



Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee at the Main Hall of Park Junior School, Elm Road, Stonehouse held on Monday 26th July 2021 at 7pm.

Present: Councillors Rachel Armstrong, Neil Gibbs (Committee Vice Chair), Carol Kambites (Vice Chair of Council, Committee Chair) Gary Powell (Chair of Council), Val Randell, Pam Swain, Keith Terry, David Thorpe

In attendance: One resident (part of meeting), Rachel Russell, Deputy Clerk (Minutes)

Public Participation

A resident explained his grounds for objecting to planning application S.21/1552/HHOLD:

- Property which is subject of planning application backs on to resident's garden; all properties in Rosedale Avenue, Anderson Drive and Oaks Way were built on the clay rich soil of the former Stonehouse brickworks and are on floating raft foundations to avoid the impact of the shrinkage and swelling clay soil undergoes. The proposed extension would rest on a retaining wall, not designed as a load bearing wall, adjacent to neighbours' gardens and could impact on its integrity.
- A waste water pipe also runs near the wall and could be impacted by the development.
- The application is described as replacing existing garage but it is a large, 2 storey extension to the main building.
- The extension gives no access to the rear of the property, it is closer to neighbours than the previous permitted proposal and could cause shadowing and loss of light.
- No dimensions are given on plan drawings.

A G E N D A

E/346 To receive apologies

None received.

E/347 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Terry and Randell declared an interest in item E/351 as a family member owned a property adjacent to the site. The Chair advised that they should not participate in the discussion or decision on this item.

E/348 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on 21st June 2021

The minutes of 21st June 2021 were agreed as a true record. Seven in favour, one abstention.

E/349 To comment on planning applications as listed

21/1552/HHOLD 11 Anderson Drive, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2QL.

Erection of extension, replacing existing garage. Similar scheme to approved S.11/1739/HHOLD

OBJECTION: The proposed extension is too large in relation to the site boundary and retaining wall and would be an overdevelopment of the site. It would cause overlooking, shadowing and loss of light for neighbours. The lack of measurements on the plan drawings is concerning. A site visit by both building control and planning officers is recommended.

The resident left the meeting.

21/1535/HHOLD 32 Avenue Terrace, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 3RE.

Erection of first floor rear extension

NO OBJECTIONS

21/1516/FUL Plot D, Stonehouse Park, Sperry Way, Stonehouse.

One new use class E(g) building (Unit 1000) and one new use classes E(g) and B8 building (unit 800) together with associated parking, landscaping and ancillary development.

COMMENT: Measures to contribute to carbon reduction, in line with the emerging draft Local Plan, such as solar panels and more generous provision of cycle shelters should be added to the design for this proposal. The car park surface should be of a porous material. Highways issues in relation to access to and from the site should be looked at carefully, including improving the safety of National Cycle Route 45 as it passes the proposed development.

21/1624/TCA 101 Boakes Drive, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 3QW.

Trees in a Conservation Area: T1 Limes x2 - Cut back. T2 Alders x2 - Fell

NO OBJECTIONS

21/1712/VAR Land Adjoining Station Road, Bristol Road, Stonehouse,

Variation of Condition 16 (App plans) of permitted application

OBJECTION: Stonehouse Town Council objects to the loss of a turning circle for buses accessing the site; this was included in the permitted design in acknowledgement of the site's proximity to the proposed Stroudwater Bristol Road station, a site which continues to be safeguarded for provision of a station in both the current and emerging Local Plan.

E/350 To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council, 15th June 2021 to 19th July 2021

The report was noted.

E/351 To consider a response to a pre application consultation regarding proposed development of new specialist care accommodation, Bridgend

Cllrs Terry and Randell did not participate in the discussion or decision on this item.

It was **AGREED** to support the proposal as a good use for the site, subject to further details being provided in a full planning application.

E/352 To receive an update on progress towards re-opening Stroudwater Station. Deputy Clerk advised that Stroud District Council had forwarded an update from the Restoring Your Railways team: 85 bids received, panel convened in June and announcement expected this summer.

E/353 To note travel information [leaflet](#) and [letter](#) circulated to residents at Great Oldbury
The information was noted.

E/354 To receive update on [Standish Parish Council's Multi-User Path proposal](#)
It was **AGREED** to send an e-mail to Standish Parish Council supporting a multi-user path between Horsemarling roundabout and Black Bridge. The Behind the Hedge option for the path is supported. Benefits of the multi-user path include gaining access to the footpath network without crossing the railway line, a safer cycle commuting route to Gloucester and improved links to the proposed new development North West of Stonehouse.

E/356 To receive Air Quality Monitoring in Stonehouse results for May 2021
The results were noted. More results needed for a clearer picture.

E/357 To consider response to Regulation 14 consultation on draft Standish Neighbourhood Plan

<https://standishvillage.co.uk/standish-parish-council/standish-neighbourhood-development-plan-rerun-of-the-public-consultation/>

The following comment was **AGREED**: Standish Parish Council are congratulated on their work in producing a draft Neighbourhood Plan. Stonehouse Town Council particularly supports draft Neighbourhood Plan policy S3 on Sustainable Transport and proposals to promote sustainable, non-motorised transport links.

E/358 To receive a report on the Committee budget

The report was noted. Deputy Clerk advised some items would be shown as Reserves movements in line with Town Council decision on 19 July 2021 (TC2656).

E/359 To consider quotation received for providing shelving in BT phone boxes at Downton and Severn Road

Deputy Clerk advised that a check on the electrical supply at all three phone boxes was required before any internal work done.

It was **AGREED** to authorise officers to arrange electrical checks and provision of shelving at phone boxes, cost to be met from Street Furniture budget.

E/360 To consider a proposal that Canal Rejuvenation Working Group reports to Environment Committee.

The proposal that the Canal Rejuvenation Working Group report to Environment Committee was **APPROVED**. All in favour.

E/361 To confirm membership of working groups reporting to Environment Committee (including members working groups wish to co-opt)

Additional non-Town Councillor members of working group were **AGREED** as follows:

Canal Rejuvenation Working Group: Debbie Curtis (independent member), Marcus Dixon (SHIPS). Ward Councillors.

Events: Bailey Churcher

PROW: Joe Gallagher

Stroudwater Bristol Road: Robert Crockford, Theresa Watt

E/362 To agree projects to be submitted to Stroud District Council for Welcome Back funding.

The recommendation in the Deputy Clerk's report to committee was considered. It was **AGREED** to apply for Welcome Back funding for the following projects:

- Tree event/launch of Stonehouse Community Arboretum September 2021: entertainments.
- Regular weekend entertainment on the Town Green
- Funding towards a Market Towns Tourism Officer post, employed by an independent organisation and managed by a steering group.

E/363 To receive reports and consider recommendations from working groups:

Canal Rejuvenation Working Group, Events, Town Centre, PROW, Recreation Working Group, Transport and Highways

Canal Rejuvenation Working Group: Cllrs. Swain reported the Group were planning the consultation on the Ship Inn site and looking at engaging with businesses.

Events: Picnic on Green was cancelled at short notice due to weather warnings.

PROW: Cllr Armstrong reported that members were working on a detailed report on possible footpaths to be designated. Members will draft proposals for circular walks to be added to the Cotswold AONB website; the proposed walks and the walk suggested by a Cotswold AONB Warden to be circulated to all councillors for comment.

Recreation Working Group: The following proposals were **APPROVED**. All in favour.

- To seek advice on the costs of varying the existing Deed of Covenant on Stagholt Field and timing of public consultation required under s.126 (4A) of Local Government Act 1972.
- To hold a public consultation on proposals for Stagholt Field from September to October

Traffic Working Group: Concerns have been received re speeding along Bath Road/High Street and Spa Road/Oldends Road area. They will be raised with GCC Highways.

E/364 To receive an update from In Bloom

Cllr Swain gave a brief update: a judge visited the Old Chapel Garden on 6th July re the It's Our Neighbourhood award. A portfolio has been sent to Heart Of England In Bloom which shows the large number of people involved in In Bloom throughout the year. A judge was given a video tour of the town to demonstrate the high standards of maintenance and cleanliness achieved.

E/365 Date of next Environment Committee meeting: 7 September 2021

Financial Budget Comparison

for Town Environment Committee

Comparison between 01/04/21 and 19/07/21 inclusive.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/21

	2021/2022	Reserve	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
INCOME					
Town Environment Committee					
200	Stonehouse in Bloom	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
205	Event Income/Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
210	Planting Sponsorship	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
215	Grants	£0.00	£3,997.33	£3,997.33	100.00%
Total Town Environment Committee		£0.00	£3,997.33	£3,997.33	100.00%
EXPENDITURE					
Town Environment Committee					
1190	Amenity Areas	£37,500.00	£0.00	£12,982.60	-65.38%
2000	Christmas Lights	£5,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	-100.00%
2005	Climate Change	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	-100.00%
2010	In Bloom	£7,000.00	£0.00	£1,840.68	-73.70%
2020	Street Furniture/Bus Shelters	£2,000.00	£0.00	£230.00	-88.50%
2030	Traffic Calming/Transport Studies	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2040	Town Greens Maintenance	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2050	Cultural Events & Studies	£5,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	-100.00%
2060	Signage	£300.00	£0.00	£114.00	-62.00%
2070	Town Centre Partnership	£0.00	£0.00	£540.00	100.00%
2080	Neighbourhood Plan Review	£4,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	-100.00%
2090	Planning Specialist Advice	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	-100.00%
Total Town Environment Committee		£63,800.00	£0.00	£15,707.28	-75.38%