



Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee Meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee held on Monday 30th 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).

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

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 2nd 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.

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 28th October 2024.

