



Stonehouse Town Council

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting)
of A MEETING OF THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON
MONDAY 4 JANUARY 2016 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE

Present:

Councillors: Carol Kambites (Convenor)
Vicky Redding (Deputy Convenor)
Theresa Watt (Chair of Council/Mayor)
Amy Coombs
Pam Swain (Deputy Chair of Council/Deputy Mayor)

Committee Clerk: Rachel Russell

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

K2/266 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

K2/267 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Kambites and Cllr. Watts declared an interest in Agenda item K2/271 as they are resident on or near Rosedale Avenue.

K2/268 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2 NOVEMBER 2015

The Minutes were approved as a true record.

K2/269 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no call for an adjournment.

K2/270 COMMUNITY R4C PRESENTATION

Jon Scott of Community R4C, a community interest group aiming to set up an alternative waste recycling/disposal plant for Gloucestershire gave a brief presentation.

- Plant (MBHT) based on existing models; no more than 8% of black bag waste to be sent for disposal.
- The processing system is modular so different sections can be adapted and replaced.
- Capital cost £15 million. Funding to come from venture capitalists and community investment.
- Want to attract business from commercial and industrial waste.

A query regarding how much employment the proposed plant might make to be forwarded to Jon Scott by e-mail.

Proposal for next Town Council agenda: That Stonehouse Town Council support the Community R4C proposal.

K2/271 PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTION ROSEDALE AVENUE

Cllrs. Kambites and Watts declared an interest in this agenda item. The petition to extend parking restrictions to Rosedale Avenue, presented to the Town Council meeting of 14 December, was considered. It was agreed that the Town Council would forward the petition to the County Council but not support the action requested in the petition on the grounds that:

K2/171 Proposed Parking Restrictions (continued)

- a parking restriction from 12pm-1pm would cause inconvenience to residents
- the Town Council wants to encourage use of the station.

In order to alleviate parking problems, the Town Council will take the following action to encourage commuters to park at the nearby public car park on the High Street:

1. Produce a poster and fliers for display and distribution at the station.
2. Put fliers on cars parked in the area.
3. Pursue the application to First Great Western for funding towards improvements to the footpath from the railway to the car park.

K2/272 USE OF LAND AT WHARFDALE ROAD AND SHIP INN SITES

1. The Town Council had no comment on Stroud District Council's proposal to transfer land at Wharfedale Road for private development and to develop the Ship Inn site to provide 9 social housing units.
2. A response to a request from Stroud District Council for a possible use for a strip of amenity land at the Wharfedale Road site was agreed as follows:

Uses for the strip of land are considered together with improvements to the District Council owned play area close to the site. The use of the two areas could be integrated; the site is picturesque and together both sites have potential to provide good facilities for visitors, playground users and residents alike. The amenity land could provide:

- a café/refreshment kiosk
- seating
- wharf
- WCs
- Chemical toilet disposal

The playground needs updating and would also be improved by safe access to the towpath and better landscaping and seating.

K2/273 WEST OF STONEHOUSE OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION

1. The Helix Transport report of 15 December 2015 has already been submitted as a comment on 14/0810/OUT and is available on the Stroud District Council (SDC) website. It was agreed that:
 - a) This report largely meets Town Council requirements; Cllr Kambites and Rachel Russell to extract points most relevant to Stonehouse, especially those relating to footbridge at Oldends Lane, and circulate to the District Councillors on SDC's Development Control Committee.
 - b) As report has already been submitted as a response, no need for Town Council to submit it again.
 - c) Cllr. Kambites reported that the Town Council was no longer being asked to contribute £350 towards the cost of the report.
2. The Sustrans response to the Outline Planning Application was noted
3. Cllr. Kambites was unable to find the venue for the meeting with Don't Strangle Stroud on 16 December 2015 but made phone contact with Daniel James of Don't Strangle Stroud after the meeting.
4. The details of the Development Control Committee meeting of 12 January 2016 considering 14/0810/OUT to be publicised on the Town Council's website and Facebook page.

K2/274 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL'S CIL CHARGING SCHEDULE AND S106

The Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule was considered. Councillors comments were that the Schedule was:

- not clearly worded
- should include a reference to Neighbourhood Development Plans and their impact on CILS.
- should include reference to West of Stonehouse development especially within Annex 2, the indicative draft list.

Projects for funding from CILs and S106 include the re-opening of Bristol Road Station and a pedestrian and cycle bridge at Oldends Lane.

K2/275 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT OF LAND

AVAILABILITY (SALA)

1. In response to a Call for Sites as part of Stroud District Council's Strategic Assessment Of Land Availability (SALA) it was agreed to put forward:
 - A site at Stagholt Road for up to 7 dwellings
 - A site at Oldends Lane for 8-12 dwellings.
2. Councillors had no comment on the District Council's consultation on a revised methodology for this SALA, in the light of changes to national policy and guidance.

K2/276 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

It was agreed that setting up a working group to progress a Community Emergency Plan for Stonehouse using Gloucestershire Rural Community Council Toolkit was not a current priority.

Cllr. Kambites to circulate link to the Town Council's Google Drive which includes a folder on Emergency Planning.

K2/277 INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS

1. Network Rail's proposed works to Stonehouse Station including a possible extension of the station platform and modifications to the footbridge were noted.
2. A footway closure at the High Street end of Oldends Lane from 4th January 2016 to 26th August 2016 was noted.

K2/278 STREET AUDIT

Cllr. Coombs has e-mailed the Deputy Clerk.

K2/279 ENGAGEMENT WITH THE INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AND ACCESS MANAGEMENT

Resolution 13 (a) from the 3/11 NALC Policy Cttee. session as below was noted;

"RESOLVED – That the report be noted and that all parish councils be encouraged to engage with the Institute of Public Rights of Way and Access Management."

K2/280 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A successful grant application for £7,985 to cover some technical support, design and printing costs was made in December 2015. The grant must be spent by 31st March 2016 and the working group now has a tight timetable with the aim of presenting a full draft Plan to a Town Council meeting on 21st March 2016.

Neighbourhood Plan working group minutes of 26 November 2015 and 10 December 2015 were circulated with the agenda.

K2/281 COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE

1. There has been no recent expenditure except on Neighbourhood Plan administration costs: the Committee Clerk's salary.
2. The Committee considered draft budget information and to ask for a budget in 2016/17 of £14,500, to include £1,500 for Neighbourhood Plan technical support and £5,000 towards a Bristol Road station feasibility study.

K2/282 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)

S.15/1736/TPO	Elgin Court, High Street, Stonehouse. T1,T2 &T3 - Horse Chestnut trees - fell. Replace with 3 Pride of India trees in the same location. CONSENT (OBJ.)
15/1842/FUL	6, Storrington Place, Storrington Road, Stonehouse Erection of 3 no. 3 bedroom dwelling CONSENT (COMMENT)
S.15/1971/FUL	Reliance Works, Downton Road, Bridgend. Erection of 2 no. replacement industrial units. Demolition of Unit 2. CONSENT (SUPP with observations)
S.15/2082/FUL	Site For Sports Pavilion, Ebley Road, Stonehouse Erection of oak framed sports pavilion to replace existing. CONSENT (N.O)
15/2189/TCA	East Wing, Bridgend House, Downton Road, Bridgend Trees in a Conservation Area: Work to five trees. CONSENT (N.O)
15/2197/FUL	NOV Downhole Eurasia Ltd, Stonedale Road, Stonehouse Installation of graphite dust extractor CONSENT (COMMENT)
15/1759/DISCON	Land At 4, Wharfdale Way, Bridgend. Permission Discharge of conditions 3,4,6,7 and 8 of application S.14/2833/FUL CONSENT
15/2647/MINAM	11 Quietways, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. Minor amendment to permission S.15/1319/HHOLD to replace pitch roof dormer with flat roof dormer to front elevation CONSENT (N.O)

K2/283 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & AGENDA ITEMS

22nd February 2016
