



**STONEHOUSE**  
**TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee Meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm at Stonehouse GL10 2NG

**Present:**

Councillors: John Callinan, Keith Creighton, Deborah Curtis (Committee Chair), Marcus Dixon, Stephen Hunter, Simon Macgregor

**Also present:**

Cllr Val Randell, Jacqui Sanders (Deputy Clerk)

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

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**E/840 To receive apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Neil Gibbs and Theresa Watt

**E/841 To note changes to committee membership.**

Committee membership changes noted. Committee welcomed new members.

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

Cllr Deborah Curtis proposed Cllr Keith Creighton as Vice Chair; this was seconded by Cllr Simon Macgregor. All voted in favour.  
Cllr Keith Creighton was elected as Vice Chair.

**E/841a Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

Committee APPROVED the Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

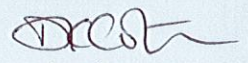
**E/843 To receive the latest updated Environment Budget.**

Committee NOTED the updated report showing a total 'Actual Net' Income of £1,245.00; 'Actual Net' Expenditure of £26,120.47 and Reserve Expenditure of £0.

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

Councillor Curtis (Chair of Committee) advised Members present that a meeting had been arranged with the deputy clerk to discuss this.

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

  
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Committee RESOLVED to write to Cllr Simon Opher to support in principle the Great British Energy Bill and are eager to know how it impacts and benefits the Stonehouse community.

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

Committee AGREED the Court View Working Group Terms of Reference will remain as they are until the next stage of the process:

- To assess and report on the likelihood of the transfer of Open Spaces at Court View from Taylor Wimpey to Stonehouse Town Council on agreeable terms.
- To bring proposals for solutions to identified problems for consideration by the Regeneration and Environment Committee.
- To look at sources of funding and advice regarding measures to improve safety.

At this point in the meeting Cllr John Callinan proposed suspending Standing Orders to discuss the urgent issue of the stalls for Goodwill. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Keith Creighton.

19.35 - Standing Orders were suspended.

An urgent issue has arisen regarding stalls for Goodwill. Nailsworth Chamber of Trade are no longer able to supply the stalls that were booked for Goodwill on 7<sup>th</sup> December. Council are left with three options;

1. Cancel the event
2. Greatly reduce the amount of covered stalls and leave others open to the elements.
3. Purchase new stalls and gazebos.

After much discussion, committee RECOMMENDED that council purchase 40 stalls and gazebos at a cost not exceeding £10,000, from reserves.

19.53 - end of suspended Standing Orders.

**E/847 To comment on recent Planning Applications**

**S.24/1789/LBC** 78 High Street, Stonehouse  
Replacement of arched window in the front door.

**Comment: This council has no objections.**

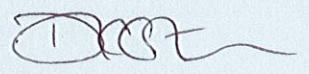
**S.24/1690/LBC** Bridgend Farmhouse, Downton Road, Bridgend, Stonehouse  
Infill an existing doorway. Reinstate a currently infilled doorway. Widen a currently infilled doorway.

**Comment: This council has no objections.**

**S.24/1856/CM 24/0016/STREG3** The Elms, Elm Road, Stonehouse  
Demolition of existing buildings.

**Comment: This council has no objections, and fully supports the comments made by the Environmental Health officer.**

**S.24/1753/HHOLD** 1 High Street, Stonehouse  
Erection of a greenhouse and replacement workshop.

  
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**Comment: No objections as long as none from neighbours.**

**S.24/1936/TCA Bonds Mill , Bristol Road, Stonehouse**  
Tree works between Bonds Mill to Roving Bridge.

**Comment: This council has no objections.**

**S.24/1933/HHOLD 67 Pheasant Mead, Stonehouse**  
Erection of a conservatory.

**Comment: No objections as long as none from neighbours.**

**S.24/1937/TCA Lockside, Newtown, Stonehouse**  
Works to various trees along the Stroudwater Navigation bank

**Comment: This council has no objections.**

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

None received.

**E/849 To receive Working Groups updates.**

- **Communications**

A Comms meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

- **Stroudwater (Bristol Road) Station**

A meeting has been arranged with GWR in December.

- **Transport and Highways**

Not yet met.

- **Public Rights of Way**

A meeting was held on 24<sup>th</sup> October. Nothing to report.


- **Recreation.**

Not met.

- **Canal Rejuvenation**

Not met, but work has commenced in clearing the Ship Inn site. 31 volunteers worked really hard on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October, to clear the ground.

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

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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%