



STONEHOUSE **TOWN COUNCIL**

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Town Council meeting) of the Town Council HELD ON MONDAY 9th APRIL 2018 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.

Members of the public are welcome to attend to ask questions about agenda items.

Present: Councillors John Aldis, Becky Amor, Gwenn Atkinson, Leigh Binns, John Callinan, Debbie Curtis, Tim Jackson, Carol Kambites (Vice Chairman/Deputy Town Mayor), Gary Powell, Pam Swain, David Thorpe, Theresa Watt (Chairman/Town Mayor)

Also Present: Town Clerk, A resident, District Cllr M Ross

Attendees were reminded that the Proceedings of this meeting may be filmed, photographed or recorded but anyone wishing to keep such a record should inform the Chairman at the start of the meeting

TC1993 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Gibbs (Holiday). Apologies were received from District Cllr Brine.

TC1994 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

TC1995 To agree the Minutes of the Town Council meeting of 5th March 2018

The Minutes were proposed by Cllr Callinan for acceptance, seconded by Cllr Powell, all in favour.

TC1996 To receive and request reports from County/District Councillors

Cllr Ross stated that she had discussed the planning decision on Oldends Lane with planning officers who stated they had a watertight case. She would not have supported the application. She was asked what Stroud District Council were doing about the Market Town Forum? She advised all set up and up to Town Council to arrange meeting.

Cllr Ross advised that she had received correspondence from a complainant on matters dating back to 2010. She considered this correspondence vexatious and was not making a response.

Cllr Callinan raised a question for the County Councillor to answer. He was keen to know whether there was a service and maintenance plan for the UBB cable? It was agreed by councillors to send an enquiry seeking a response.

TC1997 Adjournment for Public Participation (15 minutes/3 min per person)

There was no call for an adjournment.

TC1998 To receive reports from the Council Chairman and Town Councillors

The Council Chair had no report to make.

Cllr Kambites reported that the UBB Liaison Group had stopped inviting Stonehouse Town Council to meetings now that the High Street works were concluded. They did not consider Stonehouse to be part of the core group entitled to compensation payments.

Cllr Binns reported that she was invited to attend a meeting of Stonehouse Opportunities, she was not attending on behalf of the Council but would make a report if there was anything of interest.

TC1999 To receive the Minutes of the Development Control Panel of 12th March 2018

The Minutes were noted.

TC2000 To receive the Minutes of the Regeneration & Environment Committee Meeting of 12th March 2018 and consider any Resolutions requested

The Minutes were noted. Councillors were keen to progress item K2/602.

TC2001 To receive Planning Application Decision Notice - Oldends Lane S17/1603/FUL

The Decision Notice was downloaded from the District Council's website and noted by councillors.

TC2002 To receive the Minutes of the Amenities & Recreation Committee Meeting of 19th March 2018 and consider any Resolutions requested

K3/591 Consider the Recommendation to have a consultation meeting with a planning specialist and the architect in respect of TC2001 Oldends Lane development planning decision to discuss an appeal strategy

Further to long debate it was proposed by Cllr Kambites, seconded by Cllr Curtis, all in favour, that Cllr Swain and the Clerk should seek a meeting to discuss the merits of an appeal and costs involved.

K3/594 Discuss the County Council's request for £45000 for the purchase of the Athletics field and the recommendation that the Town Council does not offer more than £40,000 and agree a final offer.

The final offer figure of £40,000 was proposed by Cllr Kambites, seconded by Cllr Amor, all in favour.

TC2003 To receive the Minutes of the Finance & Strategy Meeting of 5th March 2018 and 26th March 2018

K1/479.4 as K3/591 above - This matter was agreed under TC2002.

K1/482 To agree proposals for GAPTC AGM - The 4 proposals as minuted on the 26th March were proposed by Cllr. Curtis, seconded by Cllr Swain, majority in favour.

TC2004 Finance

1. To agree payments due to end of March - Payments totalling £21870.62 were checked and agreed. A late payment of £1980 due to The Door was added. Proposed by Cllr Swain, seconded by Cllr Atkinson, all in favour.
2. To agree changes to Financial Regulations - The Clerk had drafted new wording for point 8.5 with regard to new requirements from 1st April 2018. This was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Swain, seconded by

Cllr Kambites, all in favour.

3. To consider a Grant application from Stonehouse History Group for £500
The Council were keen to support history information boards and the grant request was proposed by Cllr Swain, seconded by Cllr Kambites, all in favour. It was further agreed unanimously to add this to the March payments.

TC2005 To agree a letter to David Hagg re: planning decisions

A draft letter had been circulated querying the inconsistency in the approach to planning decisions. Cllr Callinan requested a recorded vote.

In favour of sending the letter: Councillors John Aldis, Becky Amor, Gwenn Atkinson, Leigh Binns, Debbie Curtis, Tim Jackson, Carol Kambites, Gary Powell, Pam Swain, David Thorpe, Theresa Watt

Not in favour of sending the letter: Cllr Callinan. Carried by majority vote.

TC2006 Items for Committee Agendas

Cllr Powell requested that Amenities and Recreation Committee discuss fencing in the Garden of Rest

TC2007 To consider whether to re-advertise the vacant Ebley seat for Co-option

Further to lengthy debate, Cllr Curtis proposed, Cllr Kambites seconded that the seat be left vacant. All in favour.

TC2008 Date of Next Meeting
21st May 2018 (AGM)
