



Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee held on Monday 28th October 2019 at 7pm in the Town Hall, High Street, Stonehouse

Present: Gwen Atkinson, Carol Kambites (Convenor, Vice Chair/Vice Mayor), Debbie Curtis, Tim Jackson (Deputy Convenor), Kevin Parsons

In attendance: Nick Bowklett, Stroud Auctions, Rachel Russell, Deputy Clerk (Minutes)

Mr Nick Bowklett of Stroud Auctions asked to speak to the Committee regarding a planning application he had recently submitted. He gave information about changes to the planning application and social, economic and environmental benefits which could arise from it. He requested that Stonehouse Town Council liaise with Cainscross Parish Council regarding the application due to the site's location within Stonehouse Town but in a Cainscross Ward.

A G E N D A

E/65 To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Thorpe and Gibbs.

E/66 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs. Atkinson and Curtis advised that they both lived near to the site on Queens Road which was the first subject of item E/68 and knew the owner so would not contribute towards the comments.

E/67 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on 23rd September 2019

The minutes of 23rd September were unanimously approved as a true record.

E/68 To comment on pre application consultations received regarding proposals for:

- site on Queens Road
- site at Rosedale Avenue.

The following comments were agreed:

Queens Road site

The provision of smaller unit housing in the town centre is supported but there are concerns about the detailed layout of the site. It is unclear where all residents will park and the access is narrow. There does not seem to be provision for bin or cycle storage. It would have been preferable to convert the former snooker hall rather than demolish it. The historic building contributes to the character of the area. At the very least, the materials from this building should be re-used if possible.

Site at Rosedale Avenue

There is no objection to the diversion of a short section of Stonehouse Footpath M62 around the boundary of 62 Rosedale Avenue as shown on an annotated map provided for the Committee.

E/69 To comment on planning applications as listed

19/1418/OUT Land at M5 Junction 13 West Of Stonehouse, Eastington
Development comprises of a 5000-capacity football stadium and other ancillary uses (use Class D2). Revised consultation: 8 October 2019

Support with comment: Stonehouse Town Council supports this application but has concerns about the impact of increased traffic related to this development. The application should include comprehensive measures to mitigate that impact such as contributing towards better rail links in the area, including the re-opening of Bristol Road station, and a detailed plan for improving cycle routes in the area. It is requested that all the trees/plants introduced as part of the landscape strategy are sourced from within the UK both for biodiversity benefits and to minimise the spread of tree diseases.

19/1991/MISC Public Payphone At Woodcock Lane, Stonehouse, GL10 2EE .
Removal of payphone service from telephone kiosk.

19/1992/MISC Public Payphone At Haven Avenue, Stonehouse, GL10 2AS .
Removal of payphone service from telephone kiosk.

19/1993/MISC Public Payphone At Severn Road, Stonehouse, GL10 2DL.
Removal of payphone service from telephone kiosk.

See comments under agenda item E/70 regarding the three notifications above.

19/2007/FUL Maidenhill House, Horsemarling Lane, Standish, Stonehouse.
Erection of a replacement dwelling, garage and associated works

Comment: No observations other than it is disappointing that the application includes the demolition of historic buildings.

19/2037/HHOLD 7 Kings Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2EZ.
2 storey extension to side and rear

Objection: The proposed extension is large and not in character with the area. It may have detrimental effect on neighbour's light and could increase flooding risk.

19/2112/HHOLD 55 Adelaide Gardens, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2PZ.
Resubmission of the application S.19/0339/HHOLD - The proposal is for a double storey rear extension and a single storey side extension to an existing property.

Objection: The proposed extension is large and not in character with the area. It may have a negative impact on neighbours.

19/2136/FUL Woolpack Inn, 4 High Street, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.
Remove facade and replace with low level wall and facade, doors and windows. Remove roof light and replace with two new roof lights. Alterations to fenestration

Support: This application is supported as it will enhance the facilities at The Woolpack Inn which has long been a part of the life of Stonehouse High Street. The Woolpack Inn is a historic building and is an Important Character Building under Policy ENV4 of the Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan. It is requested that care is taken to respect the fabric of the historic building during the construction of the new extension.

19/2181/TPO Sartorius, Unit 1200, Stonehouse Park, Sperry Way.
Tree Preservation Order: Description: To carry out tree surgery recommendations as per tree safety report; to carry out pollarding as per tree safety report to trees.

Support: subject to the work being carried out by a qualified tree surgeon.

19/2185/FUL Renishaw PLC, Brunel Way, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.
Installation of a 100.5kWp ground mounted solar PV renewable energy generation system

Support

19/2189/HHOLD 79 Ryelands Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2PG.
Proposed extension to form dormer, with alterations and repositioning of existing solar panels

No observations.

E/70 To consider comments on proposals by BT to remove 3 phone boxes (Haven Ave, Severn Rd, Woodcock Lane) and consider whether to adopt a box.
It was unanimously agreed to recommend the adoption (with a power supply) of the phone boxes proposed for removal at Woodcock Lane and Haven Avenue and to support a proposal from APT and Play Gloucestershire to adopt the phone box proposed for removal at Severn Road.

E/71 To receive report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council, 17th September to 21st October 2019
The report was noted.

E/72 To note timetable for Gloucestershire County Council's Local Transport Plan review and consider any comments to submit before formal consultation period. The timetable was noted with formal public consultation due to start in early 2020. It was agreed to submit the following comment before the formal consultation period: Stonehouse Town Council would like to see a strong commitment in the Local Transport Plan to Bristol Road station being re-opened. It is close to the large Great Oldbury development, north of Stonehouse, an area likely to be developed further. A new station in this location would support the County Council's commitment to reducing carbon impact as growth takes place by reducing reliance on road transport.

E/73 To receive a report on progress towards the re-opening of Bristol Road Station and to note request for meeting with Gloucestershire County Council regarding Rail Investment Strategy and Local Transport Plan
It was agreed to request a meeting with David Drew MP, County Council officers, County Councillor, District Council Planning Strategy officer, District Councillors, Town Councillors and Bob Crockford to discuss how re-opening Bristol Road station might be included in the Rail Investment Strategy and Local Transport Plan and links to the current Local Plan Review.

E/74 To note information from Stroud District Road Safety Group regarding mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) deployment and consider response to consultation paper on Multi-Site Traffic Regulation Orders.

The information regarding VAS deployment at Oldends Lane was noted. The recommendation in SDRSG's paper regarding Multi-Site Traffic Regulation Orders was supported.

E/75 To consider asking Stroud District Council to improve markings for pedestrians in the Town Centre car park and monitor usage of the car park.

It was agreed to request that Stroud District Council improve markings for pedestrians in the Town Centre car park.

Town Councillors will monitor usage of the town centre car park which can be busy.

E/76 To agree response to GFirst LEP's draft Industrial Strategy

The following response was agreed:

The Green aspect of the strategy is supported. However, sustainable growth entails looking at alternatives to private car transport. It is suggested that a thorough review of the rail network in the area is carried out to look at the potential for improvements. The re-opening of Bristol Road station, Stonehouse, would provide a direct route to Bristol and Birmingham which is close to a major employment area within the Stroud District, Oldends Lane industrial estate and also in an area where major housing developments are taking place north of Stonehouse. Growth Hubs are supported as it is important to encourage a cohesive local business community. A Growth Hub in Stonehouse would be welcomed.

E/77 To agree attendance at GFirst LEP consultation event on draft Industrial Strategy 6 November 2019

Cllr. Kambites offered to attend the consultation event.

E/78 To note proposed dates for consultation on draft Stroud District Council Local Plan (weeks commencing 18 November to 6 January 2020) and consider any initial response.

The proposed dates for public consultation were noted. Deputy Clerk to set up working group meeting to work on a response to the draft Local Plan; all councillors to be informed.

E/79 To receive verbal report on Stonehouse in Bloom

Cllr. Curtis reported that County Cllr. Lesley Williams and Dan Tiffney, Local Highways Manager, were visiting on 1 November to look at areas for improvement on the highway identified by In Bloom judges.

Barnwood Trust due to be discussing grant application for Rest Garden this week.

Bloomers Café is moving to Bethel Church from 9 November 2019; the pastor has been very helpful.

E/80 To consider quotation received for information boards at Stonehouse Station.

The Communications and Customer Services Officer had obtained a quote for map boards at the Station from the designer who had also designed the town's history boards. Project costs to be met from a Stroud District Council tourist grant.

A quote for £1373 for the supply of 4 panel boards and one direction board was approved subject to permission being received from GWR for installation of the boards.

E/81 To consider joining the Cotswold Conservation Board's Cotswold Gateway project

Some information had been received about this project from the designer who quoted for the station information boards. Deputy Clerk to seek further information from the Cotswold Conservation Board.

E/82 Date of next meeting: 25th November 2019

Meeting ended at 9.15pm