



Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee at Park Junior School, Stonehouse, GL10 held on Monday 17th January 2022 at 7pm.

Present: Councillors Rachel Armstrong, Carol Kambites (Vice Chair of Council, Committee Chair), Neil Gibbs, Gary Powell (Chair of Council), Val Randell, Pam Swain, Keith Terry.

In attendance: Two residents, Rachel Russell, Deputy Clerk (Minutes)

E/455 To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Thorpe.

E/456 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

E/457 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on 13th December 2021

The minutes of the meeting of 13th December 2021 were agreed as a true record. All in favour.

E/458 To comment on planning applications as listed

21/2760/VAR Land Near Horsetrough Roundabout, Ebley Road, Stonehouse
Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on Planning permission S.19/1905/FUL to revise the design, remove glazing and simplify the construction

COMMENT: No objection but it is suggested that more detail is provided on materials proposed to ensure they are appropriate to the site and its context.

19/0291/FUL

Stroudwater Canal Phase 1B, Eastington,
Reinstatement of the 'Missing Mile' section of the Stroudwater Navigation and development of associated infrastructure.

COMMENT: The provision of canal related facilities is supported but following issues should be addressed:

The design of the canal as it goes under the M5 limits use of the canal because of the restricted height and width. It would be preferable if the canal could be used by a wider variety of craft along this section.

It would also be preferable if the towpath went alongside the canal for the whole of the route rather than being diverted away for some sections.

The proposal would be improved by providing links to the existing footpaths along the River Frome (EEA46, EHW17).

Adequate cycle parking and EV charging points should be provided.

The concerns of the Environment Agency regarding the impact of the proposal on the River Frome Key Wildlife Site and flooding risk must be addressed.

21/2944/FUL Flat 2, Anavrin, St Cyrils Road, Stonehouse
Erection of extension
No observations

21/2724/TPO TPO 517, Bristol Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.
Tree Preservation Order: Work to five trees- fell three trees (T1, T3, T5), reduce (pollard) two trees(T2,T4).
No observations

22/0030/FUL Land Adjacent To 26, Severn Road, Stonehouse,
Erection of two storey dwelling - resubmission of S.21/0473/FUL
No observations

Cllrs. Randell and Terry declared an interest in application 22/0037/FUL (close relative lives close to site) and took no part in the discussion.

22/0037/FUL Site of Former Reliance Works, Downton Road, Bridgend.
Development of supported living accommodation (Use Class C2) comprising of 8 flats and communal facilities, with associated access, parking, landscaping and refuse/recycling facilities.
Support: The proposal is a good use of a brownfield site.

21/3067/FUL 8A Gloucester Road, Stonehouse, GL10 2PB.
Amendments to drive. (Resubmission of S.21/2530/HHOLD)
No observations

22/0005/HHOLD 36 Park Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2DE.
Erection of single storey front extension and two storey rear extension.
No objection if no objection from neighbours.

E/459 To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council, 7 December 2021 to 10 January 2022
The report was noted.

E/460 To consider a further change to the proposed parking changes for the High Street
Town Council on 6 December 2021 (TC2721) agreed a request to Gloucestershire County Council regarding a proposed Traffic Regulation Order for consultation for changes to parking in and around the Shared Space. In response to comments received from a business owner, it was agreed to amend the request to remove the reference to provision of a loading bay.

Recommendation to Town Council: To request that GCC draws up a Traffic Regulation Order for consultation for changes to parking in and around Shared Space as follows:

- Replace the bay to the South of the exit from Laburnum Road with planters,
- Two permanent short stay, half hour, parking places are provided in the area outside Wynn's and Harry Daniel's.
- Additional planters of a suitable height to be provided as existing wooden planters not suitable for proposed location.

E/461 To receive a report on Committee Budget

The report to 11 January 2022 with income at £13,646.38 and expenditure at £53,585.81 was noted.

E/462 To consider Town Environment Committee budget for 2022/23

There were no further comments on the draft Committee budget for 2022/23.

E/463 To receive report on progress of Restoring Your Railways scheme re Bristol Road Station and consider any recommendations from Bristol Road Station Working Group

Cllr Kambites reported that Stroud District Council would soon be appointing a consultant to carry out the RYR funded Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) and had involved the Town Council in the tender selection process.

Stroudwater Bristol Road Stonehouse station working group's recommendation for the adoption of a two- tier governance structure for managing the production of a Strategic Outline Business Case, similar to the model adopted by the Wellington and Cullompton Station group, was **supported** along with continued engagement with a wider set of stakeholders.

E/464 To agree a recommendation to Town Council on a response to Stroud District Council's economic development strategy consultation

The following comment was agreed for recommendation to Town Council:

The draft Economic Development Strategy is welcomed and the vision and economic objectives and commitments are supported.

The three priority sectors selected for the Stonehouse cluster are relevant to the town. The Town Council would also like recognition of the potential to develop different sectors of the economy in Stonehouse. For example, there are opportunities to develop the tourism and visitor economy sector in Stonehouse which has good public transport links and is on a Sustrans National Cycle Route.

It is suggested that the Economic Development Strategy gives greater emphasis to the potential of the Cotswold Canals Connected project to bring tourism and visitors to all the settlements along the canal.

E/465 To consider a proposal for six new planters for the entrance to Old Chapel Garden.

Deputy Clerk advised that Stonehouse In Bloom budget will be increased once virements are agreed at Town Council.

It was **agreed** to provide six new planters with reservoirs, liners and brackets for the entrance to the Old Chapel Garden at a cost of £836 excluding VAT, cost to be met from Stonehouse In Bloom budget.

E/466 To agree in principle work to trees in Laburnum Field and Old Chapel Garden

It was **agreed** in principle to carry out the following work subject to quotations being obtained and agreed by Committee:

1. Remove any substantial dead branches from the poplar tree in Laburnum
2. Substantially reduce size of mature Oak trees overhanging Community Centre carpark, two this year and two in subsequent years.
3. Some ground decompaction around base of oak tree adjacent to poplar tree.
4. Removal of dead branch on conifer in Old Chapel Garden.

Deputy Clerk advised that a tree inspection and maintenance plan of all the Town Council's trees was required.

E/467 To receive an update from Stonehouse In Bloom

Cllr Swain gave a brief update: working groups have begun to meet again. The four rusty planters have been emptied in preparation for installation of reservoirs. Two further wooden planters will be sited opposite Break shop, before railway bridge. Summer displays will be unlikely to include three floral towers in line with the move using more perennial planting.

E/468 To agree content of consultation for proposals for Stagholt Field

Cllr. Gibbs advised that the Recreation Working Group had looked at a first draft of the consultation material. Deputy Clerk had not yet produced a second draft.

It was **agreed** to delegate production of the consultation material to the Recreation Working Group subject to draft consultation material being circulated for comment to all councillors.

E/469 To receive reports from Working Groups and consider recommendations:

Canal Rejuvenation: Cllr Swain advised that the working group were looking at the whole canal area in Stonehouse to consider all the areas offering access to the canal and the best use of land around the canal. A meeting with Ward Councillors in relation to the recent survey is being arranged.

Events: Due to meet. A Jubilee Celebration Working Group has started to meet.

PROW: Meeting with landowner re paths around Doverow to be arranged.

Recreation: Cllr Gibbs reported that the recent Accessibility Audit raised the issue of the pedestrian access to Oldends Lane near the Pavilion where a bar to prevent motorbikes entering also reduces accessibility for people. It was agreed that there is a need for a more accessible gate, subject to costed proposals being sought.

Transport and Highways: Cllr. Terry reported he is due to organise a working group meeting.

E/470 Date of next Environment Committee meeting: 21 February 2021

Financial Budget Comparison

for Town Environment Committee

Comparison between 01/04/21 and 11/01/22 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/21

		2021/2022	Reserve	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
INCOME						
Town Environment Committee						
200	Stonehouse in Bloom	£0.00	£1,646.00	£1,832.82	£186.82	100.00%
205	Event Income/Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£2,800.00	£2,800.00	100.00%
210	Planting Sponsorship	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
215	Grants	£0.00	£3,997.33	£9,013.56	£5,016.23	100.00%
Total Town Environment Committee		£0.00	£5,643.33	£13,646.38	£8,003.05	100.00%
EXPENDITURE						
Town Environment Committee						
1190	Amenity Areas	£37,500.00	£11,983.00	£30,852.50	£18,630.50	-49.68%
2000	Christmas Lights	£5,000.00	£0.00	£4,167.80	£832.20	-16.64%
2005	Climate Change	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	-100.00%
2010	In Bloom	£7,000.00	£0.00	£6,655.60	£344.40	-4.92%
2020	Street Furniture/Bus Shelters	£2,000.00	£0.00	£3,284.46	-£1,284.46	64.22%
2030	Traffic Calming/Transport Studies	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2040	Town Greens Maintenance	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2050	Cultural Events & Studies	£5,000.00	£0.00	£7,621.45	-£2,621.45	52.43%
2060	Signage	£300.00	£0.00	£464.00	-£164.00	54.67%
2070	Town Centre Partnership	£0.00	£540.00	£540.00	£0.00	0.00%
2080	Neighbourhood Plan Review	£4,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,000.00	-100.00%
2090	Planning Specialist Advice	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	-100.00%
Total Town Environment Committee		£63,800.00	£12,523.00	£53,585.81	£22,737.19	-35.64%