



Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January, 7pm at Stonehouse Library, High Street, Stonehouse, GL10 2NG.

**Present:**

Councillors: Rachel Armstrong, Debbie Curtis, Marcus Dixon, Neil Gibbs (Committee Chair), Carol Kambites (Chair/Town Mayor), Val Randell, Keith Terry (Committee Vice Chair) and Theresa Watt.

**Also present:** Carlos Novoth (Town Clerk), Town Councillors John Callinan and Wendy Thomson.

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

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The attending town councillors were invited to address the Committee - no one wished to speak. The Chair continued to the agenda.

**E/721 To receive apologies.**

There were no apologies

**E/722 Declarations of Interest**

There was a declaration of interest from Cllr Neil Gibbs in relation to Agenda item E/728 - planning application 2482.

**E/723 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December.**

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

**E/724 To receive the latest updated Environment Budget.**

Committee RECEIVED and NOTED the latest Budget position.

Total Actual Net Income £1,894.64

Total Actual Net Expenditure £46,379.67

Total Reserve £5,191.70

**E/725 To discuss the 2024/25 budgets.**

The Clerk reviewed the adjustments agreed at the committee's previous meeting with the exception of the 'Cultural Events' budget. This was discussed and in view of the council's intention of establishing mini events throughout the year, it was agreed that the budget should remain as it is.

The Clerk confirmed the impact of the proposed budget in line with the new taxbase.

**E/726 To review the proposed 2024/25 budget for Gloucestershire and consider a response.**

Committee RESOLVED to respond with the following comments:

One of GCCs main objectives is to tackle Climate change; with this in mind, more funding should be targeted at:

- improving Active Travel/Public Transport in addition to supporting the Town Council's efforts to re-establish the Bristol Road Railway Station in Stonehouse.
- achieving carbon neutrality in its buildings

**E/727 To approve the purchase of replacement swings for Laburnum Park.**

Whilst a decision was made on this issue at a previous council meeting, the matter had been brought back to Environment Committee as a result of a misunderstanding with the chosen contractor's quotation.

In an effort to ensure that people with disabilities could share in the enjoyment of the new swing set, Committee RESOLVED to award the contract to install a two bay 8ft high swing frame with two single seat swings and a basket swing along with a replacement play surface to 'GB Leisure' at a total cost of £14,499 plus vat.

The Chair highlighted his declared interest in planning application S.23/2482 and took no part in the discussion and did not vote

**E/728 To comment on planning applications.**

**S.23/2482/TPO** TPO 0590, 162 Arrowsmith Drive, Stonehouse

Mature Oak - reduce the height & spread of limb by up to 4.0 metres. Lateral spread along the fence line. Reduce by up to 4.0 metres in both directions, leaving a radius of approx. 6.0metres. Shape into the remaining canopy. Remove major deadwood.

**Comment:** No objection provided the work is undertaken by a suitable tree specialist.

**S.23/2447/HHOLD** 18A Gloucester Road, Stonehouse

Erection of a two-storey side extension and single storey side extension.

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

**S.23/2431/HHOLD** 6 Burdett Road, Stonehouse

Erection of a porch and flat dormer extension.



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

**S.23/2391/FUL** Greiner Bio-One Ltd, Unit 2, Pear Tree Way, Stonehouse  
Erection of a two and three metre high black paladin fence and manual access gates.

**Comment:** This council objects to this planning application due to the design of the boundary fencing and that the proposed fencing runs contrary to the original planning statement with proposed landscaping which included bunding, a tree line and hedgerow.

**S.23/2304/HHOLD** 1 Arrowsmith Drive, Stonehouse  
Erection of a front canopy and a replacement single storey rear extension, alterations to fenestration.

**Comment:** Discussed at previous meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

**S.23/2321/HHOLD** 24 Oldends Lane, Stonehouse  
Erection of an outbuilding. (Retrospective)

**Comment:** Discussed at previous meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

**S.23/2538/FUL** Xograph House, Ebley Road, Stonehouse  
Erection of storage building.

**Comment:** No objections provided solar panels are added and the building is screened from neighbouring properties.

**E/729 To receive an update on the council's Town Green application**

Attending the meeting was Cllr John Callinan who was asked to provide an update. The Town Green application was to be validated by GCC within the next two weeks at which time, the town council will be required to undertake a 6 week consultation exercise. Ideally residents within the community will come forward with further photographic evidence of their past leisure use of Verney fields. More information is to be provided by GCC once the validation process has been confirmed.

**E/730 To receive Working Groups updates.**

Members may wish to note any reports from the following:

Comms - There have been no recent meetings

Stroudwater (Bristol Road) Station - There have been no meetings since the discussion took place with Siobhan Baillie took place



Canal Rejuvenation - a pre application took place with SDC planners (which was helpful). The outcome was reported to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ships Anchor Group meeting the same day that identified a number of issues including planning and ecology etc needed to be quickly resolved before the deadline of April 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 (implementation of new ecology regulations) for sites the size of the Ship Inn site. Costs are currently being gathered for ecology surveys hopefully in time for full town council on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January. It was agreed that should quotes be received in time, the matter could be voted on by Business Committee on the 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Transport and Highways - A report was produced of the meeting that took place with Highway officers which included reference to the VAS system and parking in general.

Public Rights of Way - the group had met recently to keep up to date with the DMMOs and Town Green application

Recreation - There was disappointment with the outcome of the town council's planning application for changes to Stagholt playing field. A meeting was to be arranged with the planner concern and the drainage officer in due course. It was unlikely that works to create additional allotment space would be able to commence in time for the next growing season

**E/731 To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council.**

**S.23/2070/CPL** 3 Melbourne Drive, Stonehouse

Removal of existing garage and erection of a replacement detached garage and extended access drive.

**PERMITTED**

**S.23/1855/DISCON** Unit 2, Parcel E4, Land West of Stonehouse

Discharge of Conditions 4 (Waste Management), 8 (LEMP), 11 (Cycle Shelters) & 12 (EV Charging) of permitted application S.21/2759/REM.

**PERMITTED**

**S.23/1857/DISCON** Unit 1, Parcel E4, Land West of Stonehouse

Discharge of conditions 4 (site waste), 8 (LEMP), 11 (highways 3) & 12 (highways 4) from the planning application S.21/2758/REM - 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. (description updated 13/04 to reflect outline permission).

**PERMITTED**





**S.23/2108/HHOLD** 37 Rosedale Avenue, Stonehouse  
Erection of a single storey rear extension and garage conversion.  
**PERMITTED**

**S.23/2113/NEWTPO** Land known as Verney Fields  
New TPO/0586 Land known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse  
**CONSENT GIVEN**

**E/732 To approve communications in support of the meeting's decisions.**

Attention of the community to be raised with regards the pending validation confirmation and the likelihood of a 6-week consultation exercise to take place immediately afterwards. Also, to confirm the installation of a new swing set with swinging basket seat at Laburnum playing field.

**E/733 Date of next Environment Committee meeting: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**  
Committee **NOTED** the date of the next meeting.



# Financial Budget Comparison

## for Town Environment Committee

Comparison between 01/04/23 and 22/01/24 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	£1,110.00	-£90.00	-7.50%
205/2 Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£234.64	£234.64	100.00%
205 Total	£1,200.00	£0.00	£1,344.64	£144.64	12.05%
210 Planting Sponsorship	£1,500.00	£0.00	£550.00	-£950.00	-63.33%
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>£1,894.64</b>	<b>-£2,305.36</b>	<b>-54.89%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
<b>Town Environment Committee</b>					
1190 Amenity Areas					
1190/1 Grounds Maintenance (contract)	£25,000.00	£0.00	£20,047.98	£4,952.02	19.81%
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	£2,418.74	£81.26	3.25%
1190/4 Public Space Improvements	£5,300.00	£1,582.80	£5,217.49	£1,665.31	31.42%
1190/5 Tree & Hedge/boundary maintenance	£6,500.00	£0.00	£2,942.00	£3,558.00	54.74%
1190/6 Waste Collection	£5,000.00	£0.00	£4,394.00	£606.00	12.12%
1190 Total	£46,300.00	£1,582.80	£35,998.30	£11,884.50	25.67%
2000 Christmas Lights	£5,000.00	£0.00	£221.00	£4,779.00	95.58%
2005 Climate Change	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	100.00%

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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	£3,971.33	£-2,971.33	-297.13%
2010 Total	£7,000.00	£2,677.98	£6,180.39	£3,497.59	49.97%
2050 Cultural Events & Studies					
2050/1 Goodwill	£5,000.00	£0.00	£4,765.10	£234.90	4.70%
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	£6,400.98	£3,829.94	41.18%
2080 Neighbourhood Plan Review	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2090 Planning Specialist Advice					
2090/1	£0.00	£0.00	£234.00	£-234.00	100.00%
2090/2	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2090 Total	£0.00	£0.00	£234.00	£-234.00	100.00%
Total Town Environment Committee	£69,600.00	£5,191.70	£49,034.67	£25,757.03	37.01%