



**Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 at 7pm in the Town Hall, High Street, Stonehouse**

**Present:** Gwen Atkinson, Carol Kambites (Convenor, Vice Chair/Vice Mayor), Debbie Curtis, Tim Jackson (Deputy Convenor),

**In attendance:** Neil Gibbs (Chair of Council/Mayor), Carlos Novoth, Town Clerk Rachel Russell, Deputy Clerk (Minutes)

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## **A G E N D A**

### **E/51 To receive apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Parsons.

### **E/52 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Atkinson reported that she lived in Queens Road and planning application 19/1918/HHOLD was on Queens Road. Cllr. Kambites advised that as Cllr. Atkinson was not a close neighbour there was no interest to declare.

### **E/53 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

The minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were approved as a true record.

### **E/54 To comment on planning applications as listed**

**19/1342/DISCON Parcel H11 And H12 Land West of Stonehouse, Grove Lane, Westend, Stonehouse.**

Discharge of conditions 5 (materials), 7 (tree protection), 8 (detailed landscaping plan), 11 (archaeological report), 28 (location of fire hydrants), 29 (highways adoption plan), 32 (drainage strategy), 37 (construction traffic management), 38 (construction environment management plan), 42 (biodiversity management plan) of Permission S.14/0810/OUT

**Comment:** Stonehouse Town Council supports the concerns raised by Eastington Parish Council and in particular supports the comment on Condition 8 (landscaping plan) that all the trees/plants introduced are native UK stock and sourced from within the UK both for biodiversity benefits and to minimise the spread of tree diseases. It is very disappointing that the comments from the Water Resources Engineer and GCC Highways indicate that the application for discharge of planning conditions has been made before all the necessary work has been done.

**19/1581/LBC Stonehouse Court Hotel, Bristol Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.**

**19/1580/FUL** Listed Building Application, Planning Application: Demolition of a 1980's extension and late nineteenth century outbuildings. Addition of a new dining space, kitchen and three new duplex bedrooms. Addition of 10 new bedrooms.

**Comment:** Concerns by neighbours should be noted and addressed by planning conditions where appropriate. The opportunity to provide good access for those with disabilities should be taken.

**19/0933/FUL** Land at 27, Kings Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.  
Erection of three bedroom detached dwelling.

**Comment:** No objections but suggest the addition of cycle storage.

**19/1654/FUL** 1 Regent Street, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2AA.  
New shopfront

**Support:** Stonehouse Town Council supports this improvement to the shop front which is in line with Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan Policy AF3: Design and Quality in the Town Centre.

**19/0056/STREG3** Stonehouse Town Council, High Street, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2NG

Change of use of Stonehouse Town Hall to provide separate accommodation for Stonehouse Town Council offices and Gloucestershire County Council Library service.

**19/1692/CM** Stonehouse Town Council, High Street, Stonehouse,  
Consultation with County Planning Description: Change of use of Stonehouse Town Hall to provide separate accommodation for Stonehouse Town Council offices and Gloucestershire County Council Library service

**Application determined before meeting.**

**19/1702/ADV** Muller Uk & Ireland Group Llp , Oldends Lane, Stonehouse,  
Advertisement Application: Two new flat steel non illuminated Muller Logo Signs applied to front face of cladding on North & East Elevations.

**No observations.**

**19/1665/FUL** 14A High Street, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2NA.  
Conversion of storage unit to residential unit

**Comment:** The provision of smaller unit housing is supported but there is concern that the proposed layout shows a bathroom with WC opening on to a kitchen and living area.

**19/1122/REM** Parcel PS1 Land West Of Stonehouse, Grove Lane, Westend, Stonehouse.

Reserved Matters Application for the new primary school and nursery.

**Comment:** The proposed cycle storage area is not big enough and should be larger to encourage journeys to and from the school to be made by cycle or scooter. The decision not to include solar panels on the school roof is disappointing; in this large new development, every opportunity to exceed rather than just meet environmental and sustainability requirements should be taken.

**19/1825/TPO** Schlumberger (Building C), Brunel Way, Stonehouse,  
Tree Preservation Order: Work to three trees.

**Comment: No objection provided that work is done by qualified tree surgeon.**

**19/1796/LBC** 54 High Street, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2NB.  
Listed Building Application: Vinyl signs in ground floor front windows. Signage on front door between the ground and first floor. Use existing free-standing signpost to advertising our business

**Support: Businesses are welcome on Stonehouse High Street and the signage scheme is appropriate to the business and building.**

**19/1918/HHOLD** 7 Queens Road Stonehouse Gloucestershire GL10 2QA  
Balcony on the rear of the property at 1st floor level with external stairs to access the garden

**No observations.**

**The following planning applications were received since the last committee meeting but not included in the list of planning applications for comment:**

**19/1770/TPO** Pearcroft, Pearcroft Road, Stonehouse  
Tree Preservation Order: Work to 6 trees

**Comment: No objection provided that work is done by qualified tree surgeon.**

**19/0831/REM** Phase 3B Land West Of Stonehouse, Grove Lane, Westend,  
Revised details 30th August: The provision of a further phase of infrastructure to the site known as Great Oldbury

**No observations.**

**E/55 To receive report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council, 22<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 to 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

The report was noted.

**E/56 To receive notes of a Transport and Highways Working Group Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and consider recommendation regarding proposals to change marked parking bays on the High St**

Notes of the Transport and Highways Working Group Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were received.

It was noted that Gloucestershire County Council will refurbish the bus stop outside SFK and move it to a better drained location, provide a new shelter opposite SFK and refurbish the Ebley Road shelter near Foxes Field, all three shelters to then be the responsibility of the Town Council.

**The Committee recommended the following changes to parking bays on the High Street are considered:**

**Both the parking bays either side of the entrance to Laburnum Road to be considered for removal.**

**Pavement outside Wynn's and Co-op Funeral Care to be broadened to stop area being used for parking.**

**E/57 To receive a report on progress towards the re-opening of Bristol Road Station**  
Cllrs. Gibbs, Kambites, Pickering and Watt met Molly Scott-Cato, MEP, and Robert Crockford at Bristol Road station site.

Cllr. Gibbs advised that he has invited Robert Crockford to give a presentation on re-opening of Bristol Road station to the next Town Council meeting. Deputy Clerk advised that she had circulated Mr Crockford's paper on this issue to all councillors.

**E/58 To note request from Network Rail for comment on proposal to close Globe Inn level crossing and agree further action.**

Councillors confirmed that their preferred option should the Globe inn level crossing be closed is for an underpass to be provided.

**E/59 To receive notes of a Cotswold Canals Connected Consultative Group held at Ebley Mill on 1st July.**

The notes were not available but would be circulated as soon as possible. The next meeting of the Group is on 13<sup>th</sup> November and Cllr. Watt will attend. The Deputy Clerk reported that Stroud District Council have circulated a Partnership Agreement in relation to their current Heritage Lottery Fund bid for the canal restoration which will be considered at the next Town Council meeting.

**E/60 To receive a verbal report regarding Stonehouse in Bloom**

Cllr. Curtis reported that Stonehouse in Bloom was awarded Gold, again won the Small Town Category in the Heart of England in Bloom competition and has now been put forward for the national competition next year. Stonehouse will therefore receive two rounds of judging next year, one regional and one national. Cllrs Curtis and Swain have met with the Town Clerk and Maintenance Manager to discuss how to work together towards meeting the requirements of the national competition. A judge will be visiting soon to advise how to prepare.

Cllr. Curtis confirmed that the proposed tree planting due to be undertaken by the Town Council will contribute to In Bloom and that the high level of community involvement was one of the reasons for In Bloom great success; the other key criteria are environmental sustainability and horticulture.

Deputy Clerk to clarify with the RFO items which have been included in Stonehouse in Bloom expenditure to date.

**E/61 To note submission of grant application to GWR Customer and Communities Improvement (CCIF) Fund**

Cllr. Parker was thanked for his time and expertise in preparing an application on behalf of the town council to the CCIF fund for a station enhancement tree planting scheme.

**E/62 To check current balances against budget**

The committee budget information to the end of August presented in the RFO's report to Town Council on 9<sup>th</sup> September was available for review.

**E/63 To approve any payments due to date**

The Committee unanimously approved payments due to date as listed.

**E/64 Date of next meeting: 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019**