



Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) of a virtual meeting on Microsoft TEAMS of the Town Environment Committee held on Monday 7th September 2020 at 7pm.

Present: Councillors Gwen Atkinson, Debbie Curtis, Neil Gibbs (Chair/Mayor), Carol Kambites (Convenor, Vice Chair/Vice Mayor), Tim Jackson.

In attendance: One resident, Rachel Russell, Deputy Clerk (minutes)

Public Participation

Cllr. Kambites welcomed the resident who advised he was attending to hear the discussion on agenda item E/180.

E/171 To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Parsons.

E/172 Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

E/173 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on 20th July 2020

The minutes of 20th July 2020 were **agreed** as a true record. All in favour. Minutes to be signed at next non-virtual meeting of Committee.

E/174 To comment on planning applications as listed

20/1251/HHOLD 28 Ryelands Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2PQ.
Proposed first floor dormer extension with alterations
Application permitted by Stroud District Council.

20/1545/CPE The Cart Shed, Maidenhill House, Horsemarling Lane, Standish.
Certificate Existing Lawful Use/Dev: Conversion and use of first floor of the Cart Shed as an independent residential dwelling
OBJECTION: It was a condition of planning permission 07/1425/FUL for this property that it should not be converted to or used as a separate dwelling. The property is in a sensitive site outside the settlement boundary and within the Cotswold AONB and a case has not been made for a change of use.

20/1595/FUL & 20/1594/FUL Park Parade Flats, Park Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.
Proposed external refurbishment; erection of bin and bike stores
SUPPORT: The proposals will improve the property so long as care is taken to ensure cladding meets fire safety standards. The insulation used should be in line with Local Plan policies CP14 and ES1 by using sustainable construction techniques and

maximising energy efficiency. The provision of cycle stores and new bin stores is welcomed.

20/1581/FUL Unit 1200, Stonehouse Park, Sperry Way, Stonehouse.

Proposed warehouse extension

SUPPORT: The proposal will provide additional facilities for a successful local business on their existing site. As the site is close to the A419 and to the location of the proposed Stroudwater Station (Bristol Road) it would be appropriate for any infrastructure contributions to go towards transport improvements such as additional safety measures for cyclists and pedestrians and a new rail station.

20/1706/TCA Stonehouse Court Hotel, Bristol Road, Stonehouse

Trees in a Conservation Area: T1- Cooper Beech -tree to be trimmed off all the way around 5 meters.

COMMENT: This is a significant, mature tree in a prominent location within the Industrial Heritage Conservation Area, close to listed buildings. The tree should be inspected and any necessary work specified by a well qualified arborist. The work should be carried out by an experienced, competent and well qualified arborist (for example who meets Arboricultural Association standards).

The following planning consultations were received after the agenda had been prepared.

20/1741/HHOLD 16 Regent Street, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2AD.

Rear extension

No observations.

20/1778/HHOLD 9 Kimmins Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2EU.

Single storey oak frame extension to rear of building

No observations.

20/1796/HHOLD 101 Ryelands Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2PG.

Single storey rear extension and loft conversion.

No observations.

E/175 To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council, 14th July 2020 to 1 September 2020

The report was noted.

E/176 To note responses to planning consultations given using delegated powers

The following responses given between 14th July and 1st September using delegated powers were noted.

20/0769/FUL 8 Queens Road, Stonehouse, GL10 2QA.

REVISED CONSULTATION received 20/7/20: Demolition of former comrades club and garage blocks. Replace with 1 flat over garage blocks and 3 detached houses.

COMMENT: These are comments on the consultation to revised plans sent on 20 July 2020. It is noted that the proposed development is less dense than in previous designs. The provision of smaller unit town centre housing is in line with Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan policy H1 and there has been some effort to use reclaimed

bricks if possible in the scheme. It is also noted that the parking spaces are will be constructed with permeable paving.

The revised Design and Access Statement is noted; the further consideration given to the design of the proposed development so it better reflects local building styles is welcomed.

Our comments regarding sustainable design still do not seem to have been taken into account. Consideration should be given to ensuring that the design of the dwelling aims for zero carbon development, sustainable construction techniques and provision of renewable or low carbon energy sources in line with draft Local Plan Strategic Objective SO5: Climate Change and Environmental Limits and draft Core Policy CP8 New Housing Development.

Any outstanding neighbours' concerns including those regarding overlooking and shading should be addressed.

20/1203/FUL Delphi Diesel Systems Ltd, Brunel Way, Stonehouse,
Erection of two gas storage tanks and concrete base.

COMMENT: No objections to proposal subject to all safety and environmental health requirements being met.

E/180 To agree action regarding improving safety of the A419 alterations for cyclists and pedestrians.

The Chair moved forward this item as resident had attended to hear discussion. Copies of the Road Safety Audit ref SA181802-2 and a complaint concerning the Safety Audits of A419 Stonehouse Improvements by John Franklin had been circulated to the Committee. The Committee expressed concern about increased risks for cyclists on the A419 after the A419 alterations and the standard of Road Safety Audit ref SA181802-2 which failed to cover all the safety issues which had arisen. It was agreed to support the complaint by John Franklin concerning the Safety Auditing by Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) and Gloucestershire Police of the A419 Stonehouse Improvements (Chipmans Platt, Oldends Lane, Downton Road and Horsetrough roundabout), as the complaint clearly details that the auditing fails to cover all aspects of the scheme and was not sufficiently concerned with the safety of cyclists.

Complaint to be sent to GCC, copied to County Councillor Mark Hawthorne, and to police.

A resident asked what response had been received to a letter from Town Council to GCC concerning complaints received from residents about safety after A419 alterations. The Deputy Clerk advised that the GCC Local Highways Manager had given a holding response but no further response had been received to date.

E/177 To receive a report on the budget

The budget report was noted. The Deputy Clerk advised that there had been little expenditure to date although there is likely to be expenditure from Christmas light budget. Committee will shortly be asked to consider budget requirements for 2020/2021.

E/178 To approve payments in accordance with the budget to date as listed
Payments as listed were approved for payment. All in favour.

E/179 To consider and agree a revised Action Plan to be submitted to Stroud District Council for re-opening High Streets safely funding.

Cllr. Kambites reported that the draft Action Plan had been revised to reduce the number of temporary interventions and to add a proposal to provide a High Street pocket park, possibly on a permanent basis. The details of any changes are to be agreed with Stroud District Council and Gloucestershire County Council. The revised approach was approved.

E/181 To receive a report from Bristol Road Station Working Group on the progress of a funding application regarding the re-opening of Stonehouse Bristol Road made to the Department for Transport's Restoring Your Railway Fund.

The report was noted. Cllr Kambites advised that the Working Group were meeting with the Department for Transport the following morning, the District Council had passed a motion of support and the MP was working in support of the proposal including setting up a meeting with GCC officers.

E/182 To consider a proposal from the Climate Action Group to request bike lockers at the station

It was agreed to contact GWR to request bike lockers at Stonehouse Station, with a possible location being unused land next to the station car park.

E/183 To consider a timetable for updating the Stonehouse Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The Deputy's Clerk was noted. The committee recommend that the matter is referred to Town Council to set up a small working group to scope the review of the Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan.

E/184 To note the following consultation responses, agreed by e-mail in order to meet consultation deadlines:

- a) Western Gateway - Sub-national Transport Body, draft Strategic Transport Plan 2020-2025
 - b) Government consultation on Creating a Plan to decarbonise transport
- The consultation responses were noted.

E/185 To receive reports from Working Groups: Events, Transport and Highways

Notes of the Events Group meeting of 24 August 2020 were received. Rainbow September, rainbow displays to thank NHS and all front line workers is underway. Goodwill will not be happening but a Christmas parade is being planned ending in switch on of lights on Town Green. Quote for dressing tree with lights outside Woolpack Pub is being sought; Woolpack will provide electricity.

E/186 To receive an update regarding Stonehouse in Bloom

Work to Old Chapel Garden continues with soft landscaping, reseeding and the addition of 8 tons of top soil. Fencing currently being installed. An estimated 250 volunteer hours have gone into Garden since lockdown. Volunteers have received many positive comments.

E/187 Date of next Environment Committee meeting: 5th October 2020