



# Stonehouse Town Council

**MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting)**  
**of a meeting of THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2015 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Carol Kambites (Convenor of Committee)  
Chris Brine (Chair of Council)  
Theresa Watt (Vice Chair of Council)  
Vicky Redding (Deputy Convenor)  
David Drew

**Also Present:** Town Clerk Gill Jennings, John Jeynes (SCP), County Councillor  
Lesley Williams, District Councillor Mattie Ross

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

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**K2/175 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Jan Dyer

**K2/176 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

**K2/177 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015**

The Minutes were agreed as a true record

**K2/178 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No adjournment was called

**K2/179 SHIP INN SITE**

Due to the lack of progress on this site the Council has been asked by parishioners to make a counter proposal. Cllr Kambites explained that the Canal Group and UWE had expressed a desire to make a study of the Ship Inn Site and Wycliffe grounds to draw up plans for community use. Meetings were requested with Stroud DC and Wycliffe College to discuss. Cllr Brine indicated that the matter was progressing in legal terms and the sale of the land agreed at £550,000 for a petrol station, café, shop and moorings. If feasibility proved this unviable there was another petrol company offering £515,000 for the site. Much depended on the outcome of the supermarket planning applications. Councillors expressed concern that Stroud DC did not work with the Town Council in trying to achieve outcomes for Stonehouse. Both Ward Councillors present stated that they were in a position to achieve these.

**K2/180 HIGH STREET REPAIRS**

To receive a report from the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015 – The Committee were briefed by the report and were pleased to note that Glos. County Council will communicate with high street businesses. The proposals seemed to be the only way forward. During the meeting the proposals for the A419 had been touched upon. It concerned councillors that the LEP were reluctant to discuss the plans and had instead directed the Council to Glos County Council.

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### **K2/180 High Street Repairs** (continued)

In turn Glos County Council stated there were no definite plans to share and that there would not be a public consultation. Cllr Brine indicated that Stroud DC and Glos CC were communicating over the matter. **Clerk was asked to insist on a meeting to include Stonehouse TC.**

### **K2/181 TO EXAMINE THE EMERGING STRATEGY OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN**

Planning for local transport in Gloucestershire. Consultation runs from the 16<sup>th</sup> February to the 27<sup>th</sup> March by visiting – <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/ltp3>

**A Working Group of Councillor Kambites, Powell and Watt were elected to respond to the LTP.**

### **K2/182 WEST OF STONEHOUSE**

1. To discuss the changes in the Local Plan and contents of a response  
It was clear that Stroud DC had made major modifications to the plan to accommodate more housing and that this was placed in Stonehouse. **The Committee agreed a response to the consultation which would be sent separately to that of SPA. Clerk to add problem with connectivity and business concerns.**
2. Progress update Strategic Partnership Alliance group – The SPA group were busy consulting with members of the Public and their planning consultant would be drawing up a response to the revised Local Plan.

### **K2/183 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

1. To receive Minutes and a progress report – Minutes were circulated. The Group were still working on policy wording. Public consultation had been difficult. Stroud DC still not assisting with data. (Cllr Brine/Cllr Ross offered to assist)
2. To consider extension of administrative support – **The Committee agreed to request that the staffing contract be extended by a further 6 months.**

### **K2/184 JAVELIN PARK**

To consider current position and receive response from GCC – The Committee were pleased to hear that Stroud DC were pursuing a judicial review. Glos County Council would not respond to the FOI request made by the Clerk stating “we have concluded that information falling within the remit of your request is exempt from disclosure under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). This provides us with a qualified exemption from disclosing information that will harm the commercial interests of any party.” **A final decision on this was due on 20<sup>th</sup> March when the Clerk was instructed to pursue with the Information Commissioner.**

### **K2/185 STATIONS**

The Committee were briefed on correspondence with Network Rail and on the progress made to date on the station. The new shelter was a welcome improvement although the information system had not yet been installed. **Clerk to write to NR.**

### **K2/186 STANDISH HOSPITAL SITE**

Cllr Redding updated the Council to explain that the project team had cancelled the most recent meeting following feedback on the draft plans by Stroud District Council.

### **K2/187 COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE**

1. To agree expenditure to date. **Expenditure to end of January was agreed at £6734.99**

