

Stonehouse Town Council



MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee Meeting)
OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES, RECREATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE HELD ON
MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2014 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET,
STONEHOUSE.

Present:

Councillors	John Aldis	(Convenor)
	Chris Brine	(Chair of Town Council)
	Roger Govier	
	Gary Powell	(Deputy Convenor)
	Theresa Watt	(Vice Chair of Town Council)

K3/215 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

None Received

The Committee felt aggrieved by the sad loss of the late Councillor Tony Howarth. The heartfelt Commendation of his life and contribution to the community was clearly expressed at the Memorial Service.

K3/216 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.

Councillor Gary Powell declared an interest in K3.221/2 (reimbursement of expenses) and left the room during the discussion.

K3/217 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6TH OCTOBER 2014

The Minutes were agreed as a true record.

K3/218 PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT (15 minutes)

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

No adjournment was called.

K3/219 RECREATION WORKING GROUP

Progress report re: outdoor gym – **The Recreation Working Group were looking at 3 suppliers of equipment and would visit a final site to view equipment this week.**

K3/220 OLDENDS/STAGHOLT REDEVELOPMENT

To consider quotations for amendments to the changing rooms and to agree funding – 7 companies had been invited to quote, 5 had now withdrawn due to work commitments. 1 quote was late in being submitted. The Clerk stated that the quote received vastly exceeded the funding available and it would be necessary to revise the specification. **Committee agreed that a S106 proposal should be completed but the specification would have to fit the funding.**

K3/221 FINANCE

1. To check Committee expenditure/receipts against budget October 2014 **Expenditure £5648.18 and Receipts of £1386 were agreed and checked against budget.**
2. To agree payments and officer decisions – **Payments to date in November £5178.37 were agreed. There were no officer decisions to note.**
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K3/221 Finance (continued)

4. To consider budget items for 2015-16 - To consider possible increased budget – **The Committee agreed an increased budget to allow for temporary expenditure. However the final figure would have to be decided by Council when the position on Local Council Tax Support was known and impact on the council tax band calculated.**
5. To consider a disputed invoice – **The Committee agreed that Mant Leisure should receive part payment for the amounts which matched the quotation and the work carried out with the remaining sum of £4900 in dispute.**

K3/222 SKATEPARK

Recycling Bins – Progress report (Chris Brine)

Councillor Brine reported that he had discussed provision and collection of recycling bins but was still awaiting notification of any costs to be applied by Stroud District Council.

K3/223 STONEHOUSE IN BLOOM

1. To form a Working Group to consider category for entry and encourage community participation – **The In Bloom main focus would be the High Street but community participation would be encouraged through the next Newsletter to widen the scope and funding.**
2. To consider renewal of contract with Plantscape £2851 – **This was agreed.**
3. To receive suggestions for new planting arrangements – The station had been provided with new planters by First Great Western. There might be scope to plant the banks. New planters might also be put in the High Street.

K3/224 LABURNUM PARK

To consider a request for planting of edible bushes – **The Committee considered the request and the lack of success in planting on the park to date. It was decided that the bushes would need more sunlight and Stagholt might be more suitable. Permission would be given for planting there.**

K3/225 GARDEN OF REST

To consider request for an Upcycled Art Project – **The Committee considered the proposal and agreed that the Project might go ahead provided the Garden of Rest was kept free of litter and that art materials were not disposed of in the public litter bins. That no displays were left out.**

K3/226 MEADOW PLAYING FIELD

To consider boundary reinforcement to prevent anti-social behaviour (see Neighbourhood Warden Report) The Neighbourhood Warden had removed part of a hedge at Meadow Road due to anti-social behaviour. The grounds staff have cleared the rest of the area to make tidy. New railings and barriers were required to restrict access by motorbikes. **The Clerk was asked to obtain quotations.**

K3/227 VAN REPAIRS

The van has sustained damage by persons unknown and the Committee are to consider repair costs. – **The Clerk was asked to make an insurance claim if appropriate to the excess.**

K3/228 ITEMS OF INFORMATION

1. 5 Valleys Fireworks – Letter of thanks for loan of marquees.
2. The Clerk has attended a training course of changes to the law pertaining to Commons & Village Greens

K3/229 ALLOTMENTS

To receive updated allotment grading – **Two tenants had been given notice due to a red grading on more than one occasion. Another tenant who repeatedly neglected their allotment had received warning letters. Apart from 2 tenants who had relinquished their plots the remaining tenants had paid their rent. The Waiting List is 9 with 6 standard plots and 1 starter plot available.**

K3/230 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2ND FEBRURY 2015

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

The Council will by resolution exclude the public from item K3/231 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and publicity of the item would be prejudicial to the public interest.

K3/231 Everything Everywhere Phone Mast

Update on legal matters – The Clerk advised that legal issues with EE were progressing. In the meantime EE seemed to be trying to mitigate their behaviour by paying back rent.
