



MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) OF A MEETING OF THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 12 MARCH 2018 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE

Present:

Councillors: Tim Jackson (Convenor)
David Thorpe
Carol Kambites (Deputy Chair of Council/Deputy Mayor)
Theresa Watt (Chair/Mayor)

Committee Clerk: Rachel Russell

Also present: Cllrs. John Callinan and Pam Swain (for part of meeting).

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

K2/594 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Atkinson.

K2/595 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

K2/596 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5 FEBRUARY 2018

The minutes were approved as a true record.

K2/597 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr. Callinan spoke regarding K2/603 expressing support for improved bridge provision especially in view its likely increased use as a result of the West of Stonehouse development. Cllr. Swain advised she was concerned about agenda items K2/599/2 and K2/602/1. The Chair moved the order of the agenda so that items raised in the public adjournment were dealt with first.

K2/602 STONEHOUSE STATION

1. Platform Extension Works

To note request for meeting with Network Rail regarding fencing arrangements for reconfigured station in order to avoid void spaces.

The Committee Clerk advised that she has contacted AMCO's Project Manager regarding this issue and suggesting a site visit. AMCO have raised with Network Rail but there has been no further contact. Committee Clerk to raise with Toby Elliot of Network Rail to seek response.

2. To note contact from Great Western Railways (GWR) customer ambassador regarding long stay parking in town centre car park.

GWR's Customer Ambassador for the area has received requests for long stay parking area in the town car park; he contacted the Town Council and was referred to Stroud District Council. It was agreed to ask Stroud District to consider again providing long stay parking as in April 2017, the Committee agreed to see what impact the car park signage had on the use of the car park.

K2/603 NETWORK RAIL FOOTBRIDGE, OLDENDS LANE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

To report on progress regarding maintenance and improvement request.

A request has been made to Network Rail; the Committee Clerk to continue to seek a response.

K2/598 APPOINTMENT TO DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PANEL

To agree appointment of Cllr. David Thorpe to the Development Control Panel.

Cllr. Watt proposed and Cllr Kambites seconded that Cllr. David Thorpe be appointed to the Development Control Panel. All in favour.

K2/599 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

1. To report on progress on Oldends Lane Crossing.

The Committee Clerk has informed GCC Highways that Stonehouse Town Council can contribute £4,000 in 2018-19 towards the cost of a crossing but has not had any further response.

2. To consider impact of pedestrian crossing on Oldends Lane on proposed Town Council housing and pavilion development

The report from the Committee Clerk circulated with the agenda was considered. Cllr. Watt advised that the GCC Highways response to the Town Council's planning application for the development of Oldends Lane pavilion and housing suggests a pavement should be provided on the North side of Oldends Lane.

The Committee agreed that further information was required from GCC Highways as to whether they would recommend providing a pavement irrespective of whether there was a pedestrian crossing further up Oldends Lane.

3. To receive report from Traffic Working Group on progress on Highways issues.

Cllr. Watt advised that the Traffic Working Group were arranging a meeting with Dan Tiffney, GCC Local Highways Manager.

4. To note complaint from resident regarding parking on Elm Road and agree any further action.

The Committee Clerk reported that a resident had asked for a keep clear road markings zone in Elm Road as cars are parking very close to the cul-de-sac opening to the new development on the site of the former Youth Centre, especially at school drop off and pick up times. Committee Clerk to pass this request on to GCC Highways and to inform schools about complaint.

Cllrs. Callinan and Swain left the meeting.

K2/600 COMMISSIONERS FUND GRANT APPLICATION

To note offer of grant towards a portable radar counter, consider resource implications and agree further action.

Committee Clerk to arrange meeting with police as suggested by Commissioners Fund staff. Cllrs. Thorpe and Watt may be available. Cllr. Gibb may also be invited as he suggested applying for funding for a radar counter.

K2/601 QUEENS ROAD CAR PARK FOOTPATH

To note response from Network Rail to request for payment towards remedial work to footpath after works to embankment and agree further action.

Network Rail will not contribute to remedial work to the footpath but will pay for a replacement sign. Committee Clerk to seek quote for resurfacing of path and investigate sources of funding.

K2/604 BRISTOL ROAD STATION

To receive report on progress towards re-opening Bristol Road Station.

Cllr. Watt advised that the timetabling report has been completed; there is space for one station between Yate and Gloucester with an hourly train. The possible locations are Charfield, Stonehouse Bristol Road, Hunts Grove and Standish. Cllr. Watt to contact David Drew MP and arrange meeting of key influencers: Chief Executives of Stroud District Council, Gloucestershire County Council and Gloucestershire Local Economic Partnership, District Councillors.

It was agreed that in the near future there should be publicity to demonstrate local support and make the case for the re-opening of Bristol Road.

K2/605 BUS SHELTERS

To consider appointment of contractor given information received from contractor regarding insurance and safe method of work. The Committee Clerk reported that Kings Stanley Cleaning had provided satisfactory information on insurance and a safe method of work and had been appointed for one year.

K2/606 TOURISM WORKING GROUP

1. To receive report from Tourism Working Group.

The Committee Clerk reported that the Tourism Working Group had met on 9th March and agreed priorities for a revised station signage scheme. The Working Group would be meeting with Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust (GWT) on 15 March to discuss how GWT's Wild Towns bid for European Funding might benefit the Wharfdale Way site. Cllr. Watts reported that Wycliffe College are considering improvement work to the Boat House.

2. To agree revised Stonehouse Station signage scheme for consideration by funders.

It was agreed to propose to GCC and Stroud District Council that they consider funding Option B outlined in the Committee Clerk's report of 9 March 2018 circulated with the agenda.

K2/607 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL (SDC) TOURISM TASK AND FINISH GROUP

To receive report from those attending meeting of Task and Finish Group, 6th March 2018.

Cllr Kambites reported that the Task and Finish Group are interviewing parish councils, Tourism Board and LEP; they do not have a budget but offer SDC contacts and expertise. Kings Stanley and Standish also attended; parishes are interested in working together and Cllr Kambites offered to set up a meeting and will circulate her notes of the meeting.

K2/608 SDC HERITAGE STRATEGY

To note adoption as Supplementary Planning Advice (SPA) and timetable for Action Plan.

The adoption of SDC's Heritage Strategy as SPA and the timetable for an Action Plan was noted. The additional reference to Stonehouse's "heritage interest" in the Strategy was also noted. Committee Clerk to ask SDC conservation staff for information on criteria used to designate a Conservation Area.

K2/609 REVIEW OF THE COTSWOLDS AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN 2018-2023

To agree response to Second Draft for consultation

It was agreed to:

- support the following draft Development and Transport Policies in the draft Cotswold AONB Management Plan because of their relevance to Stonehouse as one of the few places where the Cotswold Way can be easily accessed by train or bus: DTP1, DTP2, DTP6 and DTP7.
- Inform the Management Board of Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan Priority Project 4.2.2, Introduction of an Additional Loop in the Cotswold Way

K2/610 WATER MANAGEMENT AND INCREASED RESILIENCE

To agree response to request from Gloucestershire Rural Community Council Community (GRCC) Emergency Planning officer for local information on flooding and water quality.

It was agreed to inform GRCC that the SDC Water Resources Engineer seems to have good local knowledge of potential problem areas in Stonehouse and that current areas known to flood include Horsetrough roundabout, Ebley bypass, Bridgend and behind Little Australia.

Cllr. Thorpe to research local emergency planning and approach taken by towns of a similar size. Committee Clerk to edit Emergency Plan page on Town Council's website which is out of date.

K2/611 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

1. To note Neighbourhood Plan was formally made by SDC at its meeting of 22 February 2018. The formal adoption of Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan as part of the statutory plan by SDC was noted. The Plan and Decision Notice are available for inspection at Ebley Mill and the Town Hall for the next 6 weeks.

2. To agree schedule of monitoring reports.

It was agreed that there will be a presentation on the Neighbourhood Plan at the Annual Town meeting. The Committee Clerk will provide monitoring reports against the criteria given in Chapter 5 of the Neighbourhood Plan in June, September and December 2018.

K2/612 COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE

1. To check current balances against budget.

Current expenditure of £11,746.38 from the Committee's budget was agreed.

2. To agree any payments due to date.

There were no payments to agree.

3. To agree resolution for Town Council regarding allocation of unspent grant to reserves for Neighbourhood Plan review.

The report from the Committee Clerk circulated with the agenda was considered.

It was agreed to recommend to Town Council that £780 of reserves are earmarked for Neighbourhood Plan Review costs in 2018/19. Cllr. Watt proposed, Cllr. Jackson seconded. All in favour.

K2/613 PLANNING RESULTS (RECEIVED FROM STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL)

(For Members' information - the letter in brackets are an indication of the Town Council observations. N.O. = No Observations/OBJ = Object/SUPP = Support/DNO or Supp = Do Not Object or Support)

17/2277/DISCON Horsemarling Farm, Horsemarling Lane, Standish, Stonehouse.

Discharge of Condition 4 from S.13/1388/LBC.

COMMENT **CONSENT**

17/2767/HHOLD 18 Partridge Close, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2HJ.

Construction of new garage.

N.O **CONSENT**

17/0095/REM Land West Of Stonehouse, Nastend Lane, Nastend, Stonehouse,

Reserved Matters Application: REVISED SCHEME (REDUCED SITE AREA TO SOUTH OF DISTRIBUTOR ROAD) - Development of areas H6 and H7 as identified in S.14/0810/OUT for 69 new dwellings comprising 48 open market units and 21 affordable units with associated infrastructure, open space and landscaping.

N.O **CONSENT**

17/2811/HHOLD 3 Burdett Close, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2LS.

Increase width of extension by 480mm and amend window 380824 205207

N.O **CONSENT**

17/2093/DISCON Land West Of Stonehouse, Nastend Lane, Nastend, Stonehouse.

Discharge condition 46 of the S.14/0810/OUT. Master Plan for area H21 Land West of Stonehouse

OBJECTION **CONSENT**

17/2598/FUL A B B Limited, Oldends Lane, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

Erection of a 2,169 square metre (GIA) extension (Class B2) and yard extension (including demolition of three storage buildings).

COMMENT **CONSENT**

K2/614 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

30 APRIL 2018