposals on the Berryfield and agree attendance.

It was agreed that Cllr. Kambites would attend the Public Consultation. Deputy Clerk to recirculate consultation notice to all councillors.

E/132 To receive report on proposed timetable for review of Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan and agree further action

The Deputy Clerk's report was noted.

It was agreed to recommend to Town Council that a Neighbourhood Plan Working Group is set up to:

1. Review impact of Stonehouse Neighbourhood Development Plan,
2. Review changes to national and local context, including Town Council's commitment to carbon neutrality.
3. Agree recommendations on the scope of NDP review including funding options

Membership of Working Group to be agreed at Town Council.

E/133 To agree draft comments for recommendation to Town Council on Gloucestershire County Council's Local Transport Review Consultation.

Draft comments had been circulated. Any further comments to be sent to the Deputy Clerk by 6 March 2020 for collation and agreement at Town Council 16th March 2020.

E/134 To receive update regarding re-opening of Bristol Road station

A stakeholders' meeting on the reopening of Bristol Road station has been organised for 12 March 2020. Cllr. Gibbs reported that in response to an invitation to this meeting Siobhan Baillie, MP, has informed him she is meeting with Secretary of

State regarding the Restoring your Railway Fund. Deputy Clerk, Cllrs. Gibbs and Kambites and R Crockford to meet 6 March re stakeholders meeting.

E/135 To receive report of Vehicle Activated Sign deployment at Oldends Lane by Stroud District Road Safety Group and consider any further action.

The report was noted and no further action considered necessary for the time being. Stroud District Road Safety Group were thanked for arranging the deployment.

E/136 To receive update regarding Stonehouse in Bloom

Cllrs. Curtis and Swain attended a National Finalist Seminar. Heart of England judging day will be 13th July. National finals judging day to be confirmed but will be sometime in the first two weeks of August. Cllr. Curtis thanked Town Clerk and Maintenance Manager for strategic support from Town Council in preparing for In Bloom 2020.

E/137 Date of next Environment Committee meeting: 23 March 2020