



Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) of a virtual meeting on Microsoft TEAMS of the own Environment Committee held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 at 7pm.

**Present:** Councillors Debbie Curtis, Neil Gibbs (Chair/Town Mayor), Tim Jackson (Deputy Convenor), Carol Kambites (Convenor, Vice Chair/Vice Mayor), John Parker, Jennie Smith

**In attendance:** Rachel Russell, Deputy Clerk (Minutes)

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## **AGENDA**

### **E/276 To receive apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. John Parker and Kevin Parsons.

### **E/277 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Kambites declared a non pecuniary interest in planning consultation 21/0521/HHOLD as a neighbour of the applicant and did not chair the meeting while a response to the consultation was agreed.

### **E/278 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on 22nd February 2021**

The minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 were approved as a true record. All in favour.

### **E/279 To comment on planning applications as listed**

**20/2802/FUL**      **27 Gloucester Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2NZ.**

REVISED CONSULATION 3 MARCH 2021: Change of use of existing building to an 11 bedroom house in Multiple Occupation (HMO) and erection of a building containing two apartments

#### **COMMENT:**

- The revisions to the proposal are improvements which are welcomed.
- It would be preferable if each bedroom had an en-suite bathroom in order to provide good quality accommodation.
- The surface of access and parking areas should be in a permeable material.
- More detail is needed on the proposed planting and landscaping for the scheme.
- Measures should be taken to include environmental enhancements in the design. Given the progress of the Stroud District Local Plan Review, consideration should be given to ensuring that the design 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.

**21/0364/LBC** Ryeford Lodge, Ryeford Road North, Ryeford, Stonehouse.  
Listed Building Application: Installation of mezzanine and stairs. Cellar under Tudor Rose Cottage incorporated into Ryeford Lodge, tanked, converted and doorway installed.  
Convert Tudor Rose Cottage into a self contained unit  
**NO OBSERVATIONS**

**21/0441/HHOLD** 8 Chaffinch Court, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2HU.  
Erection of single storey side extension  
**NO OBSERVATIONS**

**21/0473/FUL** Land Adjacent To 26, Severn Road, Stonehouse,  
Construction of a two bedroomed detached dwelling  
**COMMENT:** No objection to the proposed development. Measures should be taken to include environmental enhancements in the design. Given the progress of the Stroud District Local Plan Review, consideration should be given to ensuring that the design 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.

**21/0334/HHOLD** 17 Crescent Road, Bridgend, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.  
Loft conversion with a flat roof dormer. Solar panels on dormer roof  
**COMMENT:** There are no objections to the proposal and the addition of solar panels is welcomed.

Cllr Kambites left the meeting; Councillor Jackson chaired the meeting for this item.

**21/0521/HHOLD** 11 Oak Way, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2QJ.  
Construction of single storey rear extension  
**COMMENT:** There is no objection to the extension in principle but a neighbour's concerns regarding possible loss of light should be considered.

Cllr. Kambites re-joined the meeting as Chair.

**21/0519/HHOLD** 4 Verney Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2QB.  
Single storey rear extension.  
**COMMENT:** No objection provided no objections from neighbours.

**21/0650/TPO** 19 Bristol Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2BQ.  
Tree Preservation Order: Description: T1 and T2 - Sycamore trees - fell  
**COMMENT:** The application should be looked at by the District Council's Tree Officer as it is in an area covered by a TPO.

**21/0647/HHOLD** 133 Gloucester Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2HB.  
Erection of a single-storey outbuilding  
**COMMENT:** No objection provided no objections from neighbours.

**E/280** To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to 16 March 2021  
The report was noted.

**E/281 To agree response to pre-application consultation on mobile phone Base Station Upgrade, Bristol Road**

The Committee had no comments to make at this time.

**E/282 To agree a response to consultation on draft revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework and a new draft National Model Design Code.**

It was agreed not to comment on this consultation.

**E/283 To receive an update on progress towards re-opening Stroudwater Station**

A bid to Round 3 of Department for Transport's Restoring Your Railways fund was submitted by Stroud District Council, sponsored by Siobhan Baillie MP, written by Stroudwater Bristol Road working group with contributions from Stroud District Council and Gloucestershire Community Rail Partnership.

**E/284 To note transfer of bus shelter, Foxes Field, Ebley Road to Cainscross Town Council**

This bus shelter became Stonehouse Town Council's responsibility after repairs carried out by Gloucestershire County Council in 2019. It is now located in Cainscross Town Council's boundary after changes to parish boundaries from April 2020. Cainscross Town Council agreed to take the shelter over at a meeting of 22 February 2021.

**E/285 To agree membership for a Public Rights of Way working group to investigate rights of way to be recorded by 2026.**

It was agreed to set up a a Public Rights of Way working group to investigate rights of way to be recorded by 2026. Membership agreed as Councillors Armstrong and Davis and Deputy Clerk. Cllrs Curtis and Jackson offered to assist if required.

**E/286 To receive a report on the Committee Budget**

The report was noted.

**E/287 To consider proposal for encouraging shoppers to High Street after current lockdown**

High Street working group met on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and proposed a campaign to encourage local shopping after lockdown eases.

Expenditure on a stop and shop Stonehouse campaign of up to £1,500 from the Cultural Events budget was approved; expenditure to be on campaign material as detailed and costed in quote of 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 from Jomewcreative and on delivery of fliers to Stonehouse and Great Oldbury.

**E/288 To agree wording for plinth for Kingfisher Trail sculpture**

The following wording was agreed:

Thank you to the wonderful key workers and volunteers in the Stonehouse community for all their fantastic work.

**E/289 To consider funding a dog waste bin at Great Oldbury**

Cllr. Kambites attended a meeting of a Great Oldbury resident's group who were concerned about a lack of bins on the development. A resident had received some information from Stroud District Council but no bins have been provided to date. It was agreed to raise the issue initially with District Councillors and seek a resolution so that bins were provided.

**E/290 To agree purchase of sign for Old Chapel Garden**

It was agreed in principle to purchase two signs subject to quotes being provided.

**E/291 To consider a proposal for re-painting a bench in the Old Chapel Garden, the design to include acknowledgement of the NHS and their work during the pandemic.** Cllr Curtis shared a poem written by a Stonehouse in Bloom member and explained that In Bloom would like the bench to be painted black by Town Council's Maintenance staff, with a rainbow decoration and the poem fixed to the bench. **The proposal was agreed in principle but further detail on a good quality, durable approach to decorating the bench was required.**

**E/292 To receive reports from working groups:**

**Events, High Street, Transport and Highways**

Notes from the Events Working group meeting of 26 February were received.

High Street Working Group met on 18<sup>th</sup> March (E/287)

**E/293 To receive an update from In Bloom**

Cllr. Curtis advised that In Bloom were continuing to work in pairs; there had been a good response from business owners for sponsoring a hanging basket.

**E/294 Date of next Environment Committee meeting: 26 April 2021**

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