



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 20th September 2021 at 7pm.

**Present:** Councillors Neil Gibbs (Committee Vice Chair), Carol Kambites (Vice Chair of Council, Committee Chair), Val Randell, Pam Swain, Keith Terry, David Thorpe.

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

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**E/385 To receive apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Armstrong.

**E/386 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**E/387 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

The minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were agreed as a true record. Five in favour. One abstention.

**E/388 To comment on planning applications as listed**

**21/2126/HHOLD 93 Ryelands Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2PG.**

Single storey extension to rear of property

**No objection if no objection from neighbours.**

**21/2164/HHOLD 8 Cotswold Green, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2ES.**

Erection of two storey and single storey side extension

**No objection if no objection from neighbours.**

**E/389 To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council, 1 September 2021 to 14 September 2021**

The report was noted.

**E/390 To receive a report on the Committee budget**

The report to 14 September 2021 with income at £3,997.33 and expenditure at £21,371.29 was noted.

**E/391 To note award of Welcome Back funding for outdoor entertainment at Tree Day and Goodwill and agree expenditure of funding.**

Expenditure of £300 (excluding VAT) on circus entertainment at the Tree Day on 3 October and £915 (excluding VAT) on circus entertainment at Goodwill was agreed, both sessions to be provided by the School of Larks, funded by Welcome Back Fund as agreed by Stroud District Council. All in favour.

**E/392 To consider quotations received for repair of play tunnel, Oldends Lane Recreation ground and agree further action.**

Quotations for returfing the play tunnel were not yet received. Any relevant guarantees relating to the original construction of the play tunnel will be investigated.

**It was agreed that the decision on which quotation to accept be delegated to the Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk; expenditure may need to be met by Reserves. All in favour.**

**E/393 To agree expenditure on trees to be met by grants and budget**

A detailed planting list and information that grant funding would meet the cost of all the trees was received and circulated before the meeting. Grant funding for trees in Stonehouse as follows: Great Western Railway: £2000 for 10 trees; Gloucestershire County Council: £2000 for 12 trees; CPRE Gloucestershire: £400 for 3 trees.

Therefore expenditure from budget is not required.

**It was agreed to purchase 25 trees as itemised to be funded by grants. All in favour.**

**E/394 To consider quotation received for additional Christmas lights and installation of new and existing Christmas lights**

Quotation not available.

**E/395 To receive reports from Working Groups and consider recommendations. Canal Rejuvenation Working Group, Events, Town Centre, Public Rights of Way (PROW), Recreation Working Group, Transport and Highways**

**Canal Rejuvenation:** Meeting on 22 September, solo delivery of survey leaflets may be possible.

**Events:** Work continues to organise the Tree Day 3<sup>rd</sup> October. County Councillor Nicholas Housden has agreed to fund Party Bags for the event from the Councillor's Build Back Better Fund.

**PROW:** User evidence for tracks near Doverow for 20 years before 22 August 2019 now required. From 22 August 2019, landowner has deposited a Highways Act 1980, Section 31(6) declaration notice which stops claims for additional footpaths being made during the period it stands. The landowner has asked that Councillors are made aware that they have made various improvements to the existing footpaths but may need assistance of contributions to any additional improvement works.

**Recreation:** Will meet at Oldends Lane Pavilion. Deputy Clerk to seek response to legal and planning queries.

**Transport and Highways:** Cllr Terry agreed to become Convenor for this Working Group and will set up a meeting. Bus cancellations are causing significant difficulties for residents.

**E/396 To receive an update on progress towards re-opening Stroudwater Station.**

No news on Restoring Your Railways funding bid. Working Group to meet soon.

**E/397 Date of next Environment Committee meeting: 18 October 2021**

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# Financial Budget Comparison

## for Town Environment Committee

Comparison between 01/04/21 and 14/09/21 inclusive.

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

	2021/2022	Reserve	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
<b>INCOME</b>					
<b>Town Environment Committee</b>					
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%
<b>Total Town Environment Committee</b>		£0.00	£3,997.33	£3,997.33	100.00%
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
<b>Town Environment Committee</b>					
1190	Amenity Areas	£37,500.00	£0.00	£14,043.73	-23.48%
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	£5,727.29	-18.18%
2020	Street Furniture/Bus Shelters	£2,000.00	£0.00	£751.27	-62.44%
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	£309.00	3.00%
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%
<b>Total Town Environment Committee</b>		£63,800.00	£0.00	£21,371.29	-33.50%