



Stonehouse Town Council

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

**MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Council meeting)
OF A MEETING OF STONEHOUSE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 23 MARCH 2015
COMMENCING AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.**

Present: Chairman/Town Mayor Councillor Chris Brine
Vice Chair/Deputy Town Mayor Theresa Watt
Cllrs. John Aldis, Gary Powell, Paul Stephens, Pam Swain, Neil Gibbs,
Roger Govier, Rob Waite

Also Present: County Councillor Lesley Williams, Town Clerk Gill Jennings

Attendees are reminded that the PROCEEDINGS of this meeting may be filmed, photographed or recorded

A G E N D A

TC1593 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from David Drew, Vicky Redding, Jan Dyer

TC1594 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

None declared

TC1595 To agree the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th February 2015

The Minutes were agreed as a true record

TC1596 Adjournment for Public Participation

There was no request for an adjournment

TC1597 To receive brief written reports from County/District Councillors on matters of concern to Stonehouse

County Councillor Williams reported that she had made a complaint about the siting of the BT box on the shared space pavement. She asked for a report from the Town Council to assist in her complaint. Highways are aware that they will have to make good the surface of the pavement. Highways are not currently satisfied with the work undertaken by Amey and will be working to improve this. Councillor Williams is proposing a motion regarding external contracts to ensure that workers are paid the living wage, no zero contracts and no penalties for whistle blowing. She advised that Stroud District Council are proposing to use s288 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to challenge the decision on Javelin Park.

Councillor Brine reported that he had been in a meeting to discuss young people self-harming and the statistics were alarmingly high. The Council have adopted their Welfare Reform Policy.

TC1598 To receive Chairman's report and External Representative Reports

No reports

Please note that Members may ask for an explanation of wording but not raise new matters or amendments which are to be referred to the Committee Chair for the next Agenda:

TC1599 To receive the Minutes of the Development Control Panel Meeting of the 2nd March 2015
The Minutes were noted.

TC1600 To receive the Minutes of the Regeneration & Environment Committee of the 2nd March 2015
The Minutes were noted.

TC1601 To receive the Minutes of the ART Committee of the 9th March 2015

1. The Minutes were noted
2. **The Council passed a resolution to adopt the amended Health & Safety Policy (K3/258)**

TC1602 To receive the Minutes of the Finance & Strategy Committee of the 16th March 2015
Resolution Required:

K1/185 To accept the recommendations of the F & S Committee – The Council agreed the Grant Making Policy (point 4a) The Council resolved to adopt the amended Financial Regulations (point 5).

K1/186 To accept the recommendations of the F & S Committee – The Council agreed to request that Stonehouse is retained as one ward which included Ebley. The Clerk to word the objection to ensure that effective governance was retained.

K1/187 To accept the recommendations of the F & S Committee – The Council agreed to register for Quality Status following the election.

K1/190 To accept the recommendations of the F & S Committee – The Council agreed the proposal for a feasibility study.

TC1603 To approve payments due

Payments to cheque no. 7906 £67757.39 were agreed.

TC1604 Date of Next Meeting

18th May 2015

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960/Standing Order 3d.

The Council will by resolution exclude the public from item TC1605/6 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and publicity of the item would be prejudicial to the public interest.

TC1605 To agree Heads of Terms for a Development Agreement, Review of Site Layout and RLV
The Council agreed the Heads of Terms wording, the site layout might need some adjustment following input from the FA and further consultation but in principle was approved. The Development Agreement would be drawn up subject to new residual land values being appropriate and feasible, and further to public consultations.

TC1606 To consider offer on land at Perth

The Council considered an offer dated 23rd March by joint purchasers and agreed to proceed with the sale.
