



Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee, Stonehouse Library, High Street, Stonehouse, GL10 2NG held on Monday 21st February 2022 at 7pm.

Present: Councillors Rachel Armstrong, Neil Gibbs (Vice-Chair of Environment Committee), Gary Powell (Chair of Council), Val Randell, Pam Swain, Keith Terry.

In attendance: Rachel Russell, Deputy Clerk (Minutes)

E/471 To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Kambites. Cllr Gibbs chaired the meeting.

E/472 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

E/473 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on 17th January 2022

The minutes of the meeting of 17th January 2022 were agreed as a true record. All in favour.

E/474 To comment on planning applications as listed

22/0096/VAR Stonehouse Court Hotel, Bristol Road, Stonehouse
Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on permitted application S.19/1580/FUL.
No objections

22/0092/FUL Costa Coffee, Stonehouse Park, Sperry Way, Stonehouse
Installation of two rapid electric vehicle charging stations
Support.

22/0068/FUL Unit 2A, Brunel Centre, Brunel Way, Stonehouse.
Erection of workshop
No objection to the proposal although a further environmental enhancement would be to provide solar panels on the roof of the workshop if possible.

22/0172/HHOLD 59 Park Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2DW.
Rear two storey extension
No objection if no objections from neighbours.

22/0217/HHOLD 8 Court View, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 3PL.
Erection of front porch and single storey rear extension replacing conservatory
No objection if no objections from neighbours.

22/0268/HHOLD 27 Kings Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2EZ.

Erection of two storey side extension
No objection if no objections from neighbours.

22/0279/FUL Renishaw PLC, Brunel Way, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.
The erection of six carport structures comprising solar pv panels for the generation of renewable energy
Support: the proposal is a valuable contribution to the generation of renewable energy.

22/0102/HHOLD 2 Rosedale Avenue, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2QH.
Erection of 1st floor extension over garage, new larger porch to front door and new lift shaft to gable wall
No objection if no objections from neighbours.

22/0340/VAR 31 Rosedale Avenue, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2QH.
Variation of Condition 2 of S.21/1982/HHOLD - Position proposed garage slightly further away from the road
No observations.

22/0291/FUL Dairy Partners Ltd , Brunel Way, Stonehouse
A new fire escape staircase on the south eastern facade of the existing building.
No objection so long as proposed works do not affect the integrity and effectiveness of the bund.

22/0371/HHOLD 20 Ebley Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2LQ.
Demolish existing out-building and construct side extension for disabled use and care.
No observations.

E/475 To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council, 11 January 2022 to 14 February 2022
The report was noted.

E/476 To receive a report on Committee Budget
The report to 14 February 2022 with income at £13,890.18 and expenditure at £57,216.63 was noted.

E/477 To receive report on progress of Restoring Your Railways scheme re Bristol Road Station
The report on developing a Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) under the Restoring Your Railways scheme in the supporting papers was noted. Stantec consultants are currently working on the case for change and stakeholder engagement; the SOBC will be complete by August 2022 and is due to be submitted to the Department for Transport by September 2022.
The Deputy Clerk explained the governance arrangements and that the first Steering Group meetings was scheduled for 1st March. Cllrs. Kambites and Thorpe will attend steering group meetings.

E/478 To consider a contribution of up to £5,000 towards a Market Towns Tourism content project and note a proposal for District wide tourism app.

Consideration of a contribution towards a Market Towns Tourism content project had been deferred to Environment Committee by Town Council (TC2738/2).

It was agreed to contribute up to £5,000 towards a Market Towns Tourism content project, costs to be met from the existing Stroud District Council Tourism grant reserve and, subject to Town Council's approval, either virements from unspent 2021/22 budgets or by creation of a new reserve. All in favour.

Councillors noted the proposal for a year's pilot of District wide tourism app pilot to be procured by Stroud District Council, costs to be met from Welcome Back funding. Although using and populating the app would require staff time, councillors **supported** the pilot project and a District wide app as potentially beneficial.

E/479 To consider request from Stonehouse Climate Change Action Forum to fund printing costs for an Eco-Directory.

It was agreed to fund printing costs of up to £250 for the Eco-Directory from the Committee's Climate Change budget.

E/480 To receive an update from Stonehouse In Bloom

Cllr. Swain gave the following update:

- Network Rail are due to work on the area between the track and the steps from Queens Road, moving the fence, adding hand rails and moving vegetation. Stonehouse in Bloom (SIB) can then improve this area.
- SIB volunteers have planted 2,000 snowdrop bulbs.
- Cllr. Powell has been working on putting reservoirs into rusty planters. Planters will be painted.
- 14th March, there will be turf cutting and rotavating of areas of Laburnum Field and planting of wild flower seeds.

E/481 To receive reports from Working Groups and consider recommendations:

Canal Rejuvenation

Cllrs. Powell and Swain had attended a Cotswold Canals Connected (CCC) webinar before the meeting. Cllr Swain reported that a key message was that the CCC project was "for the community, by the community and with the community.". Stroud District Council's Project Officer had advised that SDC's Canal Strategy Framework, recently the subject of a public consultation, was concerned with the long term future of the canal, after the completion of the project. CCC's Phase IB is a three year project.

Cllr. Swain reported on a Canal Rejuvenation Working Group meeting of 11th February with Ward Councillors where the potential of the land a Wyatt's Field to provide a canal side amenity site was raised.

To consider the following recommendation to Town Council regarding the recent community consultation on the Ship Inn site:

Stonehouse Town Council thanks everyone who responded to the Community Consultation on the Ship Inn site and recognises the following:

1. that the Stonehouse residents voted overwhelmingly for the use on the Ship Inn site to be for the Community
2. that the Ship Inn site is owned by Stroud District Council
3. the strategic importance of the position and location of the Ship Inn Site in relation to the canal and the Town
4. the importance of this site to the Stonehouse Town's future relationship with the newly regenerated Canal corridor
5. that the Ship Inn site should be included in the future Local Plan as land not suitable for Housing and should be reserved for Community use

Stonehouse Town Council commits to work and co-operate with Stroud District Council to achieve community use of the Ship Inn site.

The recommendation to Town Council was amended as follows and agreed. All in favour.

Stonehouse Town Council thanks everyone who responded to the Community Consultation on the Ship Inn site and recognises the following:

1. that 598 Stonehouse residents voted overwhelmingly for the use on the Ship Inn site to be for the Community
3. the strategic importance of the position and location of the Ship Inn Site in relation to the canal and the Town
4. the importance of this site to the Stonehouse Town's future relationship with the newly regenerated Canal corridor
5. that the Ship Inn site should be included in the future Local Plan as land not suitable for Housing and should be reserved for Community use

Stonehouse Town Council commits to work and co-operate with the Ship Inn site's owners, Stroud District Council, to achieve community use of the site.

Events

No recent meetings to report.

PROW

Cllr. Armstrong reported that she and Cllr. Kambites had had a positive meeting with the landowners from Far Westrip Farm who were now willing to consider one permissive path on their land; however, in order for this path to connect with the path network, it needs to cross Verney Fields, which is currently on the market.

The cut off date of 2026 to claim footpaths and rights of way using historic evidence is due to be removed giving more time to investigate the case for a path at Bonds Mill and gather evidence for the Queens Rd footpath to the car park.

Recreation

Stagholt Field improvements.

- A volunteer has kindly provided an artist's impression and images for use in a public consultation about the proposed changes.
- Deputy Clerk has not progressed public consultation material or other project tasks due to current staff situation.

- Cllr. Gibbs reported that Sunflower Suicide Support are aware of the project and may be interested in being involved. Current ideas include bee friendly measures and wild flower planting at Allotments, progressing a Bee Friendly town application, planting a Community Orchard and making a pond and scrapes.

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Transport and Highways

Cllr. Terry reported that a meeting had been set up for 24th February; main agenda items would be implementing the recent Accessibility Audit and flood mitigation measures around Horsemarling Lane and roundabout.

E/482 Date of next Environment Committee meeting: 21 March 2022
