



# Stonehouse Town Council

## MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) Of A MEETING OF THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE

### Present:

Councillors Chris Brine, David Drew, Carol Kambites, Vicky Redding, Theresa Watt

Also Present: Town Clerk Gill Jennings

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### K2/120 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

None received

### K2/121 TO ELECT CONVENOR OF COMMITTEE FOR 2014/15

Councillor Carol Kambites was elected.

### K2/122 TO ELECT DEPUTY CONVENOR OF COMMITTEE FOR 2014/15

Councillor Vicky Redding was elected.

### K2/123 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Declared

### K2/124 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2014

The Minutes were approved.

### K2/125 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public present.

### K2/126 LORRY WATCH

A meeting has been arranged with the Police and Crime Commissioner and neighbouring parishes on 29<sup>th</sup> September.

The Committee agreed that an approach should be made with regard to funding.

### K2/127 TRANSPORT MATTERS

High Street Repairs – awaiting a meeting with Glos County Highways. In the meantime GCC have raised an invoice for £1020 in respect of reinstating the Town Clock during these works in 2011. Committee to discuss authorisation of payment and compensation required.

**The Committee did not agree to payment whilst there was a dispute over the road repairs. A meeting would be held with Glos County Council on the 17<sup>th</sup> June to discuss how the High Street might be improved to an acceptable standard. The Committee agreed this should be the first objective rather than merely discuss compensation.**

Bus Shelters – awaiting response of Glos County Council.

Jonathan Roberts wrote on 29<sup>th</sup> May informing the Town Clerk that he had ordered complete refurbishment of the High St bus shelters to include the one south east of the Post Office. Work to commence 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014. **The Committee were disappointed that the County Council had consulted but then gone ahead in the way GCC deemed necessary. It was agreed that the repair work should be monitored.**

Train Stations – A meeting has been requested with Mark Russell, Stroud District Council and Glos County Council to discuss the rail strategy for Stonehouse. **The Clerk explained that FGW and Network Rail were reluctant to get involved in talks regarding Bristol Road station without evidence of need being provided by the higher tier authorities. Councillor Brine agreed to progress this.**

**An update would be requested from First Great Western on their plans for Stonehouse station improvements. FGW had intimated that there could either be remedial work to the existing bridge or a new bridge with ramps. They were still considering the siting of the new ticket office. They were reluctant to assist with signage to the town centre carpark which competed with their own. FGW had also consulted on the improvements planned to train services between London and the South Cotswolds with faster operating times. The Committee noted that that changes were nominal but welcomed the fact that services to Stonehouse were sustained.**

### **K2/128 COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE**

To review committee expenditure to date

Expenditure in the financial year to date was agreed at £739.99. £67.99 of this was reimbursed from the Community Development Fund for the Neighbourhood Plan. The RFO advised that she was still waiting for invoices in respect of the display boards and materials for the last community event.

### **K2/129 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

To receive an update on progress and to discuss IT requirements

**Cllr Redding reported that the next consultation on the 5<sup>th</sup> July would be held at Park Junior School as part of the Arts Festival and the objective was to look at the results of the first consultation and discuss solutions to any issues raised. Cllr Brine had offered to hold a business tea in the Town Hall in order to help engagement with the business community. There was some discussion about whether this should be a business breakfast and whether an event should be held at one of the larger business premises. The NP group are to discuss at their meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> June.**

There was a need to provide the administrator with a laptop purely for NP use although documents were being captured on google. F & S Committee would be asked about this provision in kind.

### **K2/130 PLANNING CONSULTATIONS**

#### **To discuss initial views on Planning Applications:**

S14/0810/OUT - Land West of Stonehouse (Deadline Extended)

The Committee were advised by Cllr Brine that it might assist to make some comments known to SDC whilst a collective response being formulated by the Council. The Committee were concerned that there appeared to be no justification for this number of houses in this particular location whilst the application was premature to the local plan. The two access points off Oldends Lane would create a bottle neck with a rat run along the B4008. The number of HGV movements were not anticipated by the developer who had merely relied on the Traffic Management Zone being in place.

S13/1348/OUT - Land South of Bristol Road, Stonehouse

The Committee agreed that this development was unwelcome in the conservation area as it would spoil the relief offered to the landscape along the A419. It is essentially the last natural field left in the parish providing harmony between urban and rural views and the proposed development offers no useful outdoor recreation to compensate the loss. The developer was seeking to develop this site ahead of the local plan adoption and the plan was premature.

## **K2/131 PLANNING RESULTS**

(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)

- 13/2110/FUL**      **Old Station Yard, Bristol Road**  
Demolition of existing warehouse building and the erection of 15 residential dwellings with associated car parking and landscaping.  
**PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED**      **(OBJ)**
- 14/0353/FUL**      **Land at Stroudwater Business Park, Brunel Way**  
B2/B8 unit with ancillary office accommodation and associated parking, servicing areas, landscaping and new site access.  
**PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED**      **(Comments)**
- 14/0403/FUL**      **Agricultural Building, Ryeford**  
Retrospective application for the erection of a hay, straw and implement building.  
**PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED**      **(NO OBS)**
- 14/0557/HHOLD**      **17 Crescent Road**  
Demolition of existing single storey extension and erection of new single storey extension with 1m extension to garage and porch.  
**PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED**      **(NO OBS)**
- 14/0670/HHOLD**      **75 Regent Street**  
Boundary wall.  
**PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED**      **(NO OBS)**
- 14/0698/ADV**      **Wycliffe College, Ebley Road**  
Illuminated metal sign, incorporating griffin logo and the word WYCLIFFE on the north elevation of the Upper Prep building.  
**PLANNING PERMISSION REFUSED**      **(NO OBS)**
- 14/0709/FUL**      **Wycliffe College, Ebley Road**  
Landscaping and improvement works to the existing Learning Support building. Over rendering of brickwork to the north, west and south elevations. Associated landscaping and boundary treatments to Ebley Road frontage.  
**PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED**      **(NO OBS/COMMENTS)**
- 14/0789/HHOLD**      **5A Ebley Road**  
Proposed single storey rear extension with solar panels to roof.  
**PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED**      **(SUPP)**

## **K2/132 RURAL EXCEPTION SITES**

GRCC are arranging a tour of 4 rural exception sites – to discuss Councillor attendance.  
**Councillors were not available for the tour.**

## **K2/133 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**21 JULY 2014**

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