

MINUTES (subject to approval at the next Committee meeting)
OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD
ON MONDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2013 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET,
STONEHOUSE

Present: Convenor Clare Sheridan
Vice Chair of Town Council Simon Lewis
Councillors: David Drew, Roger Govier (Deputy Convenor) Rob Waite

In Attendance: Town Clerk Gill Jennings
Resident Mr J Callinan

J2/151 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES
Apologies were received from Chris Brine

J2/152 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Members are reminded of their obligation within the requirements of the Adopted Model Code of Conduct to declare personal or disclosable pecuniary interests where applicable.
None declared

J2/153 EMERGENCY PLANNING
A Presentation by Nikki Humphries and Mike Hammond of Stroud District Council and discussion on the needs of Stonehouse and how to address them
The officers explained that the aim of emergency planning should be to make communities self-reliant identifying risks and vulnerable establishments and putting a plan in place identifying sources of help and places of safety. The Committee agreed to move this forward and publicise the plan to find volunteer help in its implementation.

J2/154 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PANEL
The D.C.P. met on 14th January and 4th February 2013 - reports attached. The Panel are also due to meet on 18th February 2013 prior to the Committee meeting.
The Minutes of the 14th January were agreed with an amendment from A4419 to A419 and 4th February agreed without amendment.

J2/155 PLANNING RESULTS (Received from Stroud District Council)
(For Members' information – the letter in brackets are an indication of the Town Council observations. N.O. = No Observations / OBJ = Object / DNS or Obj = Do Not Object or Support)

12/1725/FUL	Agricultural Building, Ryeford Proposed new hay/straw and implement building. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(Comments)
12/1747/FUL	Land lying to the south of Albion Terrace, Bridgend Erection of 6 light industrial units. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(Comments)
12/1795/HHOLD	42 Melbourne Drive Proposed attached garage. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	

J2/155 Planning Results (continued)

12/1874/CPE	The Coach House, Bristol Road Certificate of Existing Lawful Use Retention of existing coach house as an independent residential Dwelling. GRANTED	(N.O.)
12/1892/FUL	Fieldview, Pearcroft Road Erection of one dwelling. PLANNING PERMISSION REFUSED	(Obj)
12/1914/HHOLD	22 Gloucester Road Construction of garage. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(Comments)
12/2210/FUL	Police Station, 21 High Street Change of Use from Police Station to B1 Office and relocation of ramp to rear. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(Comments)
12/2249/FUL	Dairy Crest Ltd., Severnside Dairy, Oldend Lane Provision of new cream intake canopy. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(N.O.)
	12/2285/FUL Schlumberger (Building F), Brunel Way Erection of a concrete block and drill display. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	
12/2346/FUL	Schlumberger (Buildings B and F), Brunel Way Construction of additional car parking to Buildings B and F. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(Comments)

J2/156 TRAFFIC ISSUES

1. To discuss a response from Phillip Sullivan regarding parking enforcement in Stonehouse – **A response had been requested by this date but had not been received therefore it was felt necessary to chase the item.**
2. A discussion on District Council Parking Fees – **The Committee recognised the need for a fee scheme although a period of no charge for a limited period might have encouraged more responsible parking.**
3. To receive a complaint regarding parking in Verney Road for station use – **The Committee considered the response by Glos. County Council with regard to the reasons why a residents parking zone had not been created. This response would be shared with the resident. The Committee recognised that residential roads were being used in preference to the station car park.**

Items 1, 2, 3 drew attention to the fact that the parking strategy of the whole town needed to be examined. Glos County Council and Stroud District Council would be invited to attend a Town Council meeting to discuss.

4. Extension of the 20mph zone – **Committee members were asked to provide comments to the clerk.**
5. Road Safety Initiative – Pedestrian Route to Park Junior/Infant Schools – **The Committee were made aware of the proposal by Gloucestershire Constabulary in conjunction with Gloucestershire County Council of a safe route to school marked by coloured footprints along pedestrian routes.**

J2/157 ENERGY ISSUES

1. Green Energy funding

Councillor Clare Sheridan confirmed that she had registered interest in the funding scheme on behalf of the Town Council.

2. Review of Energy Provider – Town Hall

The Committee considered energy cost comparisons. Councillor Sheridan stated that it was the Council's aim to decrease CO2 by 10%. The cost comparisons showed that EDF (only 3% renewable) was cheaper per/kwh but had the highest standing charge and delivered the cheapest price for electricity. Good Energy (100% renewable) provided the cheapest gas but was the most expensive on electricity. **The Committee felt that it would be necessary to calculate the saving made through solar energy and the rate of pay-back before committing to change providers. To be referred to Finance & Strategy Committee.**

3. Solar Energy Installation – progress report

The installer had made an initial site visit to discuss location of monitor and a date for commencement of the works was awaited. **Cllr Sheridan to chase progress.**

J2/158 REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT – A FIVE YEAR PLAN

A discussion identifying and taking forward the current issues and whether there is a need for a Neighbourhood Plan.

The Committee did not identify any issues but felt there was a need for a Neighbourhood Plan. On this subject the Clerk had been invited to a meeting with Neil Carmichael MP on the 28th February.

Mr Callinan spoke at various points throughout the meeting:

Did Cllr Brine declare interests? Answer: Yes

Were the Council not aware of the survey of businesses which had highlighted the lack of support for parking on the High Street and could they not see the existing problems? Answer: This would be discussed at Town Council meeting in more detail as there was a lack of parking and unenforced illegal parking.

Could the Council use its existing information compiled on emergency contacts? Answer: Yes

Who was to lead Neighbourhood Plan? Answer: Town Council to lead seeking community input.
