



## **STONEHOUSE** **TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting)  
Of a meeting of the AMENITIES and RECREATION COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
2018 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE**

**Present:**

Becky Amor  
Deborah Curtis  
Neil Gibbs (Committee Convenor)  
Gary Powell (Deputy Committee Convenor)  
Theresa Watt

Also Present: Town Clerk

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*Attendees were reminded that the Proceedings of this meeting may be filmed, photographed or recorded but anyone wishing to make a record should first inform the Chairman*

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**K3/600 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Kambites (illness)

**K3/601 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are reminded of their obligation within the requirements of the adopted Model Code of Conduct to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests where applicable.  
There were no declarations of interest

**K3/602 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH 2018**

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

**K3/603 PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT**

A maximum time limit of 15 minutes allocated for residents to raise comments (3 minutes each) on any item on this agenda  
There was no public adjournment.

**K3/604 PLAY EQUIPMENT**

- a. To receive inspection reports from ROSPA - The Committee noted the reports and agreed that all medium to high risks should be dealt with as a priority.
- b. To receive a report from the Recreation Working Group regarding a proposed scheme for Oldends Lane playing field - The Working Group would be having another site meeting before proceeding to tender. The Working Group had been advised by the Committee Clerk that funding from external sources might be limited to £10,000. The RFO advised them to work within the funds available and bear in mind the needs of other play parks.

### **K3/605 OLDENDS LANE DEVELOPMENT**

1. Discuss the advice on the planning refusal from a planning specialist and agree the way forward - The Committee agreed that they would resubmit the application following a meeting with the planning officer. (Cllr Swain/Kambites to attend with the architect) It would be necessary to obtain specialist reports. Cllr Swain had also arranged to see Mark Russell at Stroud District Council to seek changes to the settlement boundary in the Local Plan review.
2. Revisit costs and discuss shortfall funding - The Committee were reminded that the original estimates of £970,000 would be escalating with increased building material costs and additional planning costs. The shortfall was currently £670,000 and rising.

### **K3/606 FINANCE**

1. To check Committee expenditure and receipts Year End March 2018

**The Committee agreed the expenditure from budget total £98390 and Income £24872.**

2. Agree Earmarked reserves Year End March 2018

**The Committee agreed the increase in reserves for Oldends Lane Development and land purchase.**

3. Agree April to date expenditure and receipts

Expenditure of £5640 was approved, Receipts £4034 were noted.

### **K3/607 RECEIVE A REPORT ON PROPERTY MAINTENANCE and agree any actions including the purchase of new equipment**

Vandalism to play equipment to be noted - The Committee were advised that the skatepark had been covered in graffiti which was proving difficult to remove.

### **K3/608 ASSET ACQUISITION**

1. Athletics Field - Response from Glos County Council to offer for purchase

The County Council have rejected the Council's final offer of £40000. The County Council are also seeking to make changes to the footpath diversion agreed with Network Rail.

On the day of the meeting the Council had been notified that the County Council had agreed to accept the offer of £40,000 subject to overage charge. **The Committee agreed to recommend to Council that the purchase is completed at £40,000 subject to the terms stated. For Resolution**

2. Verney Fields - Progress with Footpath/Village Green Application - Clerk trying to progress this with Amey's officer.

### **K3/609 STONEHOUSE IN BLOOM**

1. Receive a report on progress and note expenditure to date. - Minutes were circulated. Floral displays to be installed on the 7<sup>th</sup> June. Park Junior school children have helped to plant one planter and Home Farm Trust are involved in maintaining two other planters.

2. Committee are asked to consider making improvements to fencing at the Garden of Rest

Cllr Powell suggested that the chainlink fence matted with wild growth should be replaced with bow top fencing at approximately £860 to reduce anti-social behaviour and that the access to Laburnum could be realigned to meet the path through the Garden of Rest.

**The Committee agreed to revisit this at a future meeting.**

### **K3/610 STONEHOUSE ALLOTMENTS**

The Tenants Association have requested permission for the erection of a communal rain shelter and compost toilet.

**The Committee considered the requests and agreed to investigate further. There was support for the compost toilet but concern about the rain shelter.**

### **K3/611 STONEHOUSE TOWN F.C.**

Consideration of a request from the Club to carry out works to improve their water supply which will require access to the Town Council's workshop.

The Committee agreed that that there was insufficient information available to make a decision.

### **K3/612 CORRESPONDENCE (Councillors to discuss and agree action)**

1. Resident complaint regarding motorbikes on play areas at Arrowsmith - Noted but no action as this is a police matter
2. Taylor Wimpey have submitted legal fees to Council's solicitor for transfer of Court View. They have not completed ecology work. - Noted and the Committee agreed to investigate an uplift in the commuted sum
3. To note a report from Parkrun - Noted that there were parking difficulties at events but that Parkrun were taking action.

### **K3/613 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

18<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### **K3/614 LEASES (note)**

1. Receive an update on the status of Lease renewals

Stonehouse Community Centre proceeding. Noted.

Magpies Lease completed. Noted.

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