

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 2ND FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET,
STONEHOUSE.

Present:

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

Attendees were reminded that the Proceedings of this meeting may be filmed, photographed or recorded.

K3/232 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

None received

K3/233 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.

No declarations were made

K3/234 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17TH NOVEMBER 2014

The Minutes were approved as a true record

K3/235 PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT (15 minutes)

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

No adjournment was called

K3/236 RECREATION WORKING GROUP

The Active Living Grant Bid has been successful and the Recreation Working Group will update the Committee on the choice of equipment. The Committee are to agree that an order may be placed.

Having considered 3 quotations, the Committee agreed to award the contract to the Outdoor Gym Company Limited at £20,000. The Committee to request temporary use of reserves due to the funding being paid over in two halves.

K3/237 OLDENDS/STAGHOLT REDEVELOPMENT

1. To agree to put on hold the pavilion alterations pending further drawings for the entire scheme (Oldends) – **The Committee agreed to suspend further technical work. The balance of Combi Grant was intended for cctv and exterior lighting which would have to be progressed once plans for the entire scheme had been agreed. In the meantime the Committee felt that use of the meeting room should be encouraged with an improved floor covering and new tables. Costs to be investigated.**

K3/237 Oldends/Stagholt Redevelopment (continued)

2. To receive a report from the Recreation Working Group regarding stakeholder consultation – **The Working Group reported on a meeting held with stakeholders on 21st January at which the proposal to move the football stadium was discussed. The stakeholders were in agreement and keen to work on a joint funding bid.**
3. To consider a quotation for further drainage work (Stagholt) – **The quotation was noted. The Committee agreed that in order to improve the playing surface for other sports use drainage would be necessary but this would be incorporated into the main works on the surfacing and dependent on S106 monies or other funding.**

K3/238 FINANCE

1. To check Committee expenditure/receipts against budget November/December **November expenditure £11118.60 receipts £10333.80 agreed correct with budget. December expenditure £13900.75 receipts £608 agreed correct with budget. An invoice received in January for electrical work for the Christmas lights would take that budget over £5000. The Committee agreed to a virement for the balance from the Materials Cost/Tool Hire budget as the expenditure involved hire of a cherry picker.**
2. To agree January payments – **Payments were agreed in the sum of £6248**
3. To review the Grasscutting Contract – **2/3 quotations were received and considered. The Committee agreed to renew with TH Hawkins in the sum of £18750 to include hedging, spiking and line marking.**

K3/239 SKATEPARK

Recycling Bins – Progress report (Chris Brine) – **In progress**

K3/240 STONEHOUSE IN BLOOM

To receive a report from the Working Group and to consider any planting arrangements for agreement. **The Minutes were not to hand. Cllr Powell gave a verbal report. The Working Group were encouraging further membership and looking for projects which may link in i.e. Edible Food Event with Transition Stroud, schools projects, allotments. The Allotment Committee have a Social Event on the 26th March (Cllrs Powell & Govier to attend). This year the Group are hoping to plant from seed where possible to reduce the cost of plants.**

K3/241 COURT VIEW

To receive a report following a meeting with Taylor Wimpey **Cllr Aldis and Cllr Watt had attended a meeting with Matthew Vaughan, Adoptions Manager, who had indicated that work would commence on the hedges and trees at Court View in the first week of February. Legal matters were held up at Taylor Wimpey Legal Department.**

K3/242 ALLOTMENTS

1. To receive an updated allotment report (Deputy Clerk) **Mrs Lawrence had made an inspection of the allotments. The Committee agreed that notice should be given to the plotholder mentioned in the report. Stroud Valley Project had requested permission to install a pond on the allotments and this was agreed by the Committee.**
2. To receive Minutes of the Stonehouse Allotment Holders Committee of 4th Dec And 12th January and make comment - **The Minutes were circulated. Cllr Govier had not been invited to the last 2 meetings.**

K3/243 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

To consider sale items which might be purchased from the balance in this year's budget. **The Committee were made aware of sale items but agreed that there was insufficient information about the likely costs of installation and that the purchase of lights and installation needed to be considered as a whole. The Committee wanted to consider use of solar lights where possible and also investigate the possibility of leaving the lights up all year round as the cost of dismantling and storing seemed to be a large part of the budget.**

K3/244 TOWN GREENS

To agree use of the Town Greens for the Stonehouse Community Project Spring Festival
This was agreed.

K3/245 LABURNUM FIELD

With TPO consent in hand to consider expenditure on trees T5, 6, 7 and 8

Two quotations were considered and the Committee agreed to award the contact to Sam Kelly at £920.

K3/246 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 9th March 2015

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

The Council will by resolution exclude the public from item K3/247 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and publicity of the item would be prejudicial to the public interest.

K3/247 Legal Matters – EE, Sale of Perth, Disputed Invoice

The Clerk updated the Council that EE had provided Head of Terms for the Lease and were in agreement with an increased rental of £5200 per annum and a one off payment towards screening in the sum of £5000. The Clerk had queried the term of the lease as ideally it should be 9 years with three yearly reviews not 10 years with one 5 year review.

The sale of Perth still in progress but a revised purchase price was being suggested by the developer.

The Committee discussed the explanation provided by Mant Leisure and found this unacceptable.
