



## STONEHOUSE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024, 7pm at Stonehouse Library, High Street, Stonehouse, GL10 2NG.

### **Present:**

Councillors: Deborah Curtis (Committee Chair), Marcus Dixon, Simon Macgregor, Val Randell (Committee Vice Chair).

**Also present:** Jacqui Sanders (Deputy Clerk), Ward and Town Cllr John Callinan, Ward Cllr John Parker, Ward and Town Cllr Carol Kambites and a member of the public

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

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There were no questions or comments made from the attending member of the public

### **E/814 To receive apologies.**

Apologies were received from Councillors Neil Gibbs and Theresa Watt

### **E/815 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

### **E/816 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July.**

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

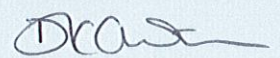
### **E/817 To receive the latest updated Environment Budget.**

Committee RECEIVED the latest budget report detailing total Actual Net income of £410; a total Actual Net expenditure of £15,971.70; no reserve movements

### **E/818 To comment on the first draft of the new management plan for Doverow Woods.**

Ward Cllr John Parker provided an overview of the draft management plan and explained its purpose.

The Chair highlighted the connection with agenda item E/823 by virtue of its link to the future management of the trees at Doverow and elsewhere within the town. The suggestion was that the management plan could be one of the first tasks to be considered by a new working party being considered later in the meeting. The Chair thanked Cllr Parker for his efforts and ongoing commitment in delivering the Woodland Management Plan for Doverow Hill Woods.

  
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With Committee agreement, the Chair brought forward agenda item E/823 for discussion bearing in mind its connection with the previous agenda item. In addition agenda item E/824 was also brought forward.

**E/823 To recommend the formation of a new Woodland & Outdoor Spaces Management sub-committee/working group.**

Ward and Town Cllr John Callinan was asked to speak to this issue in the absence of Town Cllr Neil Gibbs, the author of the proposal.

Cllr Callinan explained how the proposal would benefit the council and the community and in particular why it was now ever more necessary in light of the development and value placed on the urban Arboretum, including Doverow Hill Wood and, the community's green open spaces. As discussed in the previous agenda item (E/818), if approved, the working group would be asked to consider the draft woodland management plan for Doverow Hill Wood.

Ward Cllr John Parker suggested that the name of the working group change to Stonehouse Arboretum and Outdoor Spaces working group - this would more accurately reflect the remit of the group.

It was acknowledged that a Terms of Reference for the working group would need to be agreed but that this could be done once Cllr Membership was decided to be made open to all cllrs at the next full council meeting


Committee **APPROVED** the formation of the 'Stonehouse Arboretum and Outdoor Spaces Working group'. The working group to be formed once Cllr Membership has been determined and Terms of Reference **AGREED**.

**E/824 To discuss the details on the proposed consultation for the planting of the Tree of Gernika.**

Once the exact location has been determined (proposed between the Pump and Flagpole) Committee **RESOLVED** to consult on the installation of the Tree of Gernika in the following ways:

- To erect a stake in the ground attaching a notice providing relevant information
- To write a letter to residents located immediately adjacent to the Green explaining the history and significance of the tree
- Inform the public through Social Media and the council's website

**E/819 To provide a response on the Government's consultation on reforms to National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).**

  
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Committee **RESOLVED** to provide a response to the consultation in letter form to confirm the council's strength of feeling that its ability to comment on future planning applications to the current extent, should remain unaffected.

**E/820 To note the temporary road closure for Stroud Half Marathon 2024.**

Committee **NOTED** the closure

**E/821 To approve new signage for the Willow Tree Practice.**

The request was fully discussed. It was felt that the council would be setting a precedence for advertising on the Town Green should it approve the Medical Centre's request. It was also felt that the proposed location for one of the signs would potentially result in the damage to an established tree located immediately adjacent to the medical centre's access road.

Committee **RESOLVED** to **NOT APPROVE** the Medical Centre's request to erect signage on the Town Green

**E/822 To comment on and feedback to Stroud District Council on their Cultural and Delivery Action Strategy.**

Committee **RESOLVED** to respond to the consultation in letter form explaining that the town council could see the potential alignment within the Cultural and Delivery Action Strategy with the wide range of ideas currently under discussion for projects such as the development of the Ship Inn site.

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Agenda item brought forward - see above for details

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**E/825 To recommend for council approval town council applications for both the Woolpack and Globe Public Houses to become 'Assets of Community Value'**

Due to its concern for the continued existence of both 'The Globe' and 'The Woolpack' as public houses, Committee **RECOMMENDED** council approve the submission of applications to Stroud District Council for both to be considered as 'Assets of Community Value'

**E/826 To comment on planning applications.**

S.24/1389/FUL Unit 1, Pear Tree Way, Stonehouse

  
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Installation of a dust extraction unit on the north elevation (including filters, hopper & motor housing) & 4no. paint booth extracts on the southern elevation.

Respond by 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Decision: 'Stonehouse Town Council objects to this planning application under the Material Planning Considerations of 'Noise or Disturbance'. This council is extremely concerned about the impact of the noise that would be generated, on nearby residential properties and especially the cumulative effect with the noise being produced from factories nearby'.

**E/827** To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council.

Committee RECEIVED the update

**E/828** To receive Working Groups updates. Members may wish to note

any reports from the following:

Comms - A survey of local residents is currently being undertaken in relation to the council's newsletter through Facebook and In Person interactions in the town. The results to be provided to Committee

Stroudwater (Bristol Road) Station - The WG has not met recently

Canal Rejuvenation - Translocation of reptiles taking place over the next four weeks. Working to clear the site of vegetation in early October

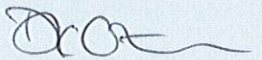
Transport and Highways - Meeting to be convened by the Clerk to discuss approach to dealing with weed issue

Public Rights of Way - Nothing to report

Recreation - Meeting due later this week with planning officer to discuss Stagholt.

**E/829** Date of next Environment Committee meeting: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Committee NOTED the date of the next meeting

  
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# Financial Budget Comparison

## for Town Environment Committee

Comparison between 01/04/24 and 27/08/24 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
<b>INCOME</b>					
<b>Town Environment Committee</b>					
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	£410.00	£-790.00	-65.83%
205/2 Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
205 Total	£1,200.00	£0.00	£410.00	£-790.00	-65.83%
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%
<b>Total Town Environment Committee</b>	<b>£1,200.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£410.00</b>	<b>£-790.00</b>	<b>-65.83%</b>

## EXPENDITURE

<b>Town Environment Committee</b>					
1190 Amenity Areas					
1190/1 Grounds Maintenance (contract)	£27,500.00	£0.00	£11,875.00	£15,625.00	-56.82%
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	£569.20	£2,430.80	-81.03%
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	£263.86	£3,236.14	-92.46%
1190/6 Waste Collection	£5,500.00	£0.00	£992.97	£4,507.03	-81.95%
1190 Total	£46,800.00	£0.00	£14,898.53	£31,901.47	-68.17%
2000 Christmas Lights	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	-100.00%
2005 Climate Change	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%

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2010 In Bloom					
2010/1 Contract Planting	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2010/2 Non-Contract Planting	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2010/3 Watering Services	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2010/4 Other	£0.00	£0.00	£338.17	-£338.17	100.00%
2010 Total	£0.00	£0.00	£338.17	-£338.17	100.00%
2050 Cultural Events & Studies					
2050/1 Goodwill	£6,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6,000.00	-100.00%
2050/2 Civic Awards	£300.00	£0.00	£0.00	£300.00	-100.00%
2050/3 Other	£3,000.00	£0.00	£735.00	£2,265.00	-75.50%
2050/4 Communications	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2050 Total	£9,300.00	£0.00	£735.00	£8,565.00	-92.10%
2080 Neighbourhood Plan Review	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2090 Planning Specialist Advice					
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 Total	£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>£15,971.70</b>	<b>£42,128.30</b>	<b>-72.51%</b>

  
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