



Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) of a meeting of the **Town Environment Committee on Monday 11th September, 7pm at Stonehouse Library, High Street, Stonehouse, GL10 2NG.**

Present:

Councillors: Rachel Armstrong, Marcus Dixon, Neil Gibbs (Committee Chair), Carol Kambites, Val Randell, Theresa Watt

Also present: Carlos Novoth (Town Clerk), Gary Wetson (Project Officer) Cllr John Callinan

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

Cllr John Callinan was invited to speak in relation to agenda item E/671. He explained that Council had adopted the Arboretum Management Plan and should ideally follow its recommendations. It was acknowledged that whilst the Plan refers to tree inspections, it lacks some clarity. He commented that it was suggested by the author of the management plan that a visual inspection was undertaken of all the town's trees and a more in-depth inspection was carried out on those trees that had previously been considered as presenting a higher risk along with those trees showing signs of new problems that may be found during the visual inspection. Cllr Callinan was aware of the recommendation provided by 'Glendale', the company that undertook last year's tree survey and suggested that Committee may wish to move forward on this basis - this was to only inspect those trees that had been earmarked for re inspection at this time.

E/666 To receive apologies

Apologies were given by Cllr Keith Terry

E/667 Declarations of Interest

There was a declaration of interest by Cllr Theresa Watt in relation to agenda item E/677 (planning application S.23/1625/HHOLD)

E/668 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 10th July.

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

E/669 To receive the latest updated Environment Budget.

The Clerk drew Committee's attention to the following budget lines:

- 2010/1 - The reserve spend was for the planter posts; the remaining net expenditure related to the cost of plants for the planters - the planting work was undertaken by the In Bloomers - the cost of the plants should be recoded to 2010/2
- 2050/1 - Whilst there does not appear to be a high spend at this time, much of the budget has been accounted for with pending transactions
- 2050/3 - The Clerk reminded committee that these costs related to the King's Coronation

Committee **NOTED** the report with a total Expenditure of £23,928.05; Reserve Expenditure of £3,536.98; Income of £1,095.

E/670 To recommend for approval to Full Council, the siting of a memorial bench.

Committee **APPROVED** the Memorial application for a metal bench to be located at the skate park at Oldends Lane in memory of Sam Askew.

E/671 To make a decision regarding the annual tree inspection

Having listened to Cllr John Callinan's comments together with an update from the Clerk, committee members held varying views. However, on further discussion, it was agreed that a full detailed survey should be undertaken each year to ensure the trees are safely managed.

Committee **RESOLVED** to seek comparative quotes from tree consultants to include 'Glendale', to undertake a full detailed tree survey.

E/672 To retrospectively approve a payment of £250.00 to Little Party Heaven, for the Goodwill.

Committee retrospectively **APPROVED** the payment of £250.

E/673 To receive the Stagholt Ecological report, the results and responses to the consultation, and the change of use proposal and next steps.

Committee **NOTED** the Stagholt Ecological report. The level of respondents to the consultation was also **NOTED** - 64 responses of which 75% (48 respondents) were in favour of the new design for the area; 18% (12 respondents) were either against the design and use of the area other than for dog walkers or had concerns about funding and/or future management of the site; 7% (4 respondents) were not concerned whether or not the changes took place. The project officer highlighted some useful feedback in relation to use of the area by people with disabilities and the need for dog waste bins. The Chair stated that he had contacted Standish Parish Council who were in favour of the changes and the Touch Rugby group who were agreeable to moving their weekly game to Oldends Lane playing field.

The Project Officer was already gathering costs for phase 1 of the changes (expansion of the allotments) - he was asked to include JPR Environmental, a



local company; together with the costs of developing the remaining area over time and with community buy in, he suggested that the council would soon have a realistic costed project - further information is still to be gathered around the number and types of trees to be added and the number and size of allotment plots to be designed into the extended area. It was agreed that once the work had been costed, a decision will be needed by council on the budget to be made available. Local companies and schools are to be approached soon seeking their involvement in the project

Committee asked for the project officer to pull together a press release identifying the outcome and feedback of the consultation.

E/674 To comment on planning applications.

S.23/1451/OUT Land Northwest of Stonehouse.

Mixed use development comprising the following individual, severable and self-contained elements: up to 635 residential dwellings, a primary school, sport & recreation facilities. Associated works including infrastructure, ancillary facilities, open space (including allotments), landscaping & access. Respond by 13th September. Click [here](#).

Comment: Objection raised on a number of issues which are detailed in supporting papers

S.23/1508/VAR Dairy Partners Ltd, Brunel Way, Stonehouse.

Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) & 9 (fencing layout) from permitted application S.22/0903/FUL – alterations to materials, fence layout and the existing earth bund. Respond by 12th September. Click [here](#).

Comment: The town council has received noise complaints from local residents and notes the objection from Stroud District Council's Environmental Health department. The town council believes that the acoustics report does not fully reflect the ???????

S.23/1498/FUL 10 Park Road, Stonehouse.

Erection of two flats. Respond by 12th September. Click [here](#).

Comment: No objection as long as none from neighbours

S.23/1484/REM Land at M5 Junction 13 West of Stonehouse, Eastington

Application for the approval of the reserved matters (layout, scale, external appearance of the stadium and the landscaping of the site) from outline permission S.19/1418/OUT for 5000 capacity football stadium. Respond by 13th September. Click [here](#).

Comment: No comment

Cllr Theresa Watt left the meeting 8.20pm in light of a possible declared interest

S.23/1625/HHOLD 48 Rosedale Avenue, Stonehouse



Demolition of existing attached garage and erection of a two-storey side extension & single storey front porch extension – resubmission of S.22/2072/HHOLD. Respond by 13th September. Click [here](#).

Comment: No objection as long as none from neighbours

Cllr Theresa Watt returned to the meeting at 8.25pm

S.23/1603/FUL 64 Midland Road, Stonehouse

Erection of a dwelling. Respond by 13th September. Click [here](#).

Comment: No objection as long as none from neighbours

TPO/0590 Land adjacent to 162 Arrowsmith Drive, Stonehouse (see supporting papers)

Oak tree. Respond by 12th September.

Comment: The town council wholly supports the recommended Tree Preservation Order

S.19/0291/FUL Stroudwater Canal Phase 1B, Eastington

Reinstatement of the 'Missing Mile' section of the Stroudwater Navigation and development of associated infrastructure including locks, mooring basins, car parking, café/pub. And leisure facilities building with combined office and residence for basin manger. Respond by 13th September. Click [here](#).

Comment: The town council recognises the value of the canal to the area and absolutely support phase 1B of the development of the canal network. It does feel however that the planned infrastructure in this location is somewhat replicating facilities that already exist in fairly close proximity (Saul Junction). It is felt that relocating the facilities further in land, particularly in the Stonehouse area, where there is known land available to support such infrastructure, would provide greater value to tourists and hence the local economy, be far more accessible to a greater pool of local people by virtue of being closer to a large urban development and, visitors that may wish or need to travel by public transport (as the location is on a planned public transport route). It is unfortunate that the existing location provides only for very narrow boats to access the remaining canal network in an easterly direction.

S.23/1735/TCA 8 Barlow Close, Stonehouse

Coppice trees within 2m of property boundary wall, crown lift over garage by 3m and fell maple to rear. Respond by 26th September. Click [here](#).

Comment: No objection as long as none from neighbours

S.23/1751/HHOLD 70 Ryelands Road, Stonehouse

Erection of a first floor extension. Respond by 28th September. Click [here](#).

Comment: No objection as long as none from neighbours

S.23/1761/HHOLD 16 Oldends Lane, Stonehouse



Erection of a replacement single storey side extension. Respond by 28th September. Click [here](#).

Comment: No objection as long as none from neighbours

E/675 To approve the extent of the road closure for the Goodwill event.

Committee RESOLVED to apply for a road closure from 5.30pm to 6pm from Regent Street to Elm road, Stonehouse allowing for a Father Christmas procession up the High street.

E/676 To receive Working Groups updates. Members may wish to note

any reports from the following:

Comms - A meeting is to be held shortly

Stroudwater (Bristol Road) Station - The Chair of Council recently took part in a local radio station interview; this has not yet be aired

Canal Rejuvenation - The working group is yet to be arranged

Transport and Highways - Cllr Marcus Dixon highlighted that only some of the scheduled lining works on the A419 had been completed

Public Rights of Way - The WG continue to monitor and report on changes to Verney Fields

Recreation - No additional updates other than in relation to Stagholt

E/677 To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District

Council.

S.23/1153/FUL Schlumberger (Building A), Brunel Way, Stonehouse.

Erection of single storey plant room for ground source heat pump equipment.

PERMISSION GRANTED.

S.23/1274/TPO Church Lane, Stonehouse.

Works to groups TPO 352 – clear undergrowth at the base of the trees.

CONSENT GIVEN.

S.23/1160/HHOLD 10 Quietways, Stonehouse.

Erection of single storey rear and side extensions, front and rear dormer windows, and other alterations.

PERMISSION GRANTED.

S.23/0699/DISCON Dairy Partners Ltd, Brunel Way, Stonehouse.

Discharge of condition 8 (landscaping implementation) from the application S.22/0903/FUL.

CONFIRMS COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING CONDITIONS

S.23/0067/NEWTPO 1 Burdett Road, Stonehouse.

583 – English Yew tree.

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN



S.23/1142/TPO Grendar Ltd, Storrington Road, Stonehouse.

Yew tree – trimmed by 3-4 metres.

CONSENT GIVEN

S.21/3004/NEWTPO Land known as Verney Fields, Bramble Lane, Stonehouse. TPO/0585 – 2

Woodland areas, 2 groups of trees and 3 individual trees.

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

S.23/1004/FUL 36 Rosedale Avenue, Stonehouse.

Change of use of amenity land to domestic curtilage (Retrospective) and regularise boundary fence.

APPLICATION REFUSED

S.23/1459/MINAM Land adjoining Station Road, Bristol Road, Stonehouse

Non-material amendment to S.21/1712/VAR – various alterations to house types (change 2 house types from 2 – 2.5 storey) and design. Changes to fenestration, footprint, elevations, frontages and additional dormers. Small changes to the ridge heights and to regularise the building form to flat block and balconettes to flats.

APPLICATION REFUSED

S.23/1177HHOLD Chetwynd, Grosvenor Road, Stonehouse

Erection of single storey side and rear extension.

PERMISSION GRANTED

E/678 Date of next Environment Committee meeting: Monday 9th October 2023
