



## **STONEHOUSE**

### **TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm at Stonehouse Library, High Street, Stonehouse, GL10 2NG.

#### **Present:**

Councillors: Rachel Armstrong, Marcus Dixon, Carol Kambites (Chair/Town Mayor), Keith Terry (Committee Vice Chair) and Theresa Watt.

**Also present:** Jacqui Sanders (Deputy Clerk), John Parker

Due to the absence of the Committee Chair, Neil Gibbs, the meeting was chaired by Keith Terry (Committee Vice Chair).

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

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#### **E/772 To receive apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Deborah Curtis, Neil Gibbs (Committee Chair) and Val Randell.

#### **E/773 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

With agreement of Council, the Chair brought forward agenda item E/788.

#### **E/788 To consider the planting of a Gernika Oak on the Memorial Green.**

John Parker explained the significance of the Gernika Oak and that it was a symbol of freedom and peace.

Committee APPROVED the recommendation to Full Council the planting of a Gernika Oak on the Memorial Green subject to:

1. Written confirmation from Historic England and Stroud District Council Planning Department.
2. Consultation with residents.

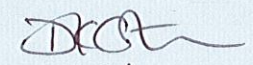
7.15pm John Parker left the meeting.

#### **E/774 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March.**

Committee APPROVED the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

#### **E/775 To receive the latest updated Environment Budget.**

Committee NOTED the updated report showing a total 'Actual Net' Income of £2,049.64; 'Actual Net' Expenditure of £78,245.42 and Reserve Expenditure of £5,191.70

  
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**E/776** To consider approval to approach local businesses regarding the Stroudwater station to get match funding for the next study, subject to a positive response from the Department of Transport.

Committee APPROVED the proposal to approach local businesses in the previous Environment Meeting, Agenda item E/786.

**E/777** To consider recommending Stonehouse becoming part of the Safe Space Scheme.

Committee RECOMMENDED that the Town Council become part of the Safe Space Scheme and to approach local businesses to join.

**E/779** To receive an update on the play areas.

Update was received on the play areas.

1. New toddler/baby swing seats installed in Oldends Lane and Meadow Park.
2. New inclusive swings installed in Laburnum Park.
3. ROSPA annual play inspection has just been undertaken.
4. Committee agreed that any new play equipment should be inclusive.

**E/780** To consider a response to Careplus Pharmacy.

Committee CONSIDERED a response to Careplus Pharmacy to support the proposal for an additional pharmacy in Stonehouse.

**E/781** To approve a contractor to undertake the tree works identified in the recent tree inspection.

Committee APPROVED the recommendation for Midland Forestry to undertake the necessary tree works, with the addition of the removal of an overhanging branch in Old Chapel Gardens.

**E/782** To comment on planning applications.

**S.24/0563/HHOLD** Whispers, St Cyril's Road, Stonehouse

Erection of a first-floor side extension over existing garage.

**Comment:** No objections as long as none from neighbours.

**S.24/0577/HHOLD** 8 Juniper Way, Stonehouse

Erection of a single storey side / rear extension, loft conversion with dormer.

**Comment:** No objections as long as none from neighbours.

**S.24/0650/REM** Parcel LC1 Land West Of Stonehouse, Grove Lane, Westend, Stonehouse.

Reserved Matters application for a Local Centre (Use Classes E(a), E(b), E(c), E(g) and/or (Sui Generis) pursuant to outline planning permission S.14/0810/OUT including details of landscaping, design, scale, and layout.

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**Comment:** No objections but Stonehouse Town Council would like to see:

- Solar panels on the roof of the building and bike rack
- Pedestrian access from the school
- More electric charging points
- Permeable outdoor surfaces
- Proper screening of land with hedges and trees

**S.24/0648/REM** Parcel E5, Land West Of Stonehouse, Rowbotham Way, Great Oldbury,

Reserved Matters application for a proposed employment development (Class E(g)/B2/B8) pursuant to outline planning permission S.14/0810/OUT including details of landscaping, design, scale, and layout.

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- Improvement to PROW
- Noise reduction conditions need to be imposed.

**S.24/0649/REM** Parcel E5, Land West Of Stonehouse, Rowbotham Way, Great Oldbury

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**Comment:** No objections but Stonehouse Town Council would like to see:

- Solar panels on the roof of the building and bike rack
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- Improvement to PROW
- Noise reduction conditions need to be imposed.

**S.24/0647/REM** Parcel E4 Land West Of Stonehouse, Great Oldbury Drive, Great Oldbury

Reserved Matters application for a proposed employment development (Class E(g)/B2/B8) pursuant to outline planning permission S.14/0810/OUT including details of landscaping, design, scale, and layout.

**Comment:** No objections but Stonehouse Town Council would like to see:

- Solar panels on the roof of the building and bike rack

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**S.23/2172/FUL** 29 Gloucester Road, Stonehouse

Erection of an external staircase and a replacement staff / storeroom.

**Comment: No objections as long as none from neighbours.**

**S.24/0691/P14J** Delphi Diesel Systems Ltd, Brunel Way, Stonehouse

The installation of 3,745No. roof mounted solar PV panels of total installed capacity 1.6MWp.

**Comment: No objections. Stonehouse Town Council fully support this application.**

**S.24/0657/HHOLD** 20 Melbourne Drive, Stonehouse

Erection of a two storey extension.

**Comment: No objections as long as none from neighbours.**

**E/783** To receive Working Groups updates. Members may wish to note any reports from the following:

**Comms** - Not met.

**Stroudwater (Bristol Road) Station** - Met with Hugh Merriman (Railways Minister) and Siobhan Baillie. No decisions were made.

**Canal Rejuvenation** - A meeting is to be arranged with Robert Hitchins.

**Transport and Highways** - Not met.

**Public Rights of Way** - Town Green application ongoing.

**Recreation** - Not met.

**E/784** To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council.

Committee NOTED the latest planning decisions.

**E/785** To approve communications in support of the meeting's decisions.

Safe Space information to be shared.

**E/786** Date of next Environment Committee meeting: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Committee NOTED the date of the next meeting.

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# Financial Budget Comparison

## for Town Environment Committee

Comparison between 01/04/23 and 31/03/24 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions. Includes commitments.  
Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/23

		2023/2024	Reserve	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
<b>INCOME</b>						
<b>Town Environment Committee</b>						
200	Stonehouse in Bloom	£1,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£-1,500.00	-100.00%
205	Event Income/Donations					
205/1	Events	£1,200.00	£0.00	£1,140.00	£-60.00	-5.00%
205/2	Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£259.64	£259.64	100.00%
205	Total	£1,200.00	£0.00	£1,399.64	£199.64	16.64%
210	Planting Sponsorship	£1,500.00	£0.00	£650.00	£-850.00	-56.67%
215	Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
<b>Total Town Environment Committee</b>		<b>£4,200.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£2,049.64</b>	<b>£-2,150.36</b>	<b>-51.20%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
<b>Town Environment Committee</b>						
1190	Amenity Areas					
1190/1	Grounds Maintenance (contract)	£25,000.00	£0.00	£26,242.98	£-1,242.98	4.97%
1190/2	Grounds Maintenance (in-house)	£2,000.00	£0.00	£978.09	£1,021.91	-51.10%
1190/3	Play Equipment maint/repairs/insp	£2,500.00	£0.00	£17,993.54	£-15,493.54	619.74%
1190/4	Public Space Improvements	£5,300.00	£1,582.80	£5,377.49	£1,505.31	-28.40%
1190/5	Tree & Hedge/boundary maintenance	£6,500.00	£0.00	£3,755.70	£2,744.30	-42.22%
1190/6	Waste Collection	£5,000.00	£0.00	£5,564.00	£-564.00	11.28%
1190	Total	£46,300.00	£1,582.80	£59,911.80	£-12,029.00	25.98%
2000	Christmas Lights	£5,000.00	£0.00	£2,597.25	£2,402.75	-48.06%
2005	Climate Change	£2,000.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	£0.00	0.00%

  
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2010 In Bloom					
2010/1 Contract Planting	£0.00	£2,677.98	£0.00	£2,677.98	100.00%
2010/2 Non-Contract Planting	£3,000.00	£0.00	£2,209.06	£790.94	-26.36%
2010/3 Watering Services	£3,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,000.00	-100.00%
2010/4 Other	£1,000.00	£0.00	£4,206.33	-£3,206.33	320.63%
2010 Total	£7,000.00	£2,677.98	£6,415.39	£3,262.59	-46.61%
2050 Cultural Events & Studies					
2050/1 Goodwill	£5,000.00	£0.00	£4,801.10	£198.90	-3.98%
2050/2 Civic Awards	£300.00	£0.00	£111.34	£188.66	-62.89%
2050/3 Other	£3,000.00	£930.92	£1,224.54	£2,706.38	-90.21%
2050/4 Communications	£1,000.00	£0.00	£300.00	£700.00	-70.00%
2050 Total	£9,300.00	£930.92	£6,436.98	£3,793.94	-40.80%
2080 Neighbourhood Plan Review	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2090 Planning Specialist Advice					
2090/1	£0.00	£0.00	£884.00	-£884.00	100.00%
2090/2	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2090 Total	£0.00	£0.00	£884.00	-£884.00	100.00%
Total Town Environment Committee	£69,600.00	£5,191.70	£78,245.42	-£3,453.72	4.96%

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