



MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) OF A MEETING OF THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 11 JULY 2016 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE

Present:

Councillors: Tim Jackson (Deputy Convenor)
Gwen Atkinson
Ray Clegg
Pam Swain (Deputy Chair of Council/Deputy Mayor)

Committee Clerk: Rachel Russell

Also present: Councillor John Callinan (for part of meeting)

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

A G E N D A

K2/340 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Kambites and Watt.

K2/341 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

K2/342 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7 JUNE 2016

The minutes were approved as a true record.

K2/343 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no call for an adjournment.

K2/344 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

1. Traffic Working Group

This item was considered first as Cllr. Callinan, a member of the Traffic Working Group had attended for this item. Notes of the Traffic Working Group meeting of 10 June 2016 had been circulated with the Agenda. The Committee Clerk gave a verbal report of the Traffic Working Group meeting of 1 July 2016 with Dan Tiffney, Local Highways Manager, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC), as notes were not yet available.

Oldends Lane: The Committee agreed that:

- a) Dan Tiffney was advised that the Town Council want the County Council to consider putting a pedestrian crossing at Oldends Lane near the junction with Midland Road, in the light of increased use and the future development at West of Stonehouse.
- b) The Traffic Working Group were asked to discuss priority locations for pedestrian crossings.

Cllr. Callinan reported that in Nottingham the buttons on pedestrian crossings activate the lights very quickly. The Committee asked that the issue of pedestrian crossing response times is raised with Gloucestershire County Council. Cllr. Callinan left the meeting.

2. Oldends Lane

At the Traffic Working Group meeting of 1st July 2016, Dan Tiffney (GCC Highways) advised that Oldends Lane was unlikely to meet current criteria for becoming a 20 miles per hour zone. He believed it would be a suitable location for flashing, LED lights with an appropriate safety message and would carry out the relevant assessment. Councillors agreed that they wanted GCC to consider putting in a pedestrian crossing.

3. High Street repairs

Cllr. Watt reported that the contractors' store and facilities were moved into the District Council car park today.

Cllrs. Clegg, Swain and Watt had all received complaints about the slow rate of progress on this project and some complaints from businesses about the effect on their trade. Cllr. Swain has complained about this and blocking of the laybys with barriers. Cllr. Swain will circulate and e-mail link to all Town Councillors which they can use to complain to Amey.

4. GCC Parking Review:

A copy of a GCC Stonehouse Parking Review report, October 2015, was circulated with the Agenda. Councillors agreed there was a lot of information to digest in the report. The Committee Clerk read out sections of the notes of the Parking Review meeting of 28th April 2016, circulated with the Agenda of the previous Committee meeting of 7th June, which included summary findings from the report given by Jim Daniels, GCC Parking Manager.

Kirsty Cox, GCC Parking Team, had requested a further meeting with the Town Council to discuss possible options Councillors agreed that 25th July was the most convenient date for a meeting.

5. Damaged kerb on Town Green at access to pharmacy

Dan Tiffney, GCC Highways has proposed moving back kerb to allow for movement of larger vehicles. Councillors agreed that GCC are asked to design an alternative solution of keeping the footprint of the kerb but providing a firm base, for example, using mesh or cobbles, which can withstand vehicle movement

K2/345 BRISTOL ROAD STATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

There has been no further progress as the Bristol Road Station working group is still waiting for the results of the GCC and Bristol City Council study on frequency of services between Yate and Gloucester, as reported to the last meeting of the Regeneration and Environment Committee on 7 June 2016.

K2/346 BRIDGE AT OLDENDS LANE LEVEL CROSSING

The Committee Clerk read the part of informative 1 attached to the Outline Planning Consent for West of Stonehouse (14/810/ OUT) which relates to Oldends Lane Level Crossing which states that "reasonable endeavours shall be undertaken to seek improvements to the pedestrian facilities at the Oldends level crossing" and pointed out that the Stroud District Council (SDC) minutes of the decision (Development Control Committee, 12 January 2016) states that "officers agreed to attach an Informative to the application that officers ensure that they use their best endeavours to talk to Network Rail regarding the footbridge". It was agreed that the Town Council should pursue the provision of a footbridge with Network Rail and return a Network Rail Development Questionnaire.

K2/347 NETWORK RAIL REQUEST FOR DIVERSION OF FOOTPATHS AT OLDENDS LANE RECREATION GROUND

It was agreed to support a request from Network Rail for footpath diversion to facilitate the closure of Stonehouse 2 and Little Australia Level Crossings in order to improve pedestrian safety on condition that :

- a) The safety of access across the brook at the North East corner of the land is improved by providing a 6 foot wide bridge, the details of which to be agreed with Stonehouse Town Council.
- b) Network Rail are advised to visit the site to ensure there is room for a footpath East of the land currently owned by GCC.

It was agreed to follow the advice of the Town Clerk to pursue the Transfer of Asset application to Gloucestershire County Council regarding the triangle of land at the North end of Oldends Recreation ground.

K2/348 STATION LINK PATH PROJECT

1. Richings Contractors have been appointed to carry out resurfacing work.
2. Dan Tiffney of GCC has advised that three signs be provided, on the existing post at the Queens Road end of the path, on a new post at the car park end and near the pay machine in the car park. It was agreed that these signs would be acceptable.

The Committee would like to see signs or attractive information boards to attract visitors and tourists with Town guide and links to Cotswold Way information but agreed this was a separate project to the Station Link project.

3. Network Rail have been contacted regarding clearance of scrub on embankment which is cutting out light to path. Response will be chased.
4. Because no additional lighting will be provided, it is possible that funding could be used to improve the accessibility of the gate at Queens Road end of path. Dan Tiffney, GCC, has sent information about gates used by the Rights of Way team and will research other options. It was agreed that a solution which kept some of the Victorian character of the gate might be possible and this will be discussed with a local ironsmith.

K2/349 BUS SHELTERS

A bus shelter audit carried out by Cllrs. Atkinson and Kambites on 17 June 2016 was circulated with the agenda. It was agreed that the Committee's aim was to raise the quality of street furniture and that in some cases replacement may be more economic than repair. Cllr. Swain reported that the re-painting of shelters in 2014 was not carried out to a good standard. The Town Clerk had provided information from Stroud District Council regarding S.106 funds of £7,500 for the upgrading of two bus stops on the High Street.

- a) Stone shelters to be cleaned and seats varnished by Town Council staff.
- b) Committee members to investigate bus shelters and find examples and costs.
- c) Committee Clerk to find out more details of how S.106 money can be used, for example, if it could be spent on a single shelter.

K2/350 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL'S HERITAGE STRATEGY: PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE

It was agreed that the Committee Clerk would complete a questionnaire to assist the development of SDC's Heritage Strategy.

K2/351 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Minutes of Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan Group meetings of 24 May 2016 and 16 June 2016 were circulated with the agenda. The Committee Clerk reported that a draft Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan was currently out to public consultation and a successful drop in event had been held on Saturday 9th July.

K2/352 COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE

An expenditure report had been provided by the Town Clerk showing the only expenditure was on Neighbourhood Plan Administration.

K2/353 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/SUPP = Support/DNO or Supp = Do Not Object or Support)

16/0773/FUL Dairy Partners Ltd, Brunel Way, Stonehouse,

The extension of existing site car park including the removal of an existing earth bund and provision of new acoustic boundary fence.

(WITHDRAWN)

16/0764/FUL Dairy Partners Ltd, Brunel Way, Stonehouse,

Removal of an existing earth bund and provision of a new acoustic boundary fence

(WITHDRAWN)

16/0264/COU The Ryeford Arms , 12 Ebley Road, Stonehouse,

Change of use of the buildings from C2 (residential institution) to C3 (private dwelling house.)

(CONSENT)

(SUPPORT)

16/0615/HHOLD 31 Laburnum Walk, StonehouseGL10 2NR.

Two-storey and single storey extension.

(CONSENT)

(N.O)

15/2559/FUL Planning Appeal: Land Off, Ebley Road, Stonehouse, ref

APP/C1625/W/16/3144680

Proposed development of two dwellings.

(REFUSED)

(COMMENT)

16/0014/STREG3/ Park Infants School , Elm Road,

16/0565/CM Proposed Single Storey Extension to the existing School Entrance to Provide Office and Entrance Lobby

(CONSENT)

(SUPP)

16/0984/HHOLD 32 Partridge Close, Stonehouse

Proposed two storey side extension.

(CONSENT)

(N.O)

16/1047/HHOLD 1 Melbourne Drive, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2PJ.

Replace existing conservatory with single storey extension.

(CONSENT)

(N.O)

16/1091/HHOLD 1 Albany, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2PS.

Two storey side extension and single storey rear conservatory. Alterations to the access and garden wall.

(CONSENT)

16/1128/VAR Wards House, Wycliffe College, Bristol Road, Stonehouse.

Variation of condition 6 (construction hours) of permission S.16/0254/FUL.

(CONSENT)

(OBJ.)

K2/354 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

19 September 2016

Agenda items: Bristol Road Station, Crossing at Oldends Lane, Bus Shelters, Gate at Queens Road footpath.