



## 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 28<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm at Stonehouse Library, High Street, Stonehouse, GL10 2NG.

#### Committee Members:

Councillors: John Callinan, Keith Creighton, Deborah Curtis (Committee Chair), Marcus Dixon, Neil Gibbs, Stephen Hunter, Simon Macgregor, 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  
22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024

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### A G E N D A

E/840 To receive apologies.

E/841 To note changes to committee membership.

E/842 To elect a new Environment Committee Vice Chair.

E/841 Declarations of Interest

E/842 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

E/843 To receive the latest updated Environment Budget.

E/844 To agree arrangements for the 2025/26 budget setting process.

E/845 To discuss and consider supporting the Great British Energy Bill and decide any actions, if appropriate.

E/846 To determine Terms of Reference for the Court View Working Group.

E/847 To comment on recent Planning Applications (details in support papers)

E/848 To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council.

E/849 To receive Working Groups updates from:

- Communications,
- Stroudwater (Bristol Road) Station,
- Transport and Highways,
- Public Rights of Way
- Recreation.
- Canal Rejuvenation

E/850 Date of next Environment Committee meeting: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024.



## STONEHOUSE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee Meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm at Stonehouse GL10 2NG

**Present:**

Councillors: Deborah Curtis (Committee Chair), Marcus Dixon, Neil Gibbs, Stephen Hunter, Simon Macgregor, Val Randell (Committee Vice Chair) and Theresa Watt.

**Also present:**

Richard Lacey (temporary Minutes Clerk).

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**E/830** To receive apologies.  
None were received.

**E/831** Declarations of Interest  
Councillor Dixon declared a non pecuniary interest but lives in the Bridgend area.  
This was not regarded as prejudicial.

**E/832** To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.  
Committee APPROVED the Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**E/833** To receive the latest updated Environment Budget.  
This was duly noted.

**E/834** To agree arrangements for the 2025/26 budget setting process.  
Councillor Curtis (Chair of Committee) advised Members present that she would be arranging a meeting with the Town Clerk and Vice Chair of Committee to discuss this.

**E/835** To comment on recent Planning Applications (Details in support papers)

- **S.24/1560/CPE. 5 Regency Close, Stonehouse**  
Certificate of Lawful Development for an existing use as a dwelling (Class C3b)  
Comment: No Objection
- **S.24/1561 Ingleside, Browns Lane, Stonehouse**  
Erection of a dormer extension and a covered walkway, extension to outbuilding, extend raised terrace and removal of chimney.



Comment: No objections as long as none from neighbours.

- **S.24/1600/HHOLD. 27 Regent Street, Stonehouse**  
Single storey rear extension.  
Comment: Members raised no objections as long as neighbours did not complain but wished to raise the comment that the new site for the sewer gully appeared to be largely inaccessible due to its narrow confines.
- **S.24/1683/HHOLD. 18 Haven Avenue, Bridgend, Stonehouse, GL10 2AS**  
Erection of a two storey side and single storey and front extension  
Comment: Whilst Members had no objection to the application, subject to none from the neighbours, they wished to raise a concern that this seemed to be overdevelopment of the site.
- **S.24/1665/FUL. Xograph House, Ebley Road, Stonehouse GL10 2LU**  
Erection of a Class B2 building and associated works.  
Comment: Members had no objections but would welcome provision of solar power.
- **S.24/1658/VAR Xograph House, Ebley Road, Stonehouse, GL10 2LU**  
Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) and 3 (materials) from S.23/2538/FUL - alterations to the design of the building.  
Comment: No objections but Members would welcome provision of solar power.
- **S.24/1615/FUL. Land at rear of 42 High Street, Stonehouse**  
Erection of a rear extension to enlarge existing café.  
Comment: No objections as long as none from neighbours

**E/836** To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council.

- **S.24/1284. 15 Melbourne Close, Stonehouse**  
Erection of a two storey side extension  
**PERMITTED**
- **S.24/1217 Little Court, Bristol Road, Stonehouse**  
Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) Addition of 2 small rooflights over the garage structure from S.24/0253/FUL  
**PERMITTED**
- **S.24/1208/FUL Stonehouse Court Hotel, Bristol Road, Stonehouse**  
Replacement roof of the Caroline Suite and installation of solar panels.  
**PERMITTED**
- **S.24/1203/HHOLD. 20 Melbourne Drive, Stonehouse**  
Erection of a two storey and single storey extension. Resubmission of S.24/0657/HHOLD  
**APPLICATION WITHDRAWN**

**E/837** To discuss and consider feedback to NHS Resolution in relation to the appeal against the NHS's decision to grant a further Pharmacy in the area  
Members found no reason to change their support, already submitted, for the application to provide a further Pharmacy in the Town based on perceived demand occasioned by the large increase in new housing provision in the immediate area.

**E/838** To receive Working Groups updates.

- **Communications**

It was noted that a survey had recently been sent for public consultation regarding the future make up of the Stonehouse News.

- **Stroudwater (Bristol Road) Station**

Following a recent meeting with the Stroud Member of Parliament Dr Simon Opher MP he had agreed to call a meeting with GWR and Network Rail to discuss the re-opening of Stonehouse Bristol Road Station amongst other items.

- **Transport and Highways**

Not yet met.

- **Public Rights of Way**

No report. Following the recent Town Council elections Members wished to ascertain which Councillors would be reporting in future.

- **Recreation.**

Councillor Gibbs (Chair of Council / Mayor) reported that a further planning application had been submitted following a visit from Stroud District Council Biodiversity Officer.

He had also met with John Gasan, Chair of the Allotment Association, with a view to recommending some tree planting on the allotment site to further the Town's Arboretum status. Mr Gasan was enthusiastic and possibilities would be discussed further.

**E/839** Date of next Environment Committee meeting: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024.





# Financial Budget Comparison

## for Town Environment Committee

Comparison between 01/04/24 and 22/10/24 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions. Includes commitments.  
Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/24

		2024/2025	Reserve	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
INCOME						
Town Environment Committee						
200	Stonehouse in Bloom	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
205	Event Income/Donations					
205/1	Events	£1,200.00	£0.00	£1,150.00	£-50.00	-4.17%
205/2	Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
205/3	Markets	£0.00	£0.00	£95.00	£95.00	100.00%
205	Total	£1,200.00	£0.00	£1,245.00	£45.00	3.75%
210	Planting Sponsorship	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
215	Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Total Town Environment Committee		£1,200.00	£0.00	£1,245.00	£45.00	3.75%

## EXPENDITURE

Town Environment Committee						
1190	Amenity Areas					
1190/1	Grounds Maintenance (contract)	£27,500.00	£0.00	£16,625.00	£10,875.00	-39.55%
1190/2	Grounds Maintenance (in-house)	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	-100.00%
1190/3	Play Equipment maint/repairs/insp	£3,000.00	£0.00	£1,751.30	£1,248.70	-41.62%
1190/4	Public Space Improvements	£5,300.00	£0.00	£1,197.50	£4,102.50	-77.41%
1190/5	Tree & Hedge/boundary maintenance	£3,500.00	£0.00	£3,268.86	£231.14	-6.60%
1190/6	Waste Collection	£5,500.00	£0.00	£992.97	£4,507.03	-81.95%
1190	Total	£46,800.00	£0.00	£23,835.63	£22,964.37	-49.07%
2000	Christmas Lights	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	-100.00%





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	2024/2025	Reserve	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
2005	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2010					
2010/1	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2010/2	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2010/3	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2010/4	£0.00	£0.00	£338.17	-£338.17	100.00%
2010	£0.00	£0.00	£338.17	-£338.17	100.00%
2050					
2050/1	£6,000.00	£0.00	£870.00	£5,130.00	-85.50%
2050/2	£300.00	£0.00	£0.00	£300.00	-100.00%
2050/3	£3,000.00	£0.00	£1,076.67	£1,923.33	-64.11%
2050/4	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2050	£9,300.00	£0.00	£1,946.67	£7,353.33	-79.07%
2080	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2090					
2090/1	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2090/2	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2090	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
<b>Total Town Environment Committee</b>	<b>£58,100.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£26,120.47</b>	<b>£31,979.53</b>	<b>-55.04%</b>



## Notes on Agenda items, Environment Committee, Monday 28th October 2024

<b>E/842 Minutes</b>	Minutes attached
<b>E/843 Budget report</b>	Report attached
<b>E/845 Great British Energy Bill</b>	<p>Stonehouse Town Council supports the campaign for the Local Electricity Bill, that aims to create growth in community-led renewable energy schemes – known as ‘community energy’ – by enabling them to sell the electricity that they generate directly to local people.</p> <p>This is about a different Bill: the Government’s newly proposed ‘Great British Energy Bill’. This Bill, as currently drafted, sets up the new Great British Energy company and gives it a set of low-carbon and energy security objectives. But the Bill contains no mention of community energy, despite the new Government repeatedly stating its support for the sector and promising measures to boost it.</p> <p>The Bill should be strengthened with an amendment to include enabling community energy as one of Great British Energy’s objectives, otherwise it will be a major missed opportunity.</p> <p>‘We are co-ordinating cross-party support for this amendment, a copy of which is further below. Wera Hobhouse MP has agreed to table it later next week, probably by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. MPs have up until then to sign it. As you can see, five MPs have already put their names to it – three are Labour and two are Green – a decent start. The more MPs who sign it the better the chances of persuading energy ministers to include it in the Bill’.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Email your local MP, or MPs, asking them to, ‘Please sign the cross-party amendment that will include supporting community energy in the Great British Energy Bill, sponsored by MPs Sarah Champion, Carla Denyer, Simon Opher, Adrian Ramsay and Cat Smith and led by Wera Hobhouse MP.’</li> <li>2. Ask people in your network to send a similar message to their MP.</li> </ol> <p>‘This is an exciting opportunity to promote community energy, especially given the recent strong words of support from energy ministers.’ Full details and the background about this are in the latest update <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<b>E/847 Planning Applications</b>	<p><b>S.24/1789/LBC</b> 78 High Street, Stonehouse Replacement of arched window in the front door. Respond by 1<sup>st</sup> November. Click <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><b>S.24/1690/LBC</b> Bridgend Farmhouse, Downton Road, Bridgend, Stonehouse Infill an existing doorway. Reinstall a currently infilled doorway. Widen a currently infilled doorway. Respond by 5<sup>th</sup> November. Click <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><b>S.24/1856/CM 24/0016/STREG3</b> The Elms , Elm Road, Stonehouse Demolition of existing buildings. Respond by 31<sup>st</sup> October. Click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<b>E/848 Report on Planning Decisions</b>	None reported
<b>E/849 Reports Working Groups</b>	Updates to be received at the meeting.

