



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 28 JULY 2014 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)

Also Present:

Gill Jennings Town Clerk
David Godfrey Resident

K3/184 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Howarth, Cllr Watt

K3/185 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

K3/186 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 JUNE 2014

The Minutes were approved as a true record

K3/187 PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT (15 minutes)

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

Mr David Godfrey said he had been in touch with Taylor Wimpey and they were proceeding with remedial work specified by the Clerk in K3/188

K3/188 COURT VIEW

Transfer documents to be considered – Committee to agree conditions

A standard transfer document had been drawn up by Taylor Wimpey. Land Searches were being carried out and the document would be checked and conditions applied regarding work to trees and hedges, and no liability to the council for ongoing neighbour disputes. **The Committee agreed with this course of action.**

K3/189 STAGHOLT

Confirmation of Deed of Release – The Committee agreed the document which was duly signed.

K3/190 RECREATION WORKING GROUP

To receive a report from the Working Group – The Working Group had met with consultants and members of council to discuss the feasibility study of redevelopment of Oldends Lane.

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K3/90 Recreation Working Group (continued)

An information event would be held so that all Councillors could attend to understand the study and discuss other options before the next Town Council meeting. A study of community halls/conference facilities was being carried out by the deputy clerk to assess need.

A study of energy options for the existing pavilion was underway – but initial feedback indicated that ground heat source pumps would be as expensive as mains gas.

K3/191 BOULE COURT

1. To consider purchase of benches – **The Committee agreed to proceed with the purchase of 2 benches (one either end of the court) in the sum of £145.14 each to be reclaimed from remaining S106 monies.**

The Committee discussed access to the court via the gate and agreed that the court should remain locked with a deposit on the key to avoid misuse. The charge for use might be reviewed in the future, the main obstacle for use at the moment appeared to be a lack of knowledge.

K3/192 STAGHOLT BROOK

To agree maintenance schedule and representation to Stroud District Council

The Committee agreed that quarterly cutting back by inhouse staff and 1 annual clearance by a contractor was sufficient to keep the brook clear. It was extremely difficult to cope with unusual rainfall and assistance was required from Stroud District Council in ensuring riparian responsibilities were met, including those of Glos. County Council. Stroud District Council were required to advise on measures to improve areas outside the control of the Town Council. There were complaints from householders that residents did not assist by dumping household refuse in the brook.

K3/193 FINANCE

1. To check Committee expenditure/receipts against budget June 2014 - **Expenditure in June £13754.24 and Receipts £15451.60 agreed as anticipated in the budget.**
2. To agree receipts and payments in July – **July payments to date £15285.19 agreed as correct.**

K3/194 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

To consider costs of installation and dismantling of existing lighting displays together with costs for solar powered Christmas trees

The Committee considered 3 quotations. The work proposed to lay underground cables to light the large trees, and purchase of three to four solar powered small hanging trees, and installation of existing lights was agreed to the budget figure of £5000 and the contract awarded to SP Electrical.

K3/195 GCC GRANTS FOR SPORT

Following a meeting of the Recreation Working Group Members are requested to consider installation of an outdoor gym on Laburnum Playing Field rather than Stagholt

The Committee agreed that Laburnum or Meadow would be suitable locations but that the Recreation Working Group are to meet with suppliers and discuss the sq. m. required and draw up a plan to show the layout. They are also to obtain prices on at least 2 options for discussion at the next ART meeting.

K3/196 MAGPIES SOCIAL CLUB

To consider rising cost of insurance and to make a review of rent

The Council's insurers had advised the renewal premium would be £1700 but before proceeding required a buildings condition report and electrical inspection. The cost of such reports, and reimbursement of the insurance cost, was payable by the tenant and the Clerk would be writing to Magpies to explain this.

The Committee were asked to consider an uplift in the rent.

The Committee deferred a decision until the next ART meeting following the building inspection.

K3/197 Matters of Information

a. To receive Minutes of SCP Events Group Meetings – The Minutes were noted. It was hoped that the Arts Festival would develop with more content next year.

b. To receive Canals Project Newsletter (June 2014) - Noted

K3/198 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6 OCTOBER 2014
