



STONEHOUSE TOWN COUNCIL

Members of the Town Environment Committee

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Town Environment Committee to be held on Monday 29th April 7pm at Stonehouse Library, High Street, Stonehouse, GL10 2NG.

Committee Members:

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

A period of up to 15 minutes will be set aside at the beginning of the meeting for members of the public to raise questions.

Carlos Novoth
Town Clerk
23rd April 2024

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

A G E N D A

E/772 To receive apologies.

E/773 Declarations of Interest

E/774 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 25th March.

E/775 To receive the latest updated Environment Budget.

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.

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

E/778 To consider the planting of a Gernika Oak on the Memorial Green.

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

E/780 To consider a response to Careplus Pharmacy.

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

E/782 To comment on planning applications.

E/783 To receive Working Groups updates. Members may wish to note any reports from the following: Comms, Stroudwater (Bristol Road) Station, Canal Rejuvenation, Transport and Highways, Public Rights of Way and Recreation.

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

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

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



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Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) of a meeting of the **Town Environment Committee on Monday 25th March, 7pm at Stonehouse Library, High Street, Stonehouse, GL10 2NG.**

Present:

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

Also present: Jacqui Sanders (Deputy Clerk)

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E/759 To receive apologies.
No apologies received.

E/760 Declarations of Interest

There was a declaration of interest by Cllrs Keith Terry and Val Randell in relation to agenda item E/767 (planning application S.24/0478/HHOLD)

E/761 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 26th February.
Committee APPROVED the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

E/762 To receive the latest updated Environment Budget.
Committee NOTED the updated report showing a total 'Actual Net' Income of £2,019.64; 'Actual Net' Expenditure of £57,130.92 and Reserve Expenditure of £5,191.70

E/763 To receive the tree inspection from Glendale Services and approve recommended works.
Committee APPROVED the recommended works following Glendale Services tree inspection. Officers to seek quotations.

E/764 To consider developing a Biodiversity Policy for Stonehouse.
Committee RECOMMENDED for Policy Working Group to develop a Biodiversity Policy for Stonehouse.

E/765 To consider the request for:

- a. The relocation of a bench in Laburnum Park



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Committee APPROVED the relocation of a bench (new position to be decided by Council) with a contribution to be received from requestee.

b. The siting of a memorial bench at Doverow Hill Woods

Committee APPROVED the siting of a memorial bench in Doverow Hill Woods, in the location of the existing broken one.

E/766 To approve the purchase of self-watering bags for the towns recently planted trees.

Committee APPROVED the purchase of 12 self-watering bags for the towns recently planted trees at a cost of £82.64.

Committee RETROSPECTIVELY APPROVED the purchase of 20 liners for the planters along the High Street.

E/767 To comment on planning applications.

S.24/0253/FUL Little Court, Bristol Road, Stonehouse

Change of use of Grade 2 listed residential property into additional hotel accommodation for Stonehouse Court Hotel.

Comment: No Comment.

S.24/0360/TCA Bridgend Farmhouse , Downton Road, Bridgend, Stonehouse.

4x alders - reduce to previous cut height (around 1-1.2m above ground level).

Comment: No objections.

S.24/0419/HHOLD 1 Crescent Close, Bridgend, Stonehouse

Proposed loft conversion with dormer.

Comment: No objections as long as none from neighbours.

S.24/0409/REM Land Adjoining Nastend Farm, Nastend Lane, Nastend, Stonehouse

Approval of reserved matters from planning permission S.14/0810/OUT, Phase 4C Primary Infrastructure (serving parcels E1, E2 and E3).

Comment: Insufficient information to make a judgement regarding this Application.

S.24/0254/LBC Little Court , Bristol Road, Stonehouse

Conversion of Grade 2 listed residential property into additional hotel accommodation for Stonehouse Court Hotel

Comment: No comment.

S.23/1044/FUL APPEAL REF: S.23/060/APREF Maidenhill House Horsemarling Lane Standish Stonehouse.



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Change of use from a domestic dwelling to sui generis commercial holiday accommodation - Resubmission of S.23/0138/FUL

Comment: Previous comment remains unchanged.

Cllrs KT and VR left the room at 7.51pm

S.24/0478/HHOLD 36 Rosedale Avenue, Stonehouse
Erection of single storey rear and side extensions.

Comments: No objections as long as none from neighbours.

Cllrs KT and VR returned to the room at 7.55pm

E/768 To receive Working Groups updates. Members may wish to note any reports from the following:

Comms - Newsletters have been printed. Awaiting distribution.

Stroudwater (Bristol Road) Station - District Councillors have been written to, to request about speaking about this in the Elections. A suggestion was raised to write to local businesses for possible financial support. The committee APPROVED the suggestion to approach local businesses for financial support.

Canal Rejuvenation - The lease is due to go to Full Council. Ecology survey is currently being undertaken and will finish mid-April. Events are being planned for June and September.

Transport and Highways - Not met.

Public Rights of Way - Awaiting GCC consultation regarding Town Green status for Verney Fields.

Recreation - Stagholt - a revised planning application is being submitted. A revised Flood Risk and Biodiversity Assessment are being undertaken.

E/769 To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council.

Committee NOTED the latest planning decisions _____

E/770 To approve communications in support of the meeting's decisions.

Newsletter information to be shared.

Self-watering bags for the trees - photos to be taken and shared when the bags are in place.

E/771 Date of next Environment Committee meeting: Monday 29th April 2024.

Committee NOTED the date of the next meeting.

Notes on Agenda items, Environment Committee, Monday 29th April 2024

E/774 Minutes	Minutes attached															
E/775 Budget report	Report attached															
E/777	<p>The Safe Space Scheme, is an initiative which is in Stroud, along with the night angels who are all women who volunteer and patrol stroud town every Friday and Saturday night between 11-3 ensuring women get home safely.</p> <p>Please see attached website to find out more. Chrissie Lowery is the founder and is working closely with the police and local businesses.</p> <p>Please see the website for more details: https://www.safespacescheme.org/</p>															
E/778 Tree of Gernika	<p>John Parker visited the Basque country over the summer. He saw an oak tree called the Tree of Gernika which has some very deep cultural and spiritual significance to the region, and which survived the famous bombing of Gernika painted by Picasso. The current Tree of Gernika is a grandchild of the original tree, the stem of which is now located in a special structure. Some seedlings of the trees are held by the municipality of Gernika as replacements should something happen to the main tree.</p> <p>John contacted a colleague who works in that region and asked if there was any way we could get a sapling to plant in the Stonehouse Community Arboretum. John explained the project, and they are very excited about the idea and would like to present us with a tree. However, the President of the General Meetings of Bizkaia has said that they would like to visit us and participate in the public ceremony of planting the tree, and present us with the sapling and a certificate etc.</p> <p>Will the Town Council support this little project, and can John contact them and start making the arrangements? It could be a really nice thing for the town and could be a great way to generate some local publicity for the Community Arboretum. You can find out more about the Tree of Gernika here if you are interested: https://www.bizkaiaalent.eus/en/pais-vasco-te-espera/senas-de-identidad/gernika-simbolo-bizkaia/</p> <p>John will attend the meeting to answer any questions about this.</p>															
E/780 – Careplus Pharmacy	See email sent separately.															
E781 – Tree Works	<p>Glendale Services recently undertook a tree assessment of the trees in Stonehouse and Doverow Wood.</p> <p>Eight trees were identified as needing work on them.</p> <p>Officers sourced four qualified contractors to undertake the work:</p> <table><tr><th>Contractor</th><th>Price</th><th>Comments</th></tr><tr><td>Chris Arnold</td><td>£475.00 + VAT</td><td>No detailed specification sent with quotation.</td></tr><tr><td>Cotswold Tree Care</td><td>£1,825.00 + VAT</td><td>Itemised prices.</td></tr><tr><td>Silver Tree Services</td><td>£1,495.00 + VAT</td><td>Itemised prices.</td></tr><tr><td>Midland Forestry</td><td>£1,228 + VAT</td><td>SDC Approved Contractor. Itemised prices.</td></tr></table> <p>Officers recommend Midland Forestry to undertake the work required on the trees identified. They offer value for money and are part of an approved framework contract run by SDC, with an agreed standard schedule of rate fees.</p>	Contractor	Price	Comments	Chris Arnold	£475.00 + VAT	No detailed specification sent with quotation.	Cotswold Tree Care	£1,825.00 + VAT	Itemised prices.	Silver Tree Services	£1,495.00 + VAT	Itemised prices.	Midland Forestry	£1,228 + VAT	SDC Approved Contractor. Itemised prices.
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<p>E/765 Planning Applications</p>	<p>S.24/0563/HHOLD Whispers, St Cyril's Road, Stonehouse Erection of a first-floor side extension over existing garage. Respond by 30th April. Click here.</p> <p>S.24/0577/HHOLD 8 Juniper Way, Stonehouse Erection of a single storey side / rear extension, loft conversion with dormer. Respond by 30th April. Click here.</p> <p>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. Respond by 1st May. Click here.</p> <p>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. Respond by 3rd May. Click here.</p> <p>S.24/0649/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. Respond by 2nd May. Click here.</p> <p>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. Respond by 2nd May. Click here.</p> <p>S.23/2172/FUL 29 Gloucester Road, Stonehouse Erection of an external staircase and a replacement staff / store room. Respond by 7th May. Click here.</p> <p>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. Respond by 8th May. Click here.</p> <p>S.24/0657/HHOLD 20 Melbourne Drive, Stonehouse Erection of a two storey extension. Respond by 8th May. Click here.</p>
<p>E/766 Reports Working Groups</p>	<p>Updates to be received at the meeting</p>
<p>E/767 Report on Planning Decisions</p>	<p>S.24/0360/TCA Bridgend Farmhouse , Downton Road, Bridgend, Stonehouse. 4x alders - reduce to previous cut height (around 1-1.2m above ground level). CONSENT GIVEN.</p> <p>S.23/2391/FUL Greiner Bio-One Ltd Unit 2 Pear Tree Way Stonehouse Erection of 2m high black paladin fence and manual access gates. (Revised drawings received 16.2.24)</p>

PERMITTED

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

Mature Oak - Reduce the height _ spread of main limb growing towards the house by up to 2 - 3m back to suitable growing point. Reduce lateral spread along fence line by 2 - 3m back to suitable growing point. Shape into the remaining canopy by reducing the remaining overhanging canopy by 2 - 3m. Remove major deadwood.

CONSENT GIVEN

S.24/0312/HHOLD 6 Meadow Road Stonehouse

Erection of a two storey side extension.

PERMITTED

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
INCOME						
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	£1,140.00	£-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%
Total Town Environment Committee		£4,200.00	£0.00	£2,049.64	£-2,150.36	-51.20%
EXPENDITURE						
Town Environment Committee						
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%