



MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) OF A MEETING OF THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE

Present:

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

Committee Clerk: Rachel Russell

Also present: Three members of the public, residents of Eastington.

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

K2/719 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

K2/720 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

K2/721 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24th SEPTEMBER 2018

The minutes of 24th September were approved as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. Kambites, seconded by Cllr. Gibbs, all in favour.

K2/722 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Three residents of Eastington parish introduced themselves. They are members of a working group under Eastington Parish Council's Planning Committee and presented a report on options for parish boundary changes under Stroud District Council's (SDC) Governance Review:

Scattered hamlets are an important character feature to Eastington Parish.

There are no links between West of Stonehouse and the surrounding hamlets; there is a deliberate environmental buffer.

Possible options for West of Stonehouse are it becomes parish of Great Oldbury or becomes part of Stonehouse parish.

By 2020, 220 properties are set to be built and occupied by around 450 electors. A parish needs a minimum of 150 electors.

Boundary Commission prefer that there aren't boundaries within development.

Eastington Parish Council are putting a number of options for boundary changes to SDC for discussion.

K2/726 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

To agree a submission to the review regarding a proposed boundary change to Stonehouse to incorporate some of West of Stonehouse.

The Chair changed the order of business. Cllr Kambites reported from a meeting of Eastington Parish Council she had attended regarding the governance review and outlined some issues to consider when agreeing a submission:

If residents of new development see themselves as part of Stonehouse more likely to support town.

Average Council Tax per elector would increase.

An extension to the parish would involve expenditure and a Community Centre to run.

How would new electors be represented? Would there be vacancies on Town Council before development occupied.

Eastington residents left the meeting.

A proposal for submission was agreed: That the boundary of Stonehouse is extended to include whole of the current West of Stonehouse development (as permitted by 14/0810/OUT) up to the buffer zone, excluding surrounding hamlets. It is understood that this would lead to an increase in the size of the Town Council. It would be acceptable for the West of Stonehouse area to be a separate ward. In addition, it is proposed that the town boundary is changed to include land to the North of Oldends Lane Recreation Ground and land to the West of the Oldends Lane industrial estate.

K2/723 MEMBERSHIP OF TRAFFIC WORKING GROUP

To appoint additional members

Cllr. Kambites offered to join until the new Town Council committee structure is in place.

K2/724 BRISTOL ROAD STATION

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

Cllr. Gibbs and Watt met with Ward Councillors and the Leader of Stroud District Council who were supportive of the proposal to re-open the station. District Cllr. Cornell had suggested that a Rail User Group could be helpful. Cllr. Watt and Gibbs will investigate and set up a meeting for those interested in December 2018.

K2/725 TOURISM WORKING GROUP

To note timetable from Stroud District Council for public consultation on proposed improvements to Wharfdale Way sites.

Committee Clerk to find out whether Town Councillors still required to help Stroud District Council with a letter drop advertising the public consultation and event on 17th November.

K2/727 S.106 CONTRIBUTIONS

To note response from Stroud District Council regarding s106 payments towards refuse and recycling.

The response was noted. Committee Clerk to find out would arrange bin emptying at bus stop on Oldends Lane. Letter to be sent to Muller and SKF regarding rubbish and discarded items found near their premises during litter picks and asking for their suggestions on ways of reducing litter in this area.

K2/728 COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE

1. To check current balances against budget.

Current expenditure of £7,205.13 from the committee's budget was agreed.

2. To agree any payments due to date.

There were no payments to agree.

3. To consider a proposal to use current CIL money due to Stonehouse Town Council of £587.60 towards the purchase of litter bins for Oldends Lane area and outside the Junior School.

Committee Clerk to find out proposed location of bins and who will empty them. Cllr. Watt to discuss provision of bin near Junior School with Head.

4. To consider budget items for 2018/19 to include bus shelter maintenance and contribution towards town signs.

Committee Clerk had received an initial quote for supply only of 6 new town signs of £1016.12. Committee Clerk to clarify GCC Highways contribution to ascertain if the project could be completed within this financial year with a contribution from the Committee's signage budget. Stonehouse in Bloom to be consulted re text on signs.

Committee Clerk to check planned contribution from Town Council towards a station signage scheme to assist with budgeting.

The following changes to the draft Town Environment Committee budget were suggested:

Street furniture/Bus shelters	£3,000
Planning -specialist advice	£2,000

K2/729 PLANNING RESULTS (RECEIVED FROM STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL)

To receive report on Planning Results received from Stroud District Council 18th September 2018- 29th October 2018

The report was noted.

K2/730 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

10 DECEMBER 2018