



Stonehouse Town Council

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting)
of A MEETING OF THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON
MONDAY 6 JULY 2015 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE

Present:

Councillors: Carol Kambites (Convenor)
Vicky Redding (Deputy Convenor)
Theresa Watt (Chair of Council/Mayor)
Pam Swain (Deputy Chair of Council/Deputy Mayor)
Amy Coombs

Committee Clerk: Rachel Russell

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

K2/218 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

K2/219 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

K2/220 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 MAY 2015

The Minutes were approved as a correct record.

K2/221 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no call for an adjournment.

K2/222 HIGHWAYS LOCAL FUNDING

Various problems with the footpath from Elm Road to the town centre, including poor condition of pavements and lack of dropped kerbs, have been highlighted by residents recently. These would be dealt with by Amey on behalf of Gloucestershire County Council rather than by Highways Local Funding. Cllr. Kambites will find out the details of the problems with this footpath so the information can be passed to Amey by e-mail.

Footpath and bus shelter improvements, better signage of shared space and features to attract children were identified as priorities for Highways Local Funding; Cllr. Watts to discuss these priorities with County Councillor Lesley Williams.

The footpath from Bath Road to Burdett Road is very overgrown with nettles, footpath behind Globe Inn also overgrown and footpath that links station and car park needs various improvements

K2/223 FIRST GREAT WESTERN CUSTOMER AND COMMUNITIES IMPROVEMENT FUND 2016-2017 -CALL FOR SCHEMES

A new Great Western Customer and Communities Improvement Fund has been set up to fund improvements for customers in lower income groups and communities of social need.

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K2/223 First Great Western (continued)

Deadline for bids for funding in 2016/17 is 17th July 2015. Councillors identified the following improvements to the footpath linking the station and car park as possibly eligible for this funding: better signage (at each end, at station and car park), resurfacing and lighting improvements, possibly solar powered light, new gates and barrier to road. Cllr. Watts to get quotes for this work in order to bid for funding; Cllr. Redding offered to help write bid.

K2/224 HIGH STREET

The Committee considered information from BT in response to a request to use local art work to decorate the wi-fi box on the High Street; the art work would be transferred to a wrap with Fastershire and other logos added. As the logos on wrap around designs already seen by the Committee were obtrusive, it was agreed to leave wi-fi box undecorated.

K2/225 COTSWOLD CANAL REGENERATION PHASE 1B

The Cotswold Canals Phase 1B bid team have asked for a statement of support. Committee members agreed that a resolution for a statement of support for the project should go on the agenda for the next Town Council meeting.

Ship Inn site: Cllr. Kambites will e-mail Val Kirby and Stroud District Council regarding the proposals from University of West of England students regarding this site.

K2/226 ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Cllr. Kambites to look out Stroud Town Council's Environmental Policy for discussion at next Regeneration Committee meeting as a possible basis for a policy for Stonehouse Town Council. Councillors requested that papers for Regeneration and Environment Committee are sent by e-mail.

K2/227 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

1. Minutes of 28th May and 11th June 2015 were circulated. The Group aims to submit the draft Plan to SDC in January 2016. There is a requirement for a 6 week consultation period before it is submitted
2. Cllr. Redding reported that the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group are seeking quotes for technical support with drafting the Plan; the quotes are needed to support a funding bid to Locality for up to £8,000 for this work.

K2/228 COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE

Not available for approval.

K2/229 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)

14/2833/FUL	Land at 4, Wharfdale Way, Bridgend Erection of dwellings, access road and parking. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(OBJ)
15/0205/FUL	Land Parcel North West Stanley Mills, Ryeford Erection of jumps. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(N.O.)

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K2/229 Planning Results (continued)

15/0392/FUL	Upper Mills Trading Estate, Bristol Road: Change of use from car salesroom to B1(a) office and external and internal alterations. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(N.O)
15/0505/TPO	Stonehouse Community Centre, Laburnum Walk Fell 3 x Beech SPLIT DECISION FOR CONSENT AND REFUSAL	(N.O)
15/0787/FUL	Land at Orchard House, Pearcroft Road Erection of new dwelling to rear of existing property. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(COMMENT)
15/0987/TPO	Cotswold Grange, Browns Lane Large beech tree- reduce two low branches. CONSENT GRANTED	(N.O)
15/0992/DISCON	38, High Street, Stonehouse Discharge of conditions 2 (materials), 3 (joinery) and 4 (noise mitigation) in relation to S.13/2256/FUL. SPLIT DECISION FOR CONSENT AND REFUSAL	(N.O)
15/1032/LBC	West Wing, Bridgend House, Downton Road Internal and external alterations CONSENT GRANTED	(N.O)
15/1043/LBC	Wycliffe College, Bath Road, Stonehouse Repairs to slate roof. CONSENT GRANTED	(N.O)
15/1057/HHOLD	8, Whitefield Close, Bridgend Conservatory to rear elevation PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(N.O)
15/1181/CM	The Shrubberies School, Oldends Lane Extension to form new medical room, speech therapy and hygiene/changing room. NO OBJECTIONS	(N.O)
APP/C1625/W/15/3004451	Land off Ebley Road, GL10 2LW Appeal against refusal for planning permission for 4 dwellings (14/2781/FUL). APPEAL DISMISSED	(OBJ)

K2/230 DATE OF NEXT MEETING & AGENDA ITEMS

21st September 2015
