

Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee on Monday 4th December, 7pm at Stonehouse Library, High Street, Stonehouse, GL10 2NG.

Present:

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

<u>Also present:</u> Carlos Novoth (Town Clerk), Town Councillor John Callinan and several members of the public.

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

The attending members of the public were invited to address the Committee - no one wished to speak. The Chair continued to the agenda

E/709 To receive apologies.

Committee received apologies from Cllr Rachel Armstrong and Theresa Watt

E/710 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

<u>E/711</u> To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 6th November.

Committee APPROVED the minutes as a true and accurate records of the meeting In light of the number of attending members of the public, the Chair brought forward agenda item

E/714 To receive an update on Verney Fields and discuss follow up actions

Committee was updated about what was initially a rumour about a felling licence application put forward to the Forestry Commission for land owned by the same person/s that currently own Verney Fields. The rumour was followed up with the Forestry Commission who confirmed that an application had been made; a more detailed response is being awaited. In the meantime, an enquiry had been raised with Stroud District Council on the issue; the Forestry Commission consulted with SDC's tree officer who objected to the application and asked that the matter be referred to them to deal with under TPO legislation. SDC's Principal planner updated the town council with this information providing the following application details: *The Forestry Commission reference number for the application is 018/2208/2023 Felling licence*.



This information came as a complete surprise in light of the statement made by the owner's of Verney Fields solicitor/spokesperson in support of their argument to Stroud District Council's Development Control Committee in November '23, that there was no intention of harming the trees on the land in question and hence there was no need of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) for the site.

A town councillor had raised a Freedom of Information (FOI) request prior to the meeting asking the following questions: who the applicant was, the extent of the application and when the application was submitted; he has yet to receive a response.

Committee **RESOLVED** to write to the Forestry Commission requesting further information and to make clear that the town council was writing on behalf of the community to try and preserve the trees on site and to highlight the importance of the site and fervent wish for its continued use by the community.

E/712To receive the latest updated Environment Budget.

Officers were unable to provide the latest budget update in time for the meeting. The matter was therefore not discussed.

E/713 To discuss the 2024/25 budgets.

Committee agreed the following adjustments to the supporting information provided:

- 1190/5 Tree and Hedge boundary maintenance reduce budget from £6,500 to £3,500
- 2000 Christmas lights reduce budget from £5,000 to £2,000 (£3,000 to be set aside as a new 'Earmarked Reserve')
- 2005 Climate change reduce budget from £2,000 to £0 (£2,000 to be set aside as a new 'Earmarked Reserve')
- 2010/2 Non contract planting maintain existing budget of £3,000
- 2010/3 Watering Services reduce budget from £3,000 to £0
- 2010/4 Other reduce budget from £1,000 to £0
- 2050/4 Communications reduce budget from £1,000 to £0

Total budget saving £11,500 - this information to be fed into FTC discussions

E/714 To receive an update on Verney Fields and discuss follow up actions

Agenda item brought forward - see above.

<u>E/715</u> To approve the annual tree inspection.

Committee APPROVED the award of the contract to 'Glendale Services' at a cost of £813.78 plus vat



<u>E/716</u> To approve the purchase of replacement swings for Laburnum Park.

Councillors remember the swings that had previously occupied the site and were keen to provide a similar replacement but repositioned at 90 degrees to its original position.

Committee APPROVED the award of the contract to provide and install a new 4 seater 10 feet high swing including ground resurfacing to 'GB Leisure' for the total cost of £15,581 plus vat

E/717 To comment on planning applications.

Erection of an outbuilding. (Retrospective).

24 Oldends Lane Stonehouse Gloucestershire GL10 2DG Ref. No: S.23/2321/HHOLD | Validated: Mon 04 Dec 2023 | STC Response: No objections as long as none from neighbours

 Erection of a front canopy and a replacement single storey rear extension, alterations to fenestration.

1 Arrowsmith Drive Stonehouse Gloucestershire GL10 2QS Ref. No: S.23/2304/HHOLD | Validated: Wed 22 Nov 2023 | STC Response: No objection as long as none from neighbours

Works to 16 trees. ₱

Double Lock Cottage Ryeford Road North Ryeford Stonehouse Gloucestershire GL10 2LG

Ref. No: S.23/2297/TCA | Validated: Tue 21 Nov 2023 |

STC Response: Council is keen to ensure that the works detailed in the application have been determined as necessary by a certified arborist as it is particularly concerned with the number of fellings. No such report has been provided as part of the application and so the town council would wish to see such a report.

Erection of single storey rear extension.

48 Ryelands Road Stonehouse Gloucestershire GL10 2PQ Ref. No: S.23/2221/HHOLD | Validated: Thu 09 Nov 2023 | STC Response: No objections as long as none from neighbours

Erection of a single storey rear extension and garage conversion.

37 Rosedale Avenue Stonehouse Gloucestershire GL10 2QH Ref. No: S.23/2108/HHOLD | Validated: Wed 25 Oct 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision



Discharge of Condition 4 (landscaping timetable), condition 12 (cycle Storage), Condition 13 (car park road management), condition 14 (EV charging points), condition 15 (Delivery, servicing and car park management) and condition 20 (canal moorings) of S.22/1595/VAR (Variation of Condition 10 (Fire Hydrants) of S.22/0789/VAR (planning permission S.19/1905/FUL) for the Auction Showroom to remove the new fire hydrant requirement)

The Stroud Auction Saleroom Ebley Road Stonehouse Gloucestershire GL10 2LN Ref. No: S.23/2076/DISCON | Validated: Thu 19 Oct 2023 |

STC Response: No Objection

E/718 To receive Working Groups updates.

Members may wish to note any reports from the following:

Comms - Stonehouse Newsletter to be distributed - Cllrs Keith Terry, Debbie Curtis, Carol Kambites and Gary Powell offered their help

Stroudwater (Bristol Road) Station - Met with the MP who has offered to follow the matter up with the Minister for Transport requesting that he comes to Stonehouse Canal Rejuvenation - The new Anchor Group have now met for the second time - a separate project group has been formed to look at the detailed business plan for bringing the SHIP Inn site into community use. 'Meanwhile use of the site is being sought as early as possible - currently working through problem issues

Transport and Highways - Meeting to take place with the local highways manager this week - all current highway issues to be discussed

Public Rights of Way - a progress update was asked for from GCC

Recreation - meeting to be arranged in the new year - good progress is being made with the Stagholt field.

E/719 To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District

Council.

S.23/1603/FUL 64 Midland Road, Stonehouse Erection of a dwelling.

PERMITTED

S.23/1985/DISCON Unit 2, Parcel E4, Land West of Stonehouse
Discharge of condition 3 (noise mitigation) of planning permission S.21/2759/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 appearance. (description updated 13/04 to reflect outline permission).



PERMITTED

S.23/2099/LBC Stonehouse Court Hotel, Bristol Road, Stonehouse Re-roofing of the Caroline Suite and the addition of PV Panels to this roof. **APPLICATION NOT REQUIRED**

S.23/2150/T5DAY Unit 1200 Stonehouse Park Sperry Way Stonehouse Gloucestershire GL10 3UT Decayed Lime Tree (1604) - fell. **APPROVED**

S.23/1765/HHOLD 82 Woodcock Lane Stonehouse Gloucestershire GL10 2ER Erection of a replacement shed. (Retrospective). **PERMITTED**

S.23/1821/FUL 8 Queens Road Stonehouse Gloucestershire GL10 2QA Demolition of former Comrades Club and garage blocks; erection of 4 detached houses and a car port.

Re-submission of S.20/0769/FUL **PERMITTED**

<u>E/720</u> Date of next Environment Committee meeting: Monday 8th January 2023.

Committee NOTED the date of the next meeting



Notes on Agenda items, Environment Committee, Monday 8th January 2024

Minutes attached

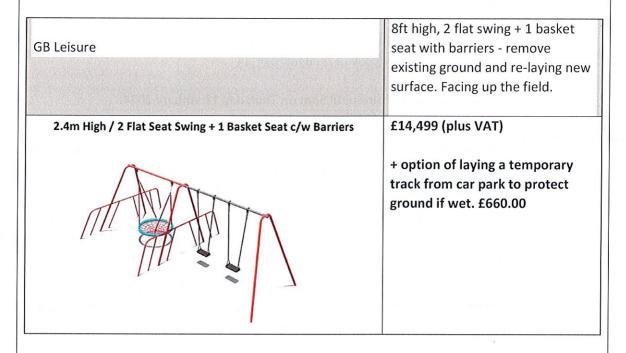
Report attached

E/723 Minutes

E/724 Budget

report	Later Committee of the			
E/726 GCC	Views wanted on propo	sed 2024/25 budget for 0	Gloucestershire.	
Budget 24/25	Gloucestershire County	Council has released det	ails of its ambitious budg	get for 2024/25.
	In the current proposals million on 2023/24 leve	s, spending for 2024/25 w ls.	vill reach £609 million, a	rise of more than £42
	For more information of www.gloucestershire.go	n the budget and details ov.uk/budget2024-25	on how to have your say	, visit
	Public consultation runs	until 5pm on Thursday 1	1 January 2024	
E/727	Laburnum Swings Repla		Tundary 2024.	
Laburnum Swings			minute and a second	
	corroding. Since then, th	I seat swings at Laburnur ne plot has remained em I to request replacement	pty. Numerous members	
	enclosed play area, givir	nd available is 7.2m x 7.8 ng a swing area of 7.8m (i need to be extended to 7	minimum required). To f	
	equipment that is current overlaying the existing wand third quotes were for will give a guarantee of An additional quote is a	om 3 leading suppliers. Pontly in situ in the play are vet pour, which would giver totally removing the expenses - either facing the extrached to show a 2 flate of safety, the basket se	ea. All companies gave the vea guarantee of a year existing wet pour and re-lead existing playground or seat swing bay, with a ke	ree quotes, one for at the most. The second aying with new, which facing up the field.
	Company	Replacement 4 flat seat swing – overlay existing. Facing either way.	Replacement 4 flat seat swing – remove existing ground and re-laying new surface. Facing existing playground.	Replacement 4 flat seat swing – remove existing ground and re-laying new surface. Facing up the field.
	Kompan	Do not advise overlaying existing wet pour with a 10ft swing as ground surface is too old.	8.2ft high swing, facing existing playground. £18,670.04 plus VAT	8.2ft high swing, facing up the field. £18,670.04 plus VAT
	Proludic	8 ft high swing, facing either way. £12,063.11	8 ft high swing, facing existing playground. £14,542.71	8 ft high swing, facing up the field. £14,542.71 (plus VAT)
	GB Leisure	10ft high swing, facing existing playground. £11,731.00	10ft high swing, facing the existing playground.	10ft high swing, facing up the field. £15,581 (plus VAT)
			£14,178.00	

+ option of laying a
temporary track
from car park to
protect ground if
wet. £660.00
6 week lead time
(not including
Christmas)



GB Leisure are the only company that asked that can replace the 10ft swings that were in situ previously. These swings were used by all ages. Numerous adult residents have enquired when the swings will be replaced as they are missed.

Recommendation

Officers feel if the new swings were the same height as previous, this would meet the needs of all within the community, and recommend they are replaced with new 10ft ones. The recommendation is to secure the work of GB Leisure to install 10ft swings to face up the field, at a cost of £15,581 plus VAT.

Alternatively,

Committee to determine whether to instal 8ft high frame with basket seat for £14,499.00, or replace the previous 10ft swings for £15,581.00.

E/728 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.

Respond by 13th January 2024. Click here.

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

Erection of a two-storey side extension and single storey side extension. Respond by 9th January 2024. Click here.

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

Erection of a porch and flat dormer extension.

Respond by 9th January 2024. Click here.

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.

Respond by 9th January 2024. Click here.

S.23/2304/HHOLD 1 Arrowsmith Drive, Stonehouse

Erection of a front canopy and a replacement single storey rear extension, alterations to fenestration.

Respond by 9th January 2024. Click here.

S.23/2321/HHOLD 24 Oldends Lane, Stonehouse

Erection of an outbuilding. (Retrospective)

Respond by 9th January 2024. Click here.

S.23/2538/FUL Xograph House, Ebley Road, Stonehouse

Erection of storage building.

Respond by 23rd January 2024. Click here.

E/729 Reports Working Groups

E/730 Report on Planning Decisions

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

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Financial Budget Comparison

for Town Environment Committee

Comparison between 01/04/23 and 08/01/24 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions. Includes commitments.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/23

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		2023/2024	Reserve	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
INCOME						
Town Env	Town Environment Committee					
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%
Total Tow	Total Town Environment Committee	£4,200.00	£0.00	£1,894.64	-£2,305.36	-54.89%
EXPENDITURE	URE					
Town Env 1190	Town Environment Committee 1190 Amenity Areas					
1190/1	Grounds Maintenance (contract)	£25,000.00	€0.00	£17,982.98	£7,017.02	28.07%
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	£4,004.00	£996.00	19.92%
1190	Total	£46,300.00	£1,582.80	£33,543.30	£14,339.50	30.97%
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%

Financial Budget Comparison

for Town Environment Committee

Comparison between 01/04/23 and 08/01/24 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions. Includes commitments.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/23

40.82%	£28,412.03	£46,379.67	£5,191.70	£69,600.00	Total Town Environment Committee	Total Tow
100.00%	-£234.00	£234.00	£0.00	€0.00	Total	2090
0.00%	£0.00	€0.00	£0.00	£0.00		2090/2
100.00%	-£234.00	£234.00	£0.00	€0.00		2090/1
					Planning Specialist Advice	2090
0.00%	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	€0.00	Neighbourhood Plan Review	2080
43.33%	£4,029.94	£6,200.98	£930.92	£9,300.00	Total	2050
70.00%	£700.00	£300.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	Communications	2050/4
96.88%	£2,906.38	£1,024.54	£930.92	£3,000.00	Other	2050/3
62.89%	£188.66	£111.34	£0.00	£300.00	Civic Awards	2050/2
4.70%	£234.90	£4,765.10	£0.00	£5,000.00	Goodwill	2050/1
					Cultural Events & Studies	2050
49.97%	£3,497.59	£6,180.39	£2,677.98	£7,000.00	Total	2010
-297.13%	-£2,971.33	£3,971.33	£0.00	£1,000.00	Other	2010/4
100.00%	£3,000.00	€0.00	£0.00	£3,000.00	Watering Services	2010/3
26.36%	£790.94	£2,209.06	£0.00	£3,000.00	Non-Contract Planting	2010/2
100.00%	£2,677.98	£0.00	£2,677.98	£0.00	Contract Planting	2010/1
Bal %age	Balance	Actual Net	Reserve	2023/2024	In Bloom	2010