



**STONEHOUSE**  
**TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES (subject to approval at the next Committee meeting)**  
**of a meeting of THE AMENITIES, RECREATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY**  
**13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.**

**Present:**

Neil Gibbs (Convenor)  
Gary Powell (Deputy Convenor) Chaired the meeting.  
Theresa Watt (Chair/Town Mayor)  
Deborah Curtis  
Trevor Baker

**Also Present:**

Town Clerk Gill Jennings

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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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**K3/466 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Swain (family matter)

**K3/467 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.  
There were no declarations of interest

**K3/468 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017**

The Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were approved by the Committee

**K3/469 PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT**

A maximum time limit of 15 minutes allocated for residents to raise comments on any item on this agenda (3 minutes per person)  
A public adjournment was not called

**K3/470 OLDENDS LANE REDEVELOPMENT**

1. Progress report on defibrillator - Committee to consider whether this should be installed inside the pavilion and whether suitable for Community Heartbeat to manage.  
Cllr Gibbs advised that the equipment was being checked for suitability. The Committee agreed that the equipment should ideally be located outside the new part of the pavilion. Parkrun and Football club were raising funds/offering labour.

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### K3/470 (continued)

#### 2. To receive a report from the Recreation Working Group and discuss any issues

A report of a meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February had been circulated. An issue had been identified in that the architect had reported (circulated by email) in addition to the anticipated transport/highways assessment costing £2000 already included in his quotation, there would be the need for a noise and vibration report at £2150.

**Proposed Cllr Watt/seconded Cllr Curtis to agree purchasing the report. The Committee agreed by majority that this was necessary expenditure to progress the development plan. (1 abstention)**

### K3/471 FINANCE

#### 1. To check and agree Committee expenditure/receipts against budget December & January

**December Expenditure £8956.52 Receipts £1535.50 were agreed**

**January Expenditure £6298.34 Receipts £1096 were agreed**

**The Committee agreed by majority vote to vire surplus from insurance budget to clear overspend on hedging/trees/fencing and increase project plans budget.**

#### 2. To agree any payments due

**There was no prepared payment schedule for the meeting but the expenditure of £2150 on a noise and vibration report was agreed by the majority (1 abstention)**

### K3/472 RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS

#### 1. To receive recommendations for replacement/additional play equipment at Laburnum Field following public consultation, consider quotations and discuss funding arrangements.

Recreation Working Group had received 5 quotations for equipment, two of which were not of interest due to not meeting the criteria. The Group had consulted with school children and obtained their preferences. ROSPA reports were provided to the Committee. The Committee were not satisfied that a comprehensive quote was available for agreement. In any case the clerk reported a delay in the S106 funding because Stroud District Council had not collected the funding from the developer. They were proposing to allow stage payments which might take collection beyond May. **Recreation Working Group are to revisit the quotations and ensure that there are no duplications or omissions. The Committee agreed unanimously that expenditure should be within the limits of £24999 for the whole project and to revisit the quotations when funding available.**

#### 2. To agree location for a tennis court and discuss arrangements for use

The Clerk had requested that the Recreation Working Group identify a location for tennis courts before proceeding further with a funding application.

The Working Group had concluded that there was insufficient space available at Oldends Lane. The Working Group also concluded that there was adequate provision at Maidenhill and a multi-use area would be preferable although too expensive at this time. It was likely that any facility would be expected free of charge which would not benefit the community building running costs. **The Committee agreed to revisit the S106 wishlist.**

#### 3. Consider area of land to be put forward in new Community Right to Bid on Verney Fields

**The Committee agreed that the land in question should cover the paths currently used by walkers and that the plan should show existing stiles. The Clerk will take photos to support the nomination application.**

### **K3/473 HORTICULTURAL SHOW**

The Horticultural Show request permission to use Laburnum Playing Field for the Summer Jolly on the 13<sup>th</sup> August. The Committee to consider whether to make a charge for hire.

**The Committee agreed unanimously that the field should be made available free of charge.**

### **K3/474 TOWN GREENS**

Home Farm Trust have agreed to reinstate the area of green spoilt by visitor vehicles, the Committee may wish to consider whether bollards should be erected to prevent future damage. Councillor Powell offered to prepare 3 bollards to match existing, for installation by groundstaff. This was agreed.

### **K3/475 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

27 March 2017

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

The Council will by resolution exclude the public from item K3/476 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and publicity of the item would be prejudicial to the public interest.

### **K3/476 LEGAL MATTERS**

#### **1. Changes to Lease arrangements - EE Phone Mast & Stonehouse Football Club**

The Clerk advised that EE wanted to pass on the lease to Arqiva. Arqiva had agreed to pay the Council's costs up to £1000 and the solicitor had agreed to work within this budget. With regard to Stonehouse Football Club the Council's solicitor had advised that the cost of new lease would be in the region of £750-950 plus VAT and there would be "practical implications on the part of the council in tying up the land for a significant period". The Committee discussed the prospect of a 25 year lease and agreed that they were willing to work with the Football Club, however the exact area of land needed to be discussed and a valuation of the rent obtained. The Committee were unable to proceed until the new financial year with these investigations. The Recreation Working Group needed to ensure that the Football Club were not expecting new changing rooms from the public purse as it was felt that suitable facilities were already offered in the pavilion. Conversion of the workshop was not considered ideal therefore the location of any future changing rooms needed to be identified. It was agreed that continued use of the existing dilapidated changing rooms would not be allowed upon renewal of the lease.

#### **2. Legal Entity - Stonehouse Sports & Social Club**

Cllr Gibbs had made some inroads into investigating the premises licence rules and the Committee were of the opinion that there needs to be a management body in the form of a Trust or other legal entity separate from any members club and in essence it would be better if the current club was dissolved. The Recreation Working Group will obtain initial advice from GRCC but the Clerk will also find out the cost of legal advice.

#### **3. Stagholt (part of) - revised offer for purchase**

The Committee received an offer in the sum of £95000 with additional considerations. The Committee agreed unanimously that this should be accepted. **For Resolution**

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