



MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) OF A MEETING OF THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE

Present:

Councillors: Carol Kambites (Convenor)
Tim Jackson (Deputy Convenor)
Gwen Atkinson
Pam Swain (Deputy Chair of Council/Deputy Mayor)
Theresa Watt (Chair of Council/Mayor)

Committee Clerk: Rachel Russell

Also present: Cllr. John Callinan (part of meeting)

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

K2/414 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Clegg.

K2/415 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

K2/416 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 DECEMBER 2016

The minutes were approved as a true record.

K2/417 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr. Callinan suggested that the Traffic Working Group had made a recommendation regarding the initial Options for a Parking Review for Stonehouse at the meeting of 8 September 2016 where the Options were introduced by the Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) Parking Team. The Committee Clerk advised that the meeting of 8 September was a consultation meeting with GCC to which all town councillors had been invited rather than a Traffic Working Group meeting and that purpose of agenda item K2/418/2/(a) was to enable action to be taken on a number of parking issues in the town as outlined in the report on the Parking Review which was circulated with the agenda for this meeting.

Cllr. Callinan left the meeting.

K2/418 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

1. Oldends Lane

To report on progress towards road safety improvements.

The Committee Clerk reported that:

- GCC will not support the application to the Commissioner's Fund for a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) at Oldends Lane.
- The Local Highways Manager has offered to meet to discuss other safety improvements at Oldends Lane; date to be circulated to Traffic Working Group.
- The Town Clerk has advised that the Committee will be able to consider a contribution to the cost of a pedestrian crossing survey from their own road safety budget available from April 2017.

2. Gloucestershire County Council(GCC) Parking Review:

a) To agree a recommendation to the Town Council regarding two initial options from GCC for the parking review.

Recommendation to Town Council: That GCC are advised that initial consultation should be on the Option “High Street Parking Restrictions + Nearby Roads” but with the following amendments: the additional cycle parking proposed outside Hurns and additional loading bays outside the Old Police Station are not included; an additional parking bay to be provided in the area near Wynn’s Café.

b) To note any progress on improving signage to the town centre car park.

The Committee Clerk reported that a final signage scheme had been agreed with GCC and further information on progress sought. GCC have been asked to reduce signage clutter on the Town Green by moving the current parking restriction sign to a new post for a car park sign and removing the old post.

3. Traffic working group

To receive a report from Traffic working group.

The Traffic Working Group have been waiting for the GCC decision regarding a VAS at Oldends Lane. They will meet after the meeting with GCC regarding Oldends Lane.

4. Proposed alterations to A419

To receive report regarding current proposals from GCC for alterations to A419.

Cllr. Kambites attended a meeting with GCC as a member of Stroud Cycle Action Group on the impact on cyclists of proposed work to the A419. The most significant change would be the provision of a slip road off the Ebley Bypass to join the A419. Cyclists joining from the Ebley Road would have to dismount to re-join a cycle path. The inside lane at the Regent St traffic lights will become left turn and forward. There are minor changes to access at other roundabouts. Councillors were concerned that the proposed changes would only move congestion to different sections of the road. Cllr. Kambites to contact GCC and request a meeting with Town Councillors.

K2/420 THE COMMISSIONER’S FUND COMMUNITY FUND

To note the progress of an application made to this Fund.

GCC’s decision regarding the VAS applied for is recorded above at K2/418/1. The Committee Clerk to find out if the rest of the application, for a portable radar counter, will be assessed.

K2/421 PROPOSAL BY WESTERN POWER TO RUN AN ELECTRICITY CABLE THROUGH STONEHOUSE TO JAVELIN PARK INCINERATOR

To consider questions which might be put to UBB/GCC at the next Liaison Group Meeting and to agree further actions needed.

Cllr. Kambites reported that she will attend a Liaison Group meeting on 13 February where UBB will present their risk assessment of three options for routing the cable from Ryeford sub-station to Javelin Park. UBB have said that GCC will be responsible for the final decision. The following questions for UBB were suggested: How will the route avoid Stonehouse?, How will they achieve accessibility?, When will the work take place?.

K2/422 BRISTOL ROAD STATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

1. To note contents of the MetroWest Phase 2 Gloucestershire Extension Rail Study December 2016.

Cllr. Watt advised that the report provided positive information with Table 6, page 3.3, showing a good benefit cost ratio for Bristol Road station, especially in combination with Charfield station. GCC are funding a timetabling study expected to be completed in February to March; the next Bristol Road Stakeholders Group meeting will be held once the report is ready. Cllr. Watt has been in touch with the owner of the Bristol Road site who is positive about the proposal to re-open the station.

2. To receive a report on a meeting of the Bristol Road Station working group, 16 January 2017. A report on a meeting of the Bristol Road Station working group, 16 January 2017, was circulated with the agenda.

K2/423 STATION LINK PATH PROJECT

1. To receive progress report regarding GWR Customer and Communities Improvement Fund grant funded work.

A report of January 2017 requested by Great Western Railways (GWR) was circulated with the agenda. This outlined work completed so far and contained proposals for further work as there is an underspend of £2,284 from the current GWR grant and unclaimed funding of up to £3,000 from GCC Community Match funding.

2. To consider quotations received for work to improve accessibility of gate at Queens Road end of path.

Three quotations have been requested but only once received from Gloucester Street Forge for £723. The Committee Clerk to ask Gloucester Street Forge for a breakdown of their quote into labour and materials.

3. To consider a proposal to use the grant underspend and GCC Community Match Funding to resurface the section of footpath from the Globe Inn level crossing to the town centre car park and provide signs.

It was agreed to use the GWR grant underspend and GCC Community Match Funding to resurface the section of footpath from the Globe Inn level crossing to the town centre car park and provide signs at an estimated cost of £2,710 with £1,560 from the remaining GWR grant and £1,150 from the GCC funding.

4. To consider a quotation received for resurfacing the section of footpath from the Globe Inn level crossing to the town centre car park

One quotation for the resurfacing work had been sought from Richings Contracting Ltd who carried out the work to the Queens Road section of the footpath as this work would be an extension of the same project. The quotation dated 27 January 2017 of £2,400 plus VAT was accepted.

K2/424 LIASON RE PLATFORM EXTENSION WORK BURDETT ROAD STATION

To report on progress.

Cllr. Watt reported there has been no further contact with GWR. The current work to the station was expected to finish on 22 December 2016 but continues.

K2/425 BUS SHELTERS

1. To note specification drawn up by GCC for replacement shelters on High Street and refurbishment work on Gloucester Road.

The specification was circulated with the agenda and agreed to be satisfactory.

2. To note information received from Standish Parish Council regarding possible new shelter on Gloucester Road.

The provision of a new shelter is a planning condition for the Horsemarling Lane housing development. Standish PC are asking that the shelter is made of stone to match the one opposite.

3. To note requests from residents for bus shelter in Bridgend and agree further action.

The Deputy Clerk had provided a photo of the bus stop which was available at the meeting showing a narrow, grassy verge at the Downton Road bus stop. The Committee Clerk to contact Jonathan Roberts of GCC regarding a shelter at Downton Road and to chase request for a shelter on the Ebley Road opposite Foxes Field.

K2/426 ADOPTION OF BT KIOSKS

1. To note response sent by Stroud District Council regarding BT kiosk closure consultation.

The response sent by Stroud District Council regarding BT kiosk closure consultation was circulated with the agenda. It was noted that the District Council had objected to the closure of the kiosk on the Town Green which is in very poor condition.

2. To note further information received on ownership of kiosk outside Town Hall.

The kiosk outside the Town Hall is not available for adoption. BT have explained that kiosk 01453 822321 is managed payphone which stands on private land; there is an existing contract in force between The Post Office and BT for the kiosk. The Town Clerk has contacted the Post Office to find out if this contract is continuing.

K2/427 GCC PLANNING WATERCOURSE MAPPING PROJECT

To note GCC communication regarding flood mapping project and to consider their proposals for parish council watercourse management. To consider advice from Town Clerk and agree a response.

It was agreed to invite GCC to meet with Councillors to provide further information about this project.

K2/428 CONSULTATION ON ENVIRONMENT AGENCY'S ASSESSMENT OF HITACHI-GE'S UK ADVANCED BOILING WATER REACTOR (ABWR) NUCLEAR POWER STATION

To agree a response to above consultation which does not relate to a specific site, although the UK ABWR is proposed at two sites: Wylfa Newydd on the Isle of Anglesey, and Oldbury-on-Severn in South Gloucestershire.

It was agreed that the Town Council lacked the expertise to comment on this consultation.

K2/429 SOLAR PANEL DESIGN GUIDE FROM THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND (CPRE)

To note a new design guide on solar panels.

The new design guide was noted.

K2/430 COTSWOLD WAY CHALLENGE 2017

To note information received about this charity fund raising event which takes place the 1st - 2nd July 2017.

Information received about this charity event was noted.

K2/431 GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S LED STREET LIGHT REPLACEMENT SCHEME

To note information received from a resident who attended an information evening on this scheme that light replacement could be piecemeal as depends on how existing post is constructed.

Information received from a resident that lamp posts of non-standard construction e.g. wood would receive a replacement light at a different time to standard lampposts was noted.

K2/432 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

1. To receive minutes and a progress report.

Minutes of Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan Group (SNPG) meetings of 1st and 16th December 2016 were circulated with the agenda. A submission draft of the Plan was agreed at the Town Council meeting of 23rd January 2017. SNPG are now working on finalising all the submission documents.

2. To note payment from the Committee's Neighbourhood Plan support budget to planning consultant for conformity analysis for Conditions Statement.

A payment of £900 was made from the Committee's Neighbourhood Plan support budget to a planning consultant for his work on the conformity analysis for Conditions Statement.

K2/433 COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE

1. To check current balances against budget

It was noted that the Neighbourhood Plan Administration budget is nearly spent. Current expenditure from the Regeneration and Environment Committee's budget was £8,317.10; current expenditure from grants received was £8,450.80. Total expenditure was £13,701.17.

2. To consider request for draw down from Neighbourhood Plan support budget of £250 for redesign of draft Neighbourhood Plan for submission.

It was agreed to allow draw down of £250 from the Committee's Neighbourhood Plan support budget of £250 for redesign of draft Neighbourhood Plan for submission.

K2/434 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)

- 16/2265/HHOLD** **Hilby, Pearcroft Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.**
Proposed two storey rear kitchen/bedroom extension
(N.O) CONSENT
- 16/2272/HHOLD** **8 Avenue Terrace, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 3RE.**
Alterations and extension to existing porch.
(N.O) CONSENT
- 16/1343/HHOLD** **Glen Farm, 80 Woodcock Lane, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.**
Proposed demolition and reconstruction of existing coach house, garages and stables.
(Comment) CONSENT
- 16/2583/TPO** **Court Farm, Bristol Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.**
Tree Preservation Order: Conifer Tree - Fell.
(N.O) CONSENT
- 16/1023/FUL** **Bath Road Trading Estate, Bath Road, Stroud, Gloucestershire.**
The demolition of existing buildings and the erection of a Class A1 foodstore (1,918 sq m gross floor area) with associated access, car parking and landscaping
(OBJ.) REFUSAL
- 16/2200/FUL** **Land at the rear of, 6 - 8 Wharfdale Way, Bridgend, Stonehouse.**
Proposed 8 new dwellings with parking and amenity areas, 6x3 bed houses, 2x2 bed houses
(SUPP. With comment) CONSENT
- 16/2010/HHOLD** **64 Court View, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 3PL.**
Remove timber shed to rear of garage and replace with brick shed, increase height of garage by 1200mm.
(COMMENT) CONSENT
- 16/1463/FUL** **Dairy Partners Ltd, Brunel Way, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.**
Re-submission: The extension of the existing site car park including the removal of an existing earth bund and provision of a new acoustic boundary fence.
(OBJ.) WITHDRAWN
- 16/2603/HHOLD** **110 Park Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2DW.**
Erection of a two storey extension to the rear of property, with a hipped tiled roof.
(N.O) CONSENT
- 16/2662/FUL** **4 Barnard Parade, High Street, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.**
Change of use from shop (Use Class A1) to hot food takeaway (Use Class A5) and change of use at first floor to provide a flat together with erection of first floor rear extension.
(OBJ.) CONSENT

K2/435 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

20 March 2016, Agenda Items to include: survey of condition of BT kiosks and further action.