

# Stonehouse Town Council



**MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting)**  
**of a MEETING OF THE AMENITIES, RECREATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE HELD ON**  
**MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2015 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.**

**Committee Members:**

**Councillors** John Aldis (Convenor)  
Chris Brine (Chair of Town Council)  
Roger Govier  
Gary Powell (Deputy Convenor)  
Theresa Watt (Vice Chair of Town Council)  
Neil Gibbs

**Also present:** Town Clerk Gill Jennings, Cllr Pam Swain, Gwenn Atkinson

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***Attendees are reminded that the Proceedings of this meeting may be filmed, photographed or recorded but anyone wishing to make a record should first inform the Chairman***

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**K3/262 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

**None received**

**K3/263 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are reminded of their obligation within the requirements of the adopted Model Code of Conduct to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests where applicable.

**None declared**

**K3/264 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015**

**The Minutes were approved as a true record**

**K3/265 PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT (15 minutes)**

Members of the public may speak only once for a maximum of 5 minutes on any specific Agenda item.

**Gwenn Atkinson introduced herself as a candidate for election and had called in to familiarise herself with the workings of the Council**

**K3/266 OLDENDS/STAGHOLT REDEVELOPMENT**

1. To receive a report from the Recreation Working Group and discuss any issues – The Working Group had met with Magpies and the Gloucestershire Football Association to discuss funding from the Football Foundation.  
This might be limited to £100,000 and might require the clubhouse and changing rooms to be housed in one building with a joint purpose and governing Trust. The application process was very complex and the Group requested assistance. The Committee agreed that a consultant should be appointed to assist.
2. Funding – Progress report Given the limited funds available from the FF further funding bids would be made to Environmental Trusts. Councillor Watt was to make initial enquiries
3. Review of plans for pavilion – The Committee approved the new drawings and agreed the planning fee of £192.50
4. Arrangements for consultation events – The Committee agreed the first consultation event should take place at the Annual Town Meeting
5. To consider land acquisition – The Committee agreed to recommend to Council that it seeks a Transfer of Land from the County Council to boost and replace facilities at Oldends Lane

### **K3/267 FINANCE**

1. To check Committee expenditure/receipts against budget February & March  
The Committee agreed the balances as correct and in accordance with the budget:  
**Payments February £5486.61 Receipts £15212.72**  
**Payments March £31568.15 Receipts £619.00**
2. To agree payments April – **There were no payments for agreement**

### **K3/268 SKATEPARK**

Recycling Bins – Progress report (Chris Brine) The location had been agreed and the bin was being provided free of charge.

To consider replacement of vandalised bin – This was the last bin surviving from the Sport England Funding. The Committee agreed that it needed replacing with something more robust. Cllr Watt to make suggestion based on advice from Glos City Council. **Clerk to purchase if within £500 budget.**

### **K3/269 STONEHOUSE IN BLOOM**

To receive a report from the Working Group - Cllr. Powell reported that the campaign was attracting funding to enable the displays to be extended to a larger area

To receive a condition report and quotation for works to trees on the town green – A report indicated that the whitebeam and willow needed work carried out in late Autumn. **It was agreed that this work would be carried out in October.**

### **K3/270 ALLOTMENTS**

To receive a report. **Cllr Powell had attended a social event held by the Allotment Tenants Association and had given an introduction to the Heart of England Campaign. Tenants had been keen to get involved.**

### **K3/271 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

To receive a report – Cllr Swain reported that the cost of dismantling and reinstalling the current lighting with hire of a cherry picker was £2396. Costs had been obtained for lighting up the Town Hall which would cost £2044. The alternative was to hire lights for adorning the lamp posts. Two High Street businesses Delta Nine and Hurns were helping by funding a further 3 lights each. The Committee agreed that Cllr Swain and Deputy Clerk should proceed with purchases or hire up to the budget limit.

### **K3/272 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

1 June 2015

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