



MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) OF A MEETING OF THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 31 OCTOBER 2016 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE

Present:

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

Committee Clerk: Rachel Russell

Also present: Councillor Neil Gibbs

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

K2/375 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

K2/376 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

K2/377 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2016

K2/378 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

K2/379 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

1. Oldends Lane

Dan Tiffney, Gloucestershire County Council's (GCC) Local Highways Manager has not yet provided an assessment as to whether Oldends Lane would be eligible for vehicle activated lights or a pedestrian crossing. Committee Clerk to contact and copy in County Councillor Lesley Williams.

2. Ebley Road

A resident has contacted the Town Council regarding speeding along the Ebley Road. He has been advised to contact the police. Town Council have contacted the police regarding a speed report but have heard nothing. Town Council to contact GCC Highways and police. Safety along Ebley Road to be considered by the Traffic Working Group.

3. Traffic working group

Notes of the Traffic Working Group meeting of 12 September 2016 were circulated with the agenda and a report of actions taken given by the Committee Clerk. The leaning post outside the Eurolink Office, High Street, has been repaired. The Committee Clerk reported a phone call from Charles Pedrick of Rodborough Parish Council in response to a request from the Traffic Working Group for further information regarding the Rodborough Speed Watch scheme. The system is not Home Office approved so the data cannot be used to issue tickets or fines, it requires regular monitoring and police resources mean they cannot guarantee to follow up on all cases of speeding. Cllr. Watt advised that at a meeting regarding the Share Space repairs, Scott Tompkins of GCC had advised this system was not suitable for the High Street or Oldends Road. It was agreed that there was nowhere in Stonehouse that would be suitable for this system.

Cllr. Gibbs advised that portable Radar Counter units are an easy and flexible way to monitor speeds and it could be worth the Council buying one; portable radar speed guns can be borrowed from the police.

4. High Street repairs:

- a) One of the planters takes up some of a disabled parking bay. The planters have been raised on small pieces of wood. GCC to be contacted to ask for:
 - All planters to be moved to the positions on the original plan.
 - Planters to be raised on stone rather than wood.
- b) GCC have advised that Share Space signs are the maximum prescribed size. Councillors suggested that Share Space signs could be displayed in the planters.

5. GCC Parking Review:

- a) Notes of the meeting of 18 October with GCC Parking Review staff, Stroud District Council and Stonehouse Town Council were circulated with the agenda. Positions for improved signage to the town centre car park, to be paid for and arranged by GCC, have been agreed.

Cllr. Clegg reported that a resident had been fined for parking outside Wynn's while giving her elderly mother a lift to the High Street. Cllr. Watts advised that there had been several requests to GCC to make this area a parking bay; the response was to wait so the request could be included in the Parking Review. The Town Council has now requested that any changes to parking in the town are put on hold until the effect of encouraging use of the town car park can be seen. GCC's Parking Manager will be contacted to see if another sign can be provided making the parking restriction on this part of the High Street clearer as an interim measure.

- b) The Proposed Gloucestershire On-Street Parking Order 2016, which concerns administrative change as no changes to parking restrictions or charges are proposed was noted; a response was not considered necessary.

K2/380 THE COMMISSIONER'S FUND COMMUNITY FUND

Two suggestions for possible applications to this Fund had been received: Town Clerk suggested e-safety training, Cllr. Clegg a road safety, driver awareness course. After the discussion under K2/379/3 it was agreed to ask the Traffic Working Group to apply for funding to buy a portable M500 Radar Counter unit.

K2/381 BRISTOL ROAD STATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

Cllr. Watt reported that 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. There was a difference in data collection methods used by Halcrow and Amey; this issue should be resolved and a report available soon.

Cllr. Kambites reported the suggestion that a new station could be at Oldends Lane; Cllr. Watt advised that signal and points at the Bristol Road location are more favourable.

Cllr. Jackson suggested that the Town Council should publicise any work towards re-opening the station through the website and social media.

K2/382 BRIDGE AT OLDENDS LANE LEVEL CROSSING

Notes of a meeting with Network Rail of 11 October regarding a possible footbridge at Oldends Lane were circulated with the agenda. Cllr. Kambites reported that Network Rail had advised that electrification would mean the bridge would have to be very high and would need more land than the area currently reserved on the North side of the track. Cllrs. agreed it was unlikely that a very long bridge would get much use while the level crossing remains open and therefore the Town Council will not pursue this option.

K2/383 STATION LINK PATH PROJECT

1. The Committee Clerk reported that details of the construction of the canal towpath had been received and sent to Richings with a request for a quote for wet rolling an additional layer of finishing dust to provide a firmer, sealed surface.

Three footpath signs have been installed.

2. An additional quote has been sought to improve accessibility of gate at Queens Road end of path in line with Councillors suggestions made after a site visit on 20 September 2016. The Committee Clerk advised that this work should not go ahead before the quote from Richings is received as it was not included in the original grant application. If funding is available, work to the gate should be done before additional work to the footpath as some making good around the gate will be needed.

K2/384 PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO BURDETT ROAD STATION

Cllr. Watt reported that the Stonehouse Station Manager had advised that the Town Council could not have access to the bank for bramble cutting because third parties cannot access land within 3 meters of the track. Cllr Watt to ask Network Rail if there is a small section of the bank that could be maintained by the Town Council.

K2/384 BUS SHELTERS

1. Cllrs. Kambites and Swain had worked on a draft specification for replacement bus stops; two quotations had been requested and one from Queensbury received (to supply and install a two bay shelter with toughened glass panels and bench is £2,681, a three bay shelter costs £2,822, side panels extra) .
2. A resident had requested a bus shelter on the West side of the Gloucester Road near the Horsemarling roundabout. The Town Council will consider this request as they review the need for bus shelters but this shelter is in Standish and the resident should be advised to contact Standish Parish Council.
3. Cllrs. were shown an example of a possible replacement bus shelters, the Arun from Queensbury Shelters.
4. The Committee Clerk reported that GCC had been advised of the priorities for replacement agreed at the Committee meeting of 19 September 2016.

Cllrs. Kambites and Swain to advise the Committee of which type and size of bus stop needed at each location.

Town Council to find out if there might be any S.106 money from the Dove Hill development for bus shelters on Ebley Road.

Resolution for Town Council:

Stonehouse Town Council agrees to adopt bus shelters replaced by Gloucestershire County Council where the location and type has been agreed with Stonehouse Town Council.

K2/385 ADOPTION OF BT KIOSKS

It was noted that British Telecom are closing 80 kiosks within the District, location unknown, and the District Council had contacted the Town Council to see if they are interested in adopting any kiosks.

It was agreed that the Town Council should express an interest in adopting the phone box outside the Town Hall and that All Pulling Together should be advised about the scheme in case they are interested in adopting the box on the Park Estate.

K2/386 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL (SDC) COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE: CIL EXAMINER'S REPORT

It was noted that the CIL Examiner's report is now available; there is a recommendation for a minor amendment to the draft Charging Schedule and SDC will now consider the report with adoption and implementation expected by April 2017. It was agreed there was no need for the Town Council to comment.

K2/387 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

1. Minutes of the Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan Group meeting of 1 September 2016 were circulated with the agenda. Cllr. Kambites reported that responses to the comments received during consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan had been collated and the Plan

was being edited accordingly. It will be then sent to a planning consultant for a health check to ensure it meets the basic conditions.

2. The Committee Clerk reported that the Neighbourhood Planning Bill was now at Committee Stage. The Bill includes measures to make some modifications to a Neighbourhood Plan without the need to go to referendum on every change. Neighbourhood Planning Regulations have been introduced that set a timetable for local authorities to meet when dealing with Neighbourhood Plans. Local authorities can no longer set referendum dates and associated deadlines for submission of Plans.

K2/388 COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE

1. Information on current balances against budget with a draft budget for 2017/18 was provided.
2. A draft 2017/18 budget had been provided by the Town Clerk. Councillors requested that £5000 for feasibility studies (Bristol Road station) and a £3,000 bus shelter maintenance fund are included in the budget.

K2/389 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)

16/1470/P18A Railway Station, Burdett Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

Prior Notification - Railway: Extension of the platform and alterations to footbridge.

CONSENT (SUPP with comment)

13/1498/FUL & 13/1499/CAC Brunsdons Yard, Ryeford Road South, Ryeford. Withdrawn

Demolition of existing buildings on site and erection of a new retail foodstore along with associated access arrangements, car parking, servicing, landscaping. (

(OBJ) WITHDRAWN

16/1473/HHOLD College Grounds, Ebley Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

Proposed single story extension and cladding the existing building with timber cladding.

(N.O) CONSENT

16/01062/LAPRNW Deli, 3-5, Regent Street, Stonehouse GL10 2AA

Licence for supply be retail of alcohol (for consumption off the premises) Mon- Thurs 08:00-20:00, Fri-Sat 8.00-21:00, Sunday 8:00-17:00

(OBJ) CONSENT

16/1957/MINAM 1 Albany Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2PS

Revision of roof from shallow pitch to flat roof from planning permission S.16/1091/HHOLD

(N.O) CONSENT

16/1464/FUL Dairy Partners Ltd, Brunel Way, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

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

(COMMENT) REFUSAL

16/1802/HHOLD & 16/1803/LBC 35 Regent Street, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2AA.

Demolition of existing outbuildings. Erection of new single-storey outbuilding.

(N.O) CONSENT

16/1889/CPL Unit 5, Oldends Industrial Estate, Stonedale Road, Stonehouse.

Certificate Proposed Lawful Use/Dev

Insertion of 5 no. white UPVc windows at first floor level on the south elevation.

(N.O) CONSENT

K2/390 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

12 December 2016