



Stonehouse Town Council

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee Meeting)
OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES, RECREATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 16 JUNE 2014 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.

Present:

Councillors John Aldis
Chris Brine (Chair of Town Council)
Theresa Watt (Vice Chair of Town Council)
Roger Govier
Tony Howarth
Gary Powell
Town Clerk (Gill Jennings)

K3/163 TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE CONVENOR

Cllr. John Aldis was appointed as Convenor

K3/164 TO APPOINT A DEPUTY CONVENOR

Cllr. Gary Powell was appointed as Deputy Convenor

K3/165 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

None received

K3/166 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.

Cllr John Aldis declared a personal interest in K3/170 but was invited to speak to the item

K3/167 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6 MAY 2014

The Minutes of the 6th May were approved as a true record

K3/168 PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT (15 minutes)

Members of the public may speak only once for a maximum of 5 minutes on any specific Agenda item.

Mr Dave Godfrey spoke to item K3/169 in as much as he was anxious that the green spaces were transferred to the Town Council from Taylor Wimpey and would keep up his efforts with the developer to see that this came about.

K3/169 COURT VIEW

To consider correspondence received from Taylor Wimpey dated 2nd May and Town Clerk's response dated 14th May.

The Committee agreed the Clerk's response to Taylor Wimpey requiring sight of the transfer documents, title and confirmation that there were no ongoing disputes. The situation has not changed from 12 months ago.

K3/170 ARROWSMITH DRIVE

To consider complaints regarding ball games

The Committee were advised that in an attempt to help complainants notices to stop ball games had been put up. The complainants were troubled when their cars were hit by balls or children ran out into the road. Residents who wanted ball games took the notices down. In the meantime it appeared to Cllr Aldis that the younger children had been provided with a soft ball and the older children played elsewhere. **The Committee agreed that polite notices were going to be ignored and a letter should be sent out to all residents requesting only soft ball use and consideration of neighbours.**

K3/171 RECREATION WORKING GROUP

To receive a report from the Working Group dated 14th May.

The Committee noted the report of the working group.

K3/172 SKATEPARK

1. To agree payment of Final Balance and 2.5% retention - **The Payments were agreed**
2. To consider the purchase of a broom store – **The Committee considered the cost and felt it was not justified at present.**

K3/173 BOULE COURT

1. To consider further fencing costs – **The Committee considered the cost and would reassess the need at the next meeting**
2. To consider purchase of benches – **Costs were not available to the meeting B/F**

K3/174 FINANCE

1. To check Committee expenditure/receipts against budget May 2014

The Committee agreed the expenditure of £23175.20 and income of £7097.90.

2. To agree receipts and payments in June

Payments to date in June were agreed at £13863.76

3. To consider and agree the 5th Valuation on the Youth Building

The 5th Valuation had now been certified by the Project Manager as correct and the Committee agreed to release £24630.82 minus the payment on account.

K3/175 PLAY EQUIPMENT AREAS

To receive ROSPA inspection and to agree any actions

The Committee agreed to carry out the minor repairs recommended

K3/176 GCC GRANTS FOR SPORT

To discuss application for funding

The Committee considered the funding available and felt that an outdoor gym or portacabin might be provided at Stagholt. Cllr Lesley Williams to be invited to discuss options.

K3/177 S106 FUNDING

To review the list held at Stroud District Council – The Committee reviewed the list. This would be amended to include an amount for updated play equipment.

Clerk to explore status of other funding and effects of changing projects.

K3/177 S106 Funding (continued)

The Committee were asked to comment on S106 funding which might be obtained from the Elm Road site and were being asked whether a MUGA could be accommodated and at what cost. The Committee felt that since a MUGA facility already exists on Oldends Lane playing field and there is a lack of green space in the town as a whole, they could not justify further hard landscaped play areas. The Committee also discussed the provision of tennis courts or an all weather mini-soccer pitch at Stagholt which could only proceed with an effective drainage system from the field. Cllr Brine was concerned that the Council should not be seen to be making an agreement on the site which was the subject of much controversy and the Committee agreed the Clerk should answer the question raised by SDC without making it a request.

K3/178 LAND OWNERSHIP

To discuss land ownerships – **The land of interest to the Council at Doverow might be in the hands of a developer.**

K3/179 ALLOTMENTS

Following the recent inspection final warnings have been issued to Plot 5A, Plot 10A, Plot 20, Plot 28 and Plot 34. There are three people waiting for tenancies.

The Committee noted the report. The Committee discussed the flash flooding which occurred over the weekend but were assured by the report provided by SDC that this was not due to neglect of the brook.

K3/180 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

The Council will by resolution exclude the public from item K3/181 & 182 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and publicity of the item would be prejudicial to the public interest.

K3/181 TO DISCUSS REDEVELOPMENT OF STAGHOLT & OLDENDS LANE AND TO AGREE A WAY FORWARD

Three options had been considered which had been rejected. A further 2 plans were being drawn up based on preferences and it was hoped that these might be made available for public consultation soon. The consultants are to meet with current users in the interim.

K3/182 MAGPIES SOCIAL CLUB

A Committee has been formed and rent is being received.
