



Stonehouse Town Council

Town Hall, High Street, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire GL10 2NG

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Town Council Meeting) OF A MEETING OF STONEHOUSE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 22ND APRIL 2014 COMMENCING AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.

Present: Chairman/Town Mayor Chris Brine
Vice Chair/Deputy Town Mayor Simon Lewis
Councillors John Aldis, David Drew, Roger Govier, Anthony Howarth,
Gary Powell, Vicky Redding, Clare Sheridan, Paul Stephens,
Pam Swain, Rob Waite, Theresa Watt

Also Present: District Councillor Mattie Ross, County Councillor Lesley Williams
(arriving during TC1458) 4 members of the public, Sarah Yate (Stroud News & Journal)

TC1449 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received by email from Councillor Kambites regarding her absence.

TC1450 Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded of their obligation within the requirements of the Adopted Model Code of Conduct, to declare personal or disclosable pecuniary interests where applicable

Councillor Rob Waite declared an interest in TC1461.2 (payment due to Hostpipe) and did not take part in the decision.

TC1451 To Agree the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 10th March 2014

The Minutes were agreed as a true record.

TC1452 James Millar and Local High Street Project (12 minutes)

James Millar will be present to explain how e-commerce platforms may assist High Street businesses in Gloucestershire. This follows a successful pilot scheme in Hereford funded by the Technology Strategy Board.

This item was cancelled at short notice due to funding being withdrawn.

TC1453 Adjournment for Public Participation (to a maximum of 15 minutes)

A business owner requested an introduction to the councillors present.

TC1454 To Receive Minutes of the Development Control Panel Meeting held on the 24th March 2014

The Minutes were noted.

TC1455 To Receive Minutes of the Regeneration & Environment Committee Meeting held on the 24th March 2014

Members may address questions to the Chair

Regarding the High Street repairs it was explained that a meeting would take place with Gloucestershire County Highways to discuss how this was going to be put right.

TC1456 To Receive Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group held on the 11th April

Members may address questions to the Chair

It was confirmed that the 10th May event will go ahead.

TC1457 To Receive the Minutes of the Amenities, Recreation & Tourism Committee Meeting held on the 31st March 2014

Members may address questions to the Chair

Attention was drawn to an omission in the Minutes in that they should have included agreement that the football club could go ahead with a planning application for COU of the workshop to a changing room. This omission was confirmed by all members of the Committee and the Minutes would be amended.

TC1458 To Receive the Minutes of the Finance & Strategy Committee Meeting held on the 14th April 2014

Members may address questions to the Chair

For Resolution:

K1/106.3 To agree the amended Financial Regulations for adoption at the AGM

Resolved for adoption at the AGM by unanimous vote.

K1/107 To agree the release of S106 funds to Cainscross Parish Council

Deferred. Awaiting confirmation from Stroud District Council regarding legal powers.

K1/109.1 To agree the amended Code of Conduct for adoption at the AGM

Resolved for adoption at the AGM

K1/109.2 To agree the Terms of Reference for Council and Standing Committees for adoption at the AGM

Resolved for adoption at the AGM

K1/110 To agree funding from General Reserve

Resolved to fund renewal of Mayoral Chain links from general reserve balance

K1/112 To agree the Vexatious Complainant Policy for adoption at the AGM

Amendments were noted “form” to from, “customers” to complainants, 7.2 remove wording “for complaints”

Resolved for adoption further to these amendments at the AGM

TC1459 To Receive Brief Reports from County/District/Town Councillors

Councillor Lesley Williams advised that the County Council only has £50,000 for bus shelters. She was asked to investigate whether she might contribute towards a new shelter from her own budget. Councillor Mattie Ross expressed her disappointment in the high street works and the fact that the kerbing adjacent to the bus shelter was crumbling away. She explained the boundary review and changes in election arrangements. The District and Parishes would be elected at the same time in the future.

TC1460 PLANNING APPLICATION – LAND WEST OF STONEHOUSE

Councillors are advised to view the application documents at S.14/0810/OUT – a meeting with the planning officer has been requested – initial comments invited

Councillor Brine advised that he had made a CD available in the office for anyone wanting to view this large application. Officers at SDC wanted the three parishes to have a joint meeting to discuss the application and Eastington PC would coordinate this.

TC1461 Finance

1. To agree the draft accounts 2013-14 for submission to the Internal Auditor

The Council agreed that the accounts should be submitted to an accountant for checking before they are put through the audit process.

2. To agree payments to date in April – Payments totalling £3928.58 were agreed to date.

TC1462 Standing Orders

**To move Standing Orders for adoption at the AGM
Resolved to adopt the Standing Orders at the AGM**

TC1463 Further Matters of Information

Fish Pass Project on the River Frome

The attachment had not been circulated. There were no questions.

TC1464 Dates of Future Meetings

28 April	Development Control Panel	6.15pm
28 April	Regeneration & Environment Committee	7pm
6 May	Staffing Committee	6.15pm
6 May	Amenities & Recreation Committee	7pm
12 May	Finance & Strategy Committee	7pm
19 May	Annual Town Meeting	7pm
27 May	AGM Town Council	7pm
