

### To Members of the Town Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a Town Council Meeting to be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.00pm at the Town Hall, 1 Queens Road, Stonehouse

### **Council Members:**

Councillors: John Callinan, Keren Capeling, Keith Creighton, Debbie Curtis, Marcus Dixon, Stephen Hunter, Carol Kambites, Simon MacGregor, Madelaine Maraboli-Roman, Neil Gibbs, Val Randell, Keith Terry and Theresa Watt

All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend the meeting. 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 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January '25

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

### AGENDA

TC3364	To receive apologies
TC3365	To receive declarations of interest
TC3366	To approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting of 9th December '24
TC3367	To receive reports from Chair of Town Council and town councillors
TC3368	To receive reports from County and District Councillors
TC3369	To receive RFO's budget report and bank reconciliation for December '24
TC3370	To approve the latest payment lists
TC3371	To approve the Council's Budget for the 2025/26 financial year
TC3372	To approve the Council's Precept for the 2025/26 financial Year
TC3373	To receive the resignation letter from Town Councillor Gary Powell and to note the dates for advertising the vacancy
TC3374	To receive the draft minutes of Business Committee meeting of 13 <sup>th</sup> January '25 and approve the following recommendation:

- Subject to positive references, a contract should be awarded to the preferred contractor for the supply of HR and H&S advice and support on a three year term with the proviso that should a termination clause be included within the contract, a five year term would be considered.
- TC3375 To receive the draft minutes of Environment Committee meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> January '25 and approve:
  - a contractor to undertake the necessary tree works to the Willow tree,
     as specified by an experienced arboriculturist.
- TC3376 To approve the following in relation to the Ship Inn site:
  - the transfer of £10,000 from the council's General Fund to its Earmarked Reserve for the Ship Inn site
  - the expenditure £7,500 as detailed in the support papers
- TC3377 To note the date of the next town council meeting Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February '25

## Notes on Agenda items, Full Town Council Monday 20th January 2025

TC3366 - Minutes	See attached minutes
TC3368 – Ward Cllr Update	See attached update
TC3369 – Budget and Reconciliation	See attached budget report and reconciliation for December 2024
TC3370 – Payment list	Payment lists and additional report for Standing order and Direct Debit payments to follow
TC3371 - 2025/26	See attached budget setting paper – this shows a proposed increased budget totalling £26,272
Budget	representing a 6.21% rise.
	The budget setting paper has been discussed at both Environment Committee, Business  Committee and Full Town Council in detail over the past months involving all town councillors
TC3372 - Precept	Council is presented with the outcome of several detailed budget discussions by both committees and full council over the past few months. The final budget recommended for approval by council represents a 6.21% increase totalling £26,272.
	In previous years, Council has supported a proportion of its proposed budget through the use of its reserves. The calculation used to determine the increased budget of 6.21% for the 2025/26 financial year places no reliance on support from reserves.
TC3373 – Cllr Vacancy	Town Councillor Gary Powell has resigned from the town council after many years of service. The resignation has left a vacancy that is required to be filled as soon as possible. Officers have consulted with the elections department at Stroud District Council and having been advised of the vacancy has agreed a notice period inviting residents to call for an election. The notice has been published on the council's notice board, website and facebook page (Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January '25). Residents have until 7 <sup>th</sup> February to call for an election. Failing this, the vacancy will be filled through Co-option.
TC3374 – Business	See attached draft minutes
Committee	
	Recommendation regarding the future provision of HR and H&S advice and support is detailed on
	the town council agenda
TC3375 –	See attached draft minutes
Environment	Description of the street is detailed
Committee	Recommendation in relation to the works required on the Willow Tree in the High street is detailed in the town council agenda
TC3376 – Reserves	In support of the council's efforts to secure the long term use of the Ship Inn site for the future use
movement	by the Stonehouse community, Council had set up an earmarked reserve into which £10,000 was transferred from the general fund in January '24 and following a council decision in August '24, a further transfer of £10,000 was made in December '24.
	The council's working groups (Anchor and project groups) have needed to resolve a whole number of issues arising from existing legislation governing biodiversity, but had not been enacted until 2024 – this brought about significant costs, huge amounts of efforts amongst massive uncertainty – see attached reserve sheet detailing costs to date.
	The town council has now reached the point that allows it fully access the site to consult with the community about its future use. To do this successfully, Spice has identified site works and ancillaries totalling approx. £7,500. Whilst there is £7,058 remaining in the earmarked reserve at the current time, further phased works will be needed In time requiring further funding.
	Recommendation – To complete the transfer of £10,000 from the Reserves General Fund to the Ship Inn site Earmarked Reserve





# Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at the Town Hall

Present:

Councillors:

Councillors: John Callinan, Keren Capeling, Keith Creighton, Neil

Gibbs (Chair of Council), Stephen Hunter, Carol Kambites, Madelaine Maraboli-Roman, Gary Powell, Val Randell, Keith Terry

and Theresa Watt (vice Chair of Council).

In Attendance:

Carlos Novoth - Town Clerk, members of the public including

representatives of Homestart and Stonehouse Community

Association

Attendees were reminded that the <u>Proceedings</u> of the meeting could be filmed photographed or recorded.

A member of the public offered an existing booking (Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December between 6pm and 8pm) of Stonehouse Community centre to stall holders that were unable to attend the Goodwill event. Council noted this offer. In addition, the individual noted her interest in joining the Councill's Communications and, Stonehouse Arboretum and Open Spaces working groups. The Chair committed the council to advising stallholders of the offer and he would refer the latter to the working group leads.

TC3350 To receive apologies

The Council received apologies from Cllrs Debbie Curtis, Marcus Dixon and Simon MacGregor

TC3351 To receive declarations of interest

Declarations of interest were raised by Cllr Carol Kambites in relation to agenda item TC3356 and Cllr Keith Terry for agenda item 2 on TC3359

TC3352 To approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting of 18<sup>th</sup>

November '24

Council **APPROVED** the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting

TC3353 To receive reports from Chair of Town Council and town councillors

The following updates were provided:

The Chair

- Commented on the inappropriate and slanderous video produced by Glos County Councillor Nick Housden
- Highlighted the Christmas float on Thursday and Friday help was needed

### Cllrs added

- Keith Terry and Val Randell attended the Door's presentation evening and said they were impressed with the event - it was very moving and inspiring
- Theresa Watt shared her disappointment at the Goodwill event being cancelled - thanks were given to all who supported the event during the year and in particular the decision makers who cancelled the event
- John Callinan highlighted the CROW meeting to decide on the DMMO's for Verney Fields - he will be attending the meeting and has raised a question. He also raised a concern in relation to the condition and recent movement of the Willow Tree near the Globe Public House. The Clerk was tasked with arranging a further survey and liaise with the Chair and Vice Chair in relation to required works.
- Gary Powell he commented on the amount of dog fouling at Oldends Lane playing field - the need to position the late 'Sue Latchford's' bench seat within the town - Gary Powell is intending to resign from the council at Christmas - Neil Gibbs thanked Gary for all his work over the years. Gary Powell asked for the fold away seating to be provided for the Carol Service

### TC3354 To receive reports from County and District Councillors

A written update was provided by Ward Cllr Carol Kambites - she added that at a recent Environment Committee meeting at SDC, decisions were made to include household batteries to the recycling service and possibly small electrical items. Also recently, 4 CIL projects were considered, two of which involving the opening of a new surgery building and related community facilities in the south of the district received approval.

Ward Cllr John Callinan also commented that whilst a recent meeting between the town council and SDC's Chief officers was considered to be very positive and productive, he is frustrated by the varying degree of action of certain district officers especially in relation to the district owned open space in Meadow road.

The county councillor for Stonehouse, Nick Housden, did not attend the meeting and did not provide the council with a written update. The Chair confirmed that the Pharmacists' move to the vacant shop, formerly the DIY supplies shop fairly shortly.

With agreement of Council, the Chair brought forward Agenda item TC3359

TC3359 To receive the draft minutes of Business Committee meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> Nov '24 and approve the following recommendations:

Council NOTED the draft minutes



1. Council approve the new Stonehouse Town Football Club lease subject to the Clerk ensuring that a relevant review clause is included.

Council **APPROVED** the new Stonehouse Town Football Club Lease agreement

- 2. Council sets aside the equivalent amounts requested in Stonehouse Community Association's grant application of £7,500 for repairs and £5,000 for tree maintenance in Reserves, in the event they may be required. Payment of these amounts will be subject to the provision of detailed costings and relevant invoices. Council RESOLVED to set aside a total of £12,500 in an earmarked reserve to support Stonehouse Community Association in the event the association is faced with major repair costs or costs associated with tree maintenance works over the next two financial years 2025/26 and 2026/27.
- 3. Council approve the award of a revenue grant to 'Homestart' totalling £15,000 per year for three years (2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28). The grant to be funded from the council's reserves with consideration given to the amounts being precepted Council APPROVED the award of a three year revenue grant to Homestart in line with its detailed grant application for financial years 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28.

To receive RFO's budget report and bank reconciliation for Nov '24
Cllr Carol Kambites asked about whether the elections payment had
been made. The Clerk confirmed that it hadn't yet.
Council NOTED the Bank reconciliation for November 2024 with a closing
balance of £123,037.56.
Council also NOTED the budget report showing a total 'Actual Net'
Income of £412,485.91; an 'Actual Net Expenditure of £357,828.07 and a
reserve movement of £36,084.84

Cllr Carol Kambites left the meeting in light of her declared interest (7.35pm)

TC3356 To approve the latest payment lists

Council **APPROVED** the BACS payment list totalling £36,978.21 Council retrospectively APPROVED the Debit Card payments totalling £520.88

Council **NOTED** the payment reports for Standing orders and Variable Direct Debits totalling £13,841.64 and £2,254.91 respectively

Cllr Carol Kambites returned to the meeting (7.37pm)

TC3357 To approve additional expenditure for the installation of the council's new sewer line at Oldends Lane

The Chair directed Cllrs to the Clerk's report in supporting papers. Whilst Cllrs felt it was disappointing to have received such an increase, Cllrs understood the reason for it.



Council **APPROVED** the payment of additional costs of £10,526.38 to 'Cambrain Civil Engineering' to ensure successful completion of the new sewer-pipe at Oldends Lane

# TC3358 To receive Committee updates on the budget setting process for the 2025/26 financial year

Cllrs were provided with the latest updated budget papers for 2025/26 financial year's budget.

SDC have now confirmed the increase of 14 'Band D' properties in. Following the most up to date committee budget discussions, Council will need to consider a budget increase of £26,000. Views on how this budget increase should be achieved varied from precepting the full amount to covering some or all of the increase from the council's reserves - the latter being on the basis that the current year's budget out turn figures could be overstated.

The 2025/26 draft budget did not include the provision of new Christmas Lighting or the maintenance costs of adopting Court View Council agreed that committees should further consider budget details

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# TC3360 To receive the draft minutes of Environment Committee meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> December '24 and approve: Council NOTED the draft minutes

 Match funding towards the purchase of a 'Mindray' C1A fully automatic defibrillator and heated cabinet through the 'Community Defibrillator Grant Scheme' Council APPROVED the purchase of the fully automatic defibrillator at a cost to the council of £750 plus vat



2. An increase in the council's Newsletter budget to accommodate the design, printing and delivery to every household of 4 newsletters each year Cllr Carol Kambites provided an overview of the process by which the working group had progressed this issue. Whilst it was suggested that volunteers should be used to deliver the newsletters, it was felt that this would take time to organise and therefore the increase in budget initially needs to include the cost of delivery to each household Council APPROVED a £4,000 increase to the council's Newsletter budget.

- TC3361 To approve a revised council meeting schedule for the 2025 calendar year
  Council APPROVED the revised council meeting schedule for 2025
- TC3362 To agree town cllr membership for the new 'Community Arboretum and Open Spaces Working Group'
  Council NOTED Cllrs Stephen Hunter and Theresa Watt as members of the new 'Stonehouse Arboretum and Open Spaces' working group
- TC3363 To note the date of the next town council meeting Monday 20<sup>th</sup>
  January '25
  Council NOTED the date of the next town council meeting



### SDC Councillors' report - January 2025

### **Council meetings**

Link to meeting agenda and documents in the committee title.

Development Control Committee - 3rd December

- Land at M5 Junction 13 west of Stonehouse (New FGR Site) S.23/1484/REM
  - Reserved matters (layout, scale, external appearance of the stadium and the landscaping of the site)
  - Permitted unanimous
- Forest Green Rovers, New Lawn, Forest Green (Existing Site) S.18/0815/OUT
  - Resubmission of S.17/0850/OUT The demolition of the existing FGR Stadium to provide up to 95 dwellings and community use
  - o Up to eight years to complete the new stadium before construction can start
  - o Permitted unanimous
- Bentley Cottage, Vicarage Street, Painswick S.24/1747/HHOLD
  - o Erection of a two storey side extension and single storey front extension
  - Officers recommended refusal for a number of reasons
  - Refused after lengthy discussion (just one abstention)
- Very little revenue being generated by way of fees (29% of what was expected for the year). Fee increases likely.
- Video recording

### **Environment Committee - 5th December**

- Approved the collection of household batteries and vapes/e-cigs from the kerbside from April 2025
- New additional materials to be collected at kerbside most likely including small electricals in similar timeframe
- Approved two Community Infrastructure Levy projects feasibility studies for a new Doctors' practice and a Health Hub in Cam
- Funding for the Nailsworth Cycle track were not approved, work will continue with County
- Video recording

### Housing Committee - 10th December

• Depooling is the separation of service charges from rents.

- o Approved with caps and mitigations for hardship.
- Separate charges from 01 April 2025.
- Housing budget and HRA medium term plan reviewed and approved
  - Increase in temporary accommodation cost against budget, maybe covered by grant.
  - o Overall position much better than this time last year.
  - Possible spike in right to buy due to reductions in discounts coming.
  - Social and affordable rents to increase by 2.7%
- Video recording

### Community Services and Licensing Committee - 12th December

- Performance and budget monitoring along with revenue forecasts
  - Pressures: CCTV replacement, Ubico costs, Housing benefits, Public spaces & Stratford Park in-house
  - Savings: Revenue & Benefit salaries
- Approved Active Lifestyles Be Active concession scheme.
- Approved Active Lifestyles Leisure Oversight Board membership and seek approval of the terms of reference for the board.
- Video recording

### Full Council - 19th December

- Approval given for £630,000 to purchase commercial units being developed at <u>Brimscombe Port</u>. Ensuring the Council has more control over the space provided and the development is in line with the council's and key stakeholder's vision.
- Agreed to sign the UK100 Charter for Collaboration which supports the ambition of delivering clean energy alongside climate goals.
- Agreed to support <u>Ubico</u>'s request to explore growth opportunities with potential new shareholders and fund a share of those exploratory costs.
- Video recording

### Local Government Re-organisation

Cllr Braun, SDC Leader, gave an update to Full Council on the English Devolution White Paper and the fate of Stroud District Council. A summary by our local democracy reporter here Gloucester News Centre.

The white paper provisions include the abolition of all District and County Councils and their replacement by Unitary Authorities covering populations of at least 500,000. These are then expected to join together into strategic authorities under a directly elected mayor.

In Gloucestershire, this is likely to mean a unitary authority at county level, but there are various possibilities for the formation of a strategic authority. Gloucestershire County Council has put

in a request for the county to be fast tracked. If agreed, this means that the county council elections due this year would be cancelled with councillors serving an extra year until Unitary Authority elections in 2026. The Unitary would take over the County responsibilities immediately and the Districts would be dissolved a year later. However, 5 of the 6 District Council leaders have written to the Secretary of state opposing the fast tracking and it seems unlikely to happen. It is felt to be more likely that the Unitary will be formed in 2027 or 2028 and the Districts dissolved a year later.

The implications for Town and Parish Councils are unknown but may mean us taking on some additional assets and/or responsibilities.

### Other News

• Museum in the Park's Annual Report has been published.

Finally, to mention that there has been a bit of a move around of responsibilities amongst the Green Group, the outcome of which is that from next month I will be on Development Control Committee as well as Housing Committee.

Thanks as usual to Cllr Gareth Kitchen for the section on Council meetings. The section on Local Government Reorganisation was mostly mine and I'm happy to try and answer questions at the meeting.

Carol Kambites, 15th Jan 2025



# Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/24 and 14/01/25 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions. Includes commitments. Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/24

		2024/2025	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
INCOME						
Town Bus	Town Business Committee					
100	Precept	£383,870.25	£0.00	£383,870.00	-£0.25	0.00%
105	Newsletter Advertising	£100.00	£0.00	£0.00	-£100.00	-100.00%
120	Feed-in Tariff from Town Hall	£800.00	£0.00	£787.74	-£12.26	-1.53%
125	Stonehouse Town FC lease	£600.00	£0.00	£0.00	-£600.00	-100.00%
126	STFC Water Recharge	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00	€0.00	0.00%
127	STFC Electric Recharge	£1,500.00	£0.00	£1,573.38	£73.38	4.89%
130	Athletics Field Lease	£0.00	€0.00	£0.00	€0.00	0.00%
135	Phone Mast on Land	£1,000.00	£0.00	€0.00	-£1,000.00	-100.00%
140	Building Lease at OEL	£637.00	£0.00	£637.00	£0.00	0.00%
145	Magpies Social Club	£3,150.00	€0.00	£2,362.50	-£787.50	-25.00%
150	Community Centre Lease	£500.00	€0.00	£500.00	£0.00	0.00%
155	OEL Pitch Hire	£2,000.00	£0.00	£2,815.00	£815.00	40.75%
160	Misc Income	£500.00	€0.00	£7,968.99	£7,468.99	1493.80%
170	Investments Interest	£0.00	£0.00	€0.00	£0.00	0.00%
171	Bank Interest - Lloyds Bank	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	-£1,000.00	-100.00%
172	Bank Interest - Charity A/C	£1,000.00	£0.00	€0.00	-£1,000.00	-100.00%
173	Bank Interest - Natwest	£1,000.00	€0.00	£5.79	-£994.21	-99.42%
174	Bank interest - Cambridge BS	£1,000.00	€0.00	£2,602.40	£1,602.40	160.24%
175	Town Hall/Library Recharges	£3,400.00	€0.00	£2,707.42	-£692.58	-20.37%
176	Bank Interest - Nationwide	£1,000.00	£0.00	€0.00	-£1,000.00	-100.00%
177	Bank Interest - Melton Building	£1,000.00	£0.00	€0.00	-£1,000.00	-100.00%

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Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/24

-100.00%	£400.00	£0.00	£0.00	£400.00	110 Travel Costs/Staff & Councillors	1110
-81.58%	£244.75	£55.25	£0.00	£300.00	100 Mayor's Charity & Expenses	1100
-40.45%	£2,123.86	£3,126.14	£0.00	£5,250.00	O90 Admin Expenses	1090
-44.67%	£1,206.05	£1,493.95	€0.00	£2,700.00	O80 Town Hall/Library STC costs	1080
-33.39%	£4,574.25	£9,125.75	£0.00	£13,700.00	700 Town Hall/Library Shared Costs	1070
-39.39%	£6,853.00	£20,547.00	£10,000.00	£17,400.00	060 Grants	1060
-6.20%	£31.01	£3,307.86	£2,838.87	£500.00	050 Office Equipment Renewals	1050
-26.07%	£2,489.44	£7,060.56	€0.00	£9,550.00	040 IT support	1040
-58.56%	£4,684.50	£3,690.50	£375.00	£8,000.00	030 Professional Fees	1030
-90.77%	£2,269.31	£230.69	£0.00	£2,500.00	020 Health & Safety	1020
-67.38%	£2,695.37	£1,304.63	£0.00	£4,000.00	010 Training & Recruitment	1010
-22.24%	£45,589.86	£159,410.14	€0.00	£205,000.00	Town Business Committee 1000 Salaries	<b>Towr</b> 1000
					EXPENDITURE	EXP
1.93%	£8,024.97	£423,482.22	£0.00	£415,457.25	Total Income	Tota
-8.75%	-£105.00	£1,095.00	£0.00	£1,200.00	Total Town Environment Committee	Tota
0.00%	£0.00	€0.00	£0.00	€0.00	15 Grants	215
0.00%	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	Planting Sponsorship	210
-8.75%	-£105.00	£1,095.00	€0.00	£1,200.00	.05 Event Income/Donations	205
0.00%	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	€0.00	Town Environment Committee  200 Stonehouse in Bloom	<b>Tow</b> 200
1.96%	£8,129.97	£422,387.22	€0.00	£414,257.25	Total Town Business Committee	Tota
63.57%	£6,357.00	£16,357.00	€0.00	£10,000.00	78 CCLA Interest	178
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Comparison between 01/04/24 and 14/01/25 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions. Includes commitments. Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/24

-44.74%	£194,598.19	£418,289.94	£90,561.00	£434,980.00	Total Expenditure	Z
-40.63%	£23,607.05	£34,492.95	£0.00	£58,100.00	Total Town Environment Committee	Ţ
0.00%	£0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	2090 Planning Specialist Advice	20
0.00%	£0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	2080 Neighbourhood Plan Review	20
-52.48%	£4,880.85	£4,419.15	€0.00	£9,300.00	2050 Cultural Events & Studies	20
100.00%	-£338.17	£338.17	€0.00	€0.00	2010 In Bloom	20
0.00%	£0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	2005 Climate Change	20
-100.00%	£2,000.00	€0.00	€0.00	£2,000.00	2000 Christmas Lights	20
-36.46%	£17,064.37	£29,735.63	€0.00	£46,800.00	Town Environment Committee 1190 Amenity Areas	1 <b>7</b>
-22.19%	£83,644.01	£383,796.99	£90,561.00	£376,880.00	Total Town Business Committee	Ę,
-100.00%	£5,000.00	£0.00	€0.00	£5,000.00	1230 Climate Change	12
100.00%	-£13,481.39	£90,828.52	£77,347.13	£0.00	1220 Project Planning & Delivery	12
1.78%	-£124.37	£7,124.37	€0.00	£7,000.00	1210 Insurances	12
-10.40%	£364.16	£3,135.84	£0.00	£3,500.00	1200 Subscriptions	12
-51.61%	£5,367.89	£5,032.11	£0.00	£10,400.00	1180 Youth Centre Overheads	$\stackrel{\rightarrow}{\rightarrow}$
-8.61%	£5,255.00	£55,745.00	€0.00	£61,000.00	1170 Youth Centre Workers	<u> </u>
-41.34%	£1,571.03	£2,228.97	€0.00	£3,800.00	1160 Equipment & Vehicle Costs	<u> </u>
-28.20%	£1,071.47	£2,728.53	€0.00	£3,800.00	1150 Workshop Overheads	$\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{\rightarrow}$
-40.92%	£5,278.82	£7,621.18	£0.00	£12,900.00	1140 Pavilion Overheads	$\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{\rightarrow}$
-100.00%	£180.00	£0.00	€0.00	£180.00	1130 Civic/Remembrance Parades	$\vec{\exists}$
0.00%	£0.00	£0.00	€0.00	€0.00	1120 Election Costs	$\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{\Rightarrow}$
Bal %age	Balance	Actual Net	Reserve Movements	2024/2025		

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Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/24

3.09	-£99,226.09	£5,192.28		-£19,522.75	Total Net Balance
1.06	£107,251.06	£90,561.00 £418,289.94	£90,561.00	£434,980.00	Total Expenditure
1.97	£8,024.97	£0.00 £423,482.22	€0.00	£415,457.25	Total Income
nce	Balance	Actual Net	Reserve Movements	2024/2025	

Bal %age

-1.93% -24.66%



# Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Stonehouse Town Council

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Statement Number

57

Bank Statement No. 57

Statement Opening Balance

£123,037.56

Opening Date

Closing Date

01/12/24

Statement Closing Balance

£72,683.50

31/12/24

True/ Cashbook Closing

£72,683.50

Balance

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
02/12/24	FPI021224CCLARK	Chauncy Clark	0.00	5.00	123,042.56
02/12/24	FPI021224KCAPELI NG	Keren Capeling	0.00	20.00	123,062.56
02/12/24	FPI021224KCRICK	Ken Crick	0.00	20.00	123,082.56
02/12/24	FPI021224STFC	Stonehouse Town Football Club	0.00	159.81	123,242.37
02/12/24	FPO021224CKAMBI TES	Carol Kambites	22.41	0.00	123,219.96
02/12/24	FPO021224TWATT	Theresa Watt	275.40	0.00	122,944.56
03/12/24	DEB031224AMAZO N	Amazon	10.98	0.00	122,933.58
03/12/24	FPI031224SJCAKE S	S J Cakes - Sarah Keen	0.00	10.00	122,943.58
04/12/24	FPI041224MAGPIE S	Magpies Social Club	0.00	262.50	123,206.08
05/12/24	BGC051224GCC	Gloucestershire County Council	0.00	776.24	123,982.32
06/12/24	DEB061224PEUGE OT	Peugeot Ext Warranty	576.00	0.00	123,406.32
09/12/24	DD091224YUENER GY	YU Energy	1,699.80	0.00	121,706.52
09/12/24	FPI091224STFC	Stonehouse Town Football Club	0.00	200.00	121,906.52
10/12/24	DD101224YUENER GY	YU Energy	295.04	0.00	121,611.48
11/12/24	FPO111224ALLSTO NE	Allstone Speedy Skips	297.60	0.00	121,313.88
11/12/24	FPO111224CAMBRI AN	Cambrian Civil Engineering	34,704.38	0.00	86,609.50
11/12/24	FPO111224CCT	Cotswold Canals Trust	40.00	0.00	86,569.50
11/12/24	FPO111224CKAMBI TES	Carol Kambites	20.88	0.00	86,548.62
11/12/24	FPO111224CNOVO TH	Carlos Novoth	34.25	0.00	86,514.37
11/12/24	FPO111224COTSD RAIN	Cotswold Drain Services	185.00	0.00	86,329.37
11/12/24	FPO111224GCC	Gloucestershire County Council	179.89	0.00	86,149.48
11/12/24	FPO111224JIREH	Jireh Solutions Ltd	398.06	0.00	85,751.42
11/12/24	FPO111224KELLA WAY	Kellaway Building Supplies Ltd	28.83	0.00	85,722.59
11/12/24	FPO111224MDLKE LEX	MDL Kelex	90.00	0.00	85,632.59

## **Bank Account Reconciled Statement**

11/12/24	FPO111224MRGSY STEMS	MRG Systems	240.00	0.00	85,392.59
11/12/24	FPO111224NAILSW ORTH	Nailsworth Silver Band	200.00	0.00	85,192.59
11/12/24	FPO111224PLAYS AFETY	Playsafety Limited	360.00	0.00	84,832.59
11/12/24	FPO111224PROLIFI C	Prolific Solutions (South West) Ltd	139.32	0.00	84,693.27
11/12/24	FPO111224STONH OUSECC	Stonehouse Community Association	60.00	0.00	84,633.27
12/12/24	DD121224WATERP LUS	WaterPlus	49.89	0.00	84,583.38
12/12/24	FPI121224STFC	Stonehouse Town Football Club	0.00	1,700.00	86,283.38
16/12/24	DD161224NEST	NEST	2,957.47	0.00	83,325.91
16/12/24	DEB161224VOIPFO NE	Voipfone	8.40	0.00	83,317.51
17/12/24	BGC171224EDF	EDF	0.00	151.67	83,469.18
17/12/24	DEB171224SCREW FIX	Screwfix	39.99	0.00	83,429.19
17/12/24	DEB171224VIKING	Viking	73.21	0.00	83,355.98
17/12/24	FPI171224CCLARK	Chauncy Clark	0.00	5.00	83,360.98
17/12/24	PAY171224LLOYDS	Lloyds Bank	8.50	0.00	83,352.48
18/12/24	DD181224SKY	Sky Mobile	10.00	0.00	83,342.48
20/12/24	DEB201224VOIPFO NE	Voipfone	20.00	0.00	83,322.48
23/12/24	BGC231224WESSE XRF	Wessex Reserves Force	0.00	637.00	83,959.48
23/12/24	DD231224JSTAYTE	John Stayte Services Ltd	99.98	0.00	83,859.50
23/12/24	DD231224WATERP LUS	WaterPlus	63.07	0.00	83,796.43
24/12/24	DD241224BT	ВТ	179.82	0.00	83,616.61
24/12/24	SO241224STAFF	Staff Salaries	11,045.79	0.00	72,570.82
30/12/24	SO301224PATA	PATA Payroll	74.60	0.00	72,496.22
31/12/24	FPI311224STFC	Stonehouse Town Football Club	0.00	187.28	72,683.50

### Uncleared and unpresented effects

Total uncleared and unpresented 0.00 0.00

Total debits / credits 54488.56 4134.5

Reconciled by	David Marsden		
Signed			
Clerk	k / Responsible Financial Officer	Chair	
Date			



# Stonehouse Town Council Expenditure transactions - approval list

Start of year 01/04/24

Supplier totals will include confidential items

BACS	Payments					
No	Payment Reference	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details	Invoice
4160		£25.87	1150/4	09/01/25	G R Fasteners - Jubilee Clip x 5	871048
		£25.87		G R Fasteners	s - Total	
4163		£273.00	1140/5	14/01/25	M D Electrical Contracting - Testing Emergency Lighting & Investigate Shutters at Pavilion	2118
		£273.00		M D Electrical	Contracting - Total	
4164		£14,149.00	1170	14/01/25	The Door - Quarter 4 - Youthwork & Additional Funding	1423/1424
		£14,149.00		The Door - To	otal	
Total	×-	£14,447.87				

Signature	Signature	
Date		



# Stonehouse Town Council

# Expenditure transactions - approval list

Start of year 01/04/24

Supplier totals will include confidential items

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No	Payment Reference	Gross H	leading	Invoice date	Details	Invoice
4157		£359.00		08/01/25	Portal Plan Quest Ltd - Payment for planning application service - Stagholt	
	1	£289.00 122	220/2		Application Fee	
	2	£70.00 122	220/2		Service Charge	
		£359.00		Portal Plan Qu	est Ltd - Total	
4158		£320.00 12	200	09/01/25	Survey Monkey - Annual Subscription	46409327
		£320.00		Survey Monke	y - Total	
Total	-	£679.00				

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Date		



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Date	Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Heading	Net Vat type	Vat	Gross Due	Payment Reference	Paid
24/12/24	4 BT059	ВТ	Internet - Pod - 3rd Quarter	1180/9	£149.85 20% Standard	£29.97	£179.82 23/01/25		
12/12/24	4 9002480	John Stayte Services Ltd	December 2024 - Fuel - Diesel	1160/3	£41.67 20% Standard	£8.33	£50.00 11/01/25		
18/12/24	4 443507060	Lloyds Bank	Dec '24 Bank Charges	1090/2	£8.50 Zero Rated	£0.00	£8.50 17/01/25		
03/01/25	5 445827294	Lloyds Bank	Jan '25 Bank Charges	1090/2	£8.50 Zero Rated	£0.00	£8.50 02/02/25		
12/12/24	4	NEST	December 2024	1000/1	£2,957.47 Outside the S	£0.00	£2,957.47 11/01/25		
16/12/24	4	Sky Mobile	Dec 2024 - CCTV Sim Card Ship Inn Site	1220/3	£10.00 Outside the S	£0.00	£10.00 15/01/25		
16/12/24	4 1014588023 Voipfone	Voipfone	December 2024 - Renewal of number and PBX - D/D	1040/4	£7.00 20% Standard	£1.40	£8.40 15/01/25		
23/12/24	4 1014591934	Voipfone	Auto Top Up	1040/4	£16.67 20% Standard	£3.33	£20.00 22/01/25		
14/01/25	5 1014612069	Voipfone	Dec '24 - Renewal of number & PBX	1040/4	£7.00 20% Standard	£1.40	£8.40 13/02/25		
04/12/24	4 7588786	WaterPlus	Nov 2024 - Water - Pavilion - D/D	1140/2	£49.89 Zero Rated	£0.00	£49.89 03/01/25		
09/12/24	4 7688575	WaterPlus	Nov 2024 - Water - TH - D/D	1070/2	£63.07 Zero Rated	£0.00	£63.07 08/01/25		
20/12/24	4 7809200	WaterPlus	Dec 2024 - Water - Pod - D/D	1180/2	£21.02 Zero Rated	£0.00	£21.02 19/01/25		
02/01/25	5 7863352	WaterPlus	Dec 2024 - Water - Pavilion - D/D	1140/2	£34.42 Zero Rated	£0.00	£34.42 01/02/25		
09/01/25	5 7963953	WaterPlus	Dec '24 - Water - TH	1070/2	£67.61 Zero Rated	€0.00	£67.61 08/02/25		
14/01/25	5 8045992	WaterPlus	Jan '25 - Water - Pod	1180/2	£18.29 Zero Rated	£0.00	£18.29 13/02/25		
02/01/25	5 2231245	YU Energy	Dec '24 - Electric - Pod - D/D	1180/3	£132.43 5%	£6.62	£139.05 01/02/25		
02/01/25	5 2231244	YU Energy	Dec '24 - Electric - Library - D/D	1070/3	£89.90 5%	£4.50	£94.40 01/02/25		
02/01/25	5 2231242	YU Energy	Dec '24 - Electric - TH - D/D	1070/3	£173.20 5%	£8.66	£181.86 01/02/25		
07/01/25	5 2279096	YU Energy	Dec '24 - Gas - TH	1070/4	£309.25 5%	£15.46	£324.71 06/02/25		



4161	14/01/25	2301698	YU Energy	Dec '24 - Electric - Pav	1140/3	£754.42 20% Standard	£150.88	£905.30 13/02/25
20	Transac	tions			Total	£4,920.16	£230.55	£5,150.71



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Date Invoice no. 12/12/24 24/0471/PP	Invoice no. Supplier 24/0471/PP PATA Payroll	Details December 2024	Heading 1000/1	Net Vat type £74.60 Outside the S	Vat £0.00	Gross Due £74.60 11/01/25	Payment Reference	Paid
	Staff Salaries	December 2024	1000/1	£11,045.79 Outside the S	£0.00	£11,045.79 11/01/25		
Transactions			Total	£11,120.39	\$0.00	£11,120.39		



## Precept Calculator

### Start of year 01/04/24

Heading		Last year's net	Out turn	2024/2025	2025/2026	
wn Bus	Town Business Committee Income					
100	Precept	£373,973.00	£373,972.21	£383,870.25	£410,143.00	
105	Newsletter Advertising	€0.00	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00	
120	Feed-in Tariff from Town Hall	£829.87	£800.00	£800.00	£800.00	
125	Stonehouse Town FC lease	£600.00	\$600.00	£600.00	£600.00	
126	STFC Water Recharge	€0.00	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00 [	£200.00 Discuss with STFC
127	STFC Electric Recharge	£1,999.53	£2,000.00	£1,500.00	£2,000.00 E	Electricity usage metered separately
130	Athletics Field Lease	£0.00	£0.00	50.00	£0.00 t	Take to Council for a decision not to adopt this land
135	Phone Mast on Land	£5,998.12	£6,000.00	£1,000.00	£6,000.00 F	Payment made without question
140	Building Lease at OEL	£1,273.04	£637.00	£637.00	£637.00	
145	Magpies Social Club	£3,150.00	£3,150.00	£3,150.00	£2,000.00 C	Owing to disparity of approach on leases, Magpies lease reduced to £2,000
150	Community Centre Lease	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00 F	Follow up
155	OEL Pitch Hire	£870.00	£2,800.00	£2,000.00	£3,000.00 I	Increase due to Atlas Games - recharge £1700 to STFC
160	Misc Income	£1,803.28	£8,000.00	£500.00	£500.00 C	One off income for sewer line in 2024/25
170	Investments Interest	£127.85	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00 F	Remove budget line if possible
171	Bank Interest - Lloyds Bank	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£0.00 N	No interest due - remove budget line if possible
172	Bank Interest - Charity A/C	£2,153.08	£2,000.00	£1,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00 Improved interest rates
173	Bank Interest - Natwest	£2,124.53	£0.00	£1,000.00	£0.00 E	Bank account closed
174	Bank interest - Cambridge BS	£2,073.88	£2,000.00	£1,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00 Improved interest rates
175	Town Hall/Library Recharges	£2,863.55	£2,900.00	£3,400.00	£3,000.00 F	Reposition budget line to new code 161
176	Bank Interest - Nationwide	£3,074.03	£2,000.00	£1,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00 Improved interest rates
177	Bank Interest - Melton Building Society	£0.00	£2,000.00	£1,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00 Improved initerest rates
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# Precept Calculator

### Start of year 01/04/24

	st rates			SIB now managing own payments and income										v more leases		rom reserves	Homestart, CAB and SIB amongst potential grants paid for from reserves			Possibly combine with cost code 1110 - travel costs staff and cllrs		Possibly combine with cost code 1090
	£21,000.00 Improved interest rates													£8,000.00 Having to renew more leases		£500.00 £2838 paid for from reserves	Homestart, CAB and SIB am potential grants paid for from reserves	Data driven				
2025/2026	£21,000.00	£458,480.00		£0.00	£1,200.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,200.00	£459,680.00		£223,800.00	£3,000.00	£2,500.00	£8,000.00	£9,550.00	£500.00	£17,400.00	£12,000.00	£2,200.00	£9,250.00	£300.00	£400.00
2024/2025	£10,000.00	£414,257.25		£0.00	£1,200.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,200.00	£415,457.25		£205,000.00	£4,000.00	£2,500.00	£8,000.00	£9,550.00	£500.00	£17,400.00	£13,700.00	£2,700.00	£5,250.00	£300.00	£400.00
Out turn	£22,000.00	£431,559.21		£0.00	£1,345.00	£550.00	£0.00	£1,895.00	£433,454.21		£205,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£8,000.00	£8,850.00	£3,310.00	£30,000.00	£12,200.00	£2,100.00	£6,700.00	£300.00	£100.00
Last year's net	£22,783.90	£426,197.66		£0.00	£1,399.64	£650.00	£0.00	£2,049.64	£428,247.30		£179,353.09	£2,960.68	£583.41	£6,412.40	£8,883.61	£0.00	£22,136.00	£6,749.66	£2,104.31	£5,804.61	£66.48	00.03
	CCLA Interest	Town Business Committee Income Total	Town Environment Committee Income	Stonehouse in Bloom	Event Income/Donations	Planting Sponsorship	nts	Town Environment Committee Income Total		Town Business Committee Expenditure	Salaries	Training & Recruitment	Health & Safety	Professional Fees	IT support	Office Equipment Renewals	Grants	Town Hall/Library Shared Costs	Town Hall/Library STC costs	Admin Expenses	Mayor's Charity & Expenses	Travel Costs/Staff & Councillors
Heading	178 CCI	Town Busines	Town Environ	200 Stor	205 Eve	210 Plar	215 Grants	Town Environ	Total Income	Town Busines	1000 Sala	1010 Trai	1020 Hea	1030 Pro	1040 IT s	1050 Offi	1060 Gra	1070 Tov	1080 Tov	1090 Adr	1100 May	1110 Tra

Stonehouse Town Council

### Start of year 01/04/24

## Precept Calculator

Heading		Last year's net	Out turn	2024/2025	2025/2026	
1120	Election Costs	£8,924.35	£8,924.00	£0.00	£0.00	Remove as future elections to come from reserves
1130	Civic/Remembrance Parades	£0.00	£180.00	£180.00	£180.00	
1140	Pavilion Overheads	£21,930.85	£10,800.00	£12,900.00	£12,900.00	Fully review costs
1150	Workshop Overheads	£2,169.49	£3,800.00	£3,800.00	£3,300.00	Fully review costs
1160	Equipment & Vehicle Costs	£3,424.50	£3,100.00	£3,800.00	£3,000.00	
1170	Youth Centre Workers	£55,625.11	£65,000.00	£61,000.00	£66,000.00	Increase of £5000 on budget to keep up with inflation
1180	Youth Centre Overheads	£4,804.27	£8,500.00	£10,400.00	£8,800.00	Major work to be undertaken on the building - funding to come from reserves
1200	Subscriptions	£2,665.96	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	
1210	Insurances	£6,239.18	£7,200.00	£7,000.00	£8,000.00	
1220	Project Planning & Delivery	£299.00	£299.00	£0.00	£0.00	
1230	Climate Change	£4,690.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	
Town Bus	Town Business Committee Expenditure Total	£345,826.96	£396,863.00	£376,880.00	£399,580.00	
Town En	Town Environment Committee Expenditure					
1190	Amenity Areas	£59,911.80	£39,500.00	£46,800.00	£48,800.00	Potential increase in tree work costs
2000	Christmas Lights	£2,597.25	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	Council considering major improvement in christmas lighting - Reserves
2005	Climate Change	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	
2010	In Bloom	£6,415.39	£6,180.00	£0.00	\$0.00	
2050	Cultural Events & Studies	£6,436.98	£8,300.00	£9,300.00	59,300.00	
2080	Neighbourhood Plan Review	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
2090	Planning Specialist Advice	£884.00	£234.00	\$0.00	£0.00	
Town En Total	Town Environment Committee Expenditure Total	£78,245.42	£58,214.00	£58,100.00	260,100.00	

## Precept Calculator

Heading				Last year's net	Out turn	2024/2025	2024/2025 2025/2026	
Total Expenditure				£424,072.38	£455,077.00	£434,980.00	£459,680.00	
Net Expenditure Funding Reserves	o			-£4,174.92	£21,622.79	£19,522.75	£0.00 £0.00	
S106 / CIL	<b>!</b>						£0.00	
Propose	Proposed Precept					J	£410,133.82	
Other Income	come						£49,537.00	
Total Funding	nding					, <del>L</del>	£459,670.82	
Balance							-£9.18	
01/04/24 Tax Base	Band D	01/04/25	New Tax Base	%age increase	Current year precept £383,861.26	pt		
2305.75	166.48		2319.52	6.21	extra cost per band D	New band D	New Precept	
					10.34	176.82	410133.8200	
					Current precept £383,861.26	+ New additional = + £26,272.56 =	+ New additional = Proposed precept • £26,272.56 = £410,133.82	2 <u> </u> pt

### NOTICE OF VACANCY IN OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR

### PARISH/TOWN OF

### STONEHOUSE TOWN COUNCIL

### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

Pursuant to Section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972, following a resignation from the above named Parish/Town Council, a vacancy now exists in the office of Councillor for the Stonehouse Town Council ward of Stonehouse.

If within 14 days after the date of this notice (i.e. no later than 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2025), a request for an election to fill the vacancy is received by the Returning Officer, either by email, elections@stroud.gov.uk, or by post, to Returning Officer, Stroud District Council, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud, GL5 4UB by TEN electors for the said Stonehouse Ward, an election will be held to fill the vacancy, otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

Dated

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Clerk to the Parish/Town Council of Stonehouse

Returning Officer
Stroud District Council
Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf
Stroud, Glos
GL5 4UB
01453 754886





Minutes of a Town Business Committee Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7pm at the Stonehouse Town Hall/Library, Queens Road, Stonehouse, GL10 2QA

**Present:** Councillors Keren Capeling, Neil Gibbs, Madelaine Maraboli-Roman, Val Randall, Keith Terry and Theresa Watt (Committee Chair).

In Attendance: Town Clerk

All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend and 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.

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

There were no members of the public in attendance

### **B/793** To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Carol Kambites

### B/794 To receive Declarations of Interest

A declaration of interest was raised by Cllr Keren Capeling in relation to agenda item B/797

<u>B/795</u> To approve minutes of Business Committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> Nov'24 Committee APPROVED the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting

### <u>B/796</u> To receive the latest budget position

There were no queries Committee NOTED the latest budget report: Actual Net Expenditure £367,824.90; Actual Net Income £421,194.88; Reserve movements £90,561.00

In light of her declared interest in Agenda Item B/797, Cllr Keren Capeling separated herself from the meeting - 7.05pm

<u>B/797</u> To approve the latest BACS payment list (to include refunds for Goodwill stalls) and provide retrospective approval for Debit Card Payments Committee APPROVED the following payments:

BACS payments totalling £28,784.24 Debit Card Payments totalling £917,57 (Retrospective approval) Refund payments totalling £636 (Refunds to stall holders for last minute cancellation of Goodwill event)

Total Payments £30,337.81

B/798 To note CCLAs recent update with regards compliance with the Financial Conduct Authority's (FCAs) Sustainability Disclosure Requirements (SDR)

Committee NOTED the information letter from CCLA and the Clerk's report; they were grateful for CCLA's proactive stance.

### B/799 To consider the recommendation of HR Sub Committee for Council approval to enter into a service contract to provide future HR and H&S advice and support

The Clerk provided an overview of the process followed to determine a suitable service provider. It was explained that the outcome of the process was presented to HR Sub Committee and a clear recommendation was made on the preferred contractor. There was concern over the longer term option of five years without a termination clause. The Clerk was tasked with seeking clarity over this issue and is awaiting a response. Committee felt that it would be prudent to secure referees from neighbouring authorities. Committee **RECOMMENDED** that subject to positive references, a contract should be awarded to the preferred contractor on a three year term with the proviso that should a termination clause be included within the contract, a five year term would be considered.

### <u>B/800</u> To recommend for full town council approval Business Committee's proposed budget for the 2025/26 Financial Year

The Clerk presented Committee with the outcome of the latest discussion with the Chair of Committee. The only recommended change was to increase the Youth Workers budget by a further £1,000. This was balanced against an increase in anticipated interest payment from CCLA. Committee RECOMMENDED, for council approval, a budget increase for 2025/26 of £26,272.56 (6.21% increase)

### <u>B/801</u> Approval to seek initial legal advice on the issue of Town Green ownership

There was widespread discussion specifically in relation to a part of the town green directly in front of The Globe Public House (currently named The Goat). One member felt that the owners of the public house should be allowed to retain the grassed area - others felt that in light of the town council maintaining this area for over 100 years, it should retain the land; two court judgements had awarded the land to the town council. It was agreed that legal advice be sought to identify the process for re registering the land - once the process had been followed, a final decision on future ownership would be decided. The Clerk also advised Committee that it appeared that much of the town green had not been registered; it was agreed that this should be followed up as a priority.

Committee RESOLVED to seek legal assistance for this work.

### <u>B/802</u> To provide an update on Stroud District Council's planned resurfacing works on the High street car park

Committee were advised that since the Clerk's report was distributed, the start date for the work had changed to April half term. It was agreed to host an information day at the town council offices to enable town residents and High street businesses to have their say about the potential closure of the car park whilst the work was underway. It was acknowledged that SDC were making plans to allow visitors to access the doctors surgery during the closure through an alternative route and also to try and secure alternative short term parking for shoppers and businesses during this time - a number of potential options for alternative parking was identified. Committee AGREED to host an information day in February to allow shoppers and business owners to engage with SDC officers and their contractors; the information day would include SDC officers discussing future parking restrictions at this car park.

### <u>B/803</u> To approve a formal response to the 'Western Gateway Strategic Plan' (Rail network) consultation

Cllrs Carol Kambites and Theresa Watt had prepared a formal draft response to the consultation.

Committee AGREED that the response should be submitted subject to final amendments

### <u>B/804</u> To receive a letter of thanks and the latest annual report from 'Stonehouse Gardening Club'

Committee acknowledged the excellent work being undertaken by the Gardening Club and thanked them for their detailed feedback

### B/805 To receive updates from the following working groups:

### 1. Climate Change Action Forum

The e bike scheme appeared to have received a reasonable uptake

### 2. Communications

No update

### 3. Oldends Lane Development

The Clerk provided an overview of the new soon to be commissioned sewer line. He next step will be to consider the future of the sceptic tank in addition to monitoring arrangements for the new pipeline

### 3. Support Stonehouse

Cllr Keith Creighton is finalising the warm spaces leaflet for distribution

### 4. Youth

A preferred contractor has been recommended by the Youth working group following their evaluation of the tenders. The recommendation to be presented to Business Committee at its meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February

### 5. Policy

Cllr Keith Terry has agreed to join the policy working group to help catch up on the workload. The Clerk is to forward details of the policies needing review to Cllrs Keith Terry and Theresa Watt

- **6. Internal Audit Panel**Cllr Keith Terry to complete the ICC checks for the third quarter over the coming week
- 7. Court View

  Despite of several ongoing attempts to speed up the transfer process, neither Taylor Wimpey nor their agents 'JLES' are responding with positive action at this time

<u>B/806</u> To note the date of the next meeting - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 Committee NOTED the date and time of the next meeting



Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee Meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January, 7pm at Stonehouse Library, High Street, Stonehouse GL10 2NG

### Present:

Councillors: John Callinan, Keith Creighton (Committee Vice-Chair), Deborah Curtis (Committee Chair), Marcus Dixon, Neil Gibbs, Stephen Hunter, Simon Macgregor, Theresa Watt.

Also present: John Parker, Gary Wetson (Project Officer)

### Also present:

Jacqui Sanders (Deputy Clerk)

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

### E/863 To receive apologies.

No apologies received.

### **E/864** Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### E/865 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

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

Chair proposed to move item E/869 to next on the agenda. Committee agreed.

### <u>E/869</u> To determine the future of the Willow tree on the Green and make a recommendation to Council.

After much discussion, committee RECOMMENDED to Full Council to approve a contractor to undertake the necessary tree works to the Willow tree, as specified by an experienced arboriculturist.

### E/866 To receive the latest updated Environment Budget.

Committee NOTED the updated report showing a total 'Actual Net' Income of £1,175.00; 'Actual Net' Expenditure of £33,742.95 and Reserve Expenditure of £0.

### E/867 To agree arrangements for the 2025/26 budget setting process.

Committee NOTED the latest budget update.

### <u>E/868</u> To seek retrospective approval for the resubmission of the Stagholt planning application.

Gary Wetson (Project Officer) gave committee an update on the work involved with the resubmission of the Stagholt planning application. Committee APPROVED the resubmission and thanked Gary for all his hard work.

### E/870 To comment on recent Planning Applications

### S.24/2213/FUL 23 High Street, Stonehouse

Alterations to former hairdressing salon including new external doors, window and internal alterations.

Cllr Gibbs abstained from voting.

Comment: No objections as long as none from neighbours.

**S.24/2193/HHOLD** 18 Haven Avenue, Bridgend, Stonehouse Replacement of conservatory with single storey rear extension. Comment: No objections as long as none from neighbours.

### <u>E/871</u> To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council.

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

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

### E/872 To receive Working Groups updates.

Communications
 Not met.

### Stroudwater (Bristol Road) Station

The Working Group met with MP, Network Rail and GWR 13<sup>th</sup> December. No decisions were made.

### Transport and Highways

Working Group met with Gloucestershire County Highways and discussed the need for improved speed limit signs and road markings.

Public Rights of Way

A CROW meeting was held at Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) on 10<sup>th</sup> December, to decide on the DMMO applications. CROW APPROVED five DMMO's. It is expected that GCC will sign the official Order in early January 2025 with a public notice published soon after.

### Recreation.

See item E/868 above.

### Canal Rejuvenation

Members of the Working Group met with Cotswold Canals Trust, Cotswold Connected, Stroud Valleys Canal Company and a group of volunteers for a walk along the canal.

- Volunteers spend a lot of time removing graffiti and picking up dog mess.
- More signs are needed to inform the public that dogs MUST be on a lead.
   A commitment was made to continue discussions on how best to support constructive partnership working.

### Court View

Cllr Hunter will form an action plan regarding tidying the overgrowth at Court View, which will be shared with Gary Wetson (Project Officer) and presented to the owners of the site, Taylor Wimpey.

<u>E/873</u> Date of next Environment Committee meeting: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Committee NOTED the date of the next meeting.





Since October 2023, huge progress has been made in the efforts to create a community space on the former Ship Inn Site.

The project so far has been a huge learning curve but with the commitment of all stakeholders and the financial support of Stonehouse Town Council, all the necessary ecological and biodiversity net gain baseline surveys have been carried out and the site is now clear and ready to become a place where people can stop and enjoy the canal as well as a location for a programme of activities and events over the coming year.

In order for this to happen, and as a first step in the process of becoming a community space, SpICE would like to create a seating area comprising 5 picnic benches sited on an area of bark mulch. An information board is also proposed to begin the process of linking the canal with the town centre and informing people of ongoing plans for the site.

This area will then be open to the public on a daily basis and small awareness-raising events will be held over the spring and summer months together with site-improving working parties to increase community engagement and drive a sense of ownership in the project.

Since its creation last year, SpICE has been growing in membership and this currently stands at 254 Of those, 94 have expressed an interest in active volunteering. These volunteers have already shown their enthusiasm for the project on the two site-clearance working parties that were held in the autumn.

Over the course of these two days, 52 volunteers raked up and cleared a total of approx. 60 cubic metres of vegetation, which had been cut down by Cotswold Canal Trust and made more manageable by STC's grounds team. The collected brambles and scrub were then transported to a community composting site in Bridgend, which has been set up by a SpICE member.

The volunteer hours so far amount to 343 – equating to a value of £3917. In addition to this, the two working parties generated tremendous interest in the project from passersby and on social media. SpICE is keen to maintain this momentum but is not yet in a position to raise grant funding on its own account. It is hoped that Stonehouse Town Council will be willing facilitate this launch into community use on the site by funding the following:

### **Bench Choice**

https://www.sustainable-furniture.co.uk/ Free Shipping from Devon



180cm £320 Inc VAT

Bench with Disabled Top £725 Inc VAT



180 cm £455 Inc VAT



180cm £725 Inc VAT

### **Unequal Split Gates Choice**

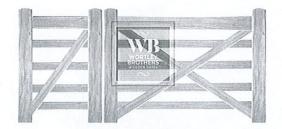
### Total Width 4740mm (-40mm exp gap 4700mm) Height 1150mm

Pedestrian gates the minimum clear width should be 1.1m (BS5709:2018)

### Easy Latch for disabled access - self closing

https://www.wortleybrotherswoodengates.co.uk/





### £1121 Inc VAT

### https://gatesandfencesuk.co.uk/





### £1154 Inc VAT

### Hinges/Latch

36" hinge set with drop bolt for vehicle gate

£100 https://tradefit.uk/products

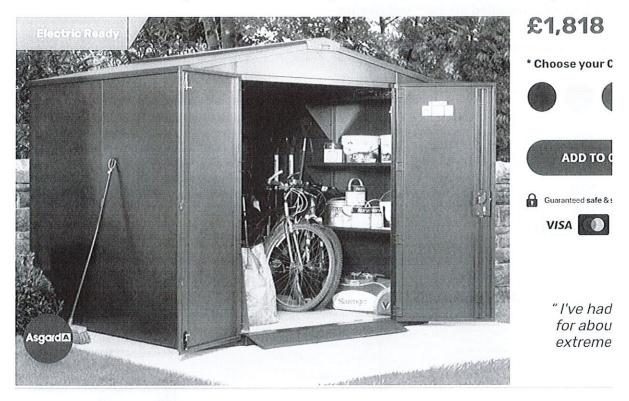
Easy Latch 2 Way straight handle

£155.93 https://mcveighparker.com/easy-latch

### **Equipment Storage**

https://www.asgardsss.co.uk/

### 7x7 Metal Shed (The Gladiator) - Police Preferred Specific



### Waffle Boards FH Brundle

3336123825GN 3.6M x 1.2M £187.90 Each – 3 Off £563.70



ODUCT

RP 38 Sq x 25mm Deep reen 3.6m x1.2m Moulded rating



### **Phase 0 Costs**

Description	No Of	Cost Each	Total
Benches	4	£455.00	£1,820.00
*Ext Bench	1	£725.00	£725.00
Gate	1	£1,154.00	£1,154.00
Hinges	1	£100.00	£100.00
Easy Latch	1	£155.93	£155.93
Store	1	£1,818.00	£1,818.00
Waffle Board	3	£187.90	£563.70
<b>Custom Information Board</b>			
(est)	1	£600.00	£600.00
Bark	1	£500.00	£500.00

Total £7,436.63

<sup>\*</sup>Ext Bench is a wheelchair access bench



### Start of year 01/04/24

### Reserve Movements

### General Fund

-£92,555.36 Start of year value

05/12/24 -£10,000.00 To Ship Inn Site, EFTC 13th August 2024 Agenda Item TC3292

-£6,668.75 Value as at 15/01/25

This value is calculated and not just a sum of reserve movements plus starting balance.

### General Reserve (Contingency)

£124,974.61 Start of year value

31/07/24 -£10,000.00

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Expenditure transaction 3877, Financial asset transfer - £10 000 for financial years 22/23/24, Approved at FTC 17th June 2024, see TC3271

£114,974.61 Current value

### Replacement Recreation Land

£53,056.00 Start of year value

£53,056.00 Current value

### Asset Renewal Reserve

24/06/24

£22,000.00 Start of year value

-£2,838.87 Expenditure transaction 3817, 3 x Terra Mobile Laptops with docking stations &

pre-configuration

£19,161.13 Current value

### **Elections**

£10,000.00 Start of year value

£10,000.00 Current value

### Community Facilities

£399,475.00 Start of year value

£399,475.00 Current value

### Street Furniture

£5,000.00 Start of year value

£5,000.00 Current value

### Oldends Lane Seage Development

£70,000.00 Start of year value

19/09/24 -£90.86 Expenditure transaction 3965, OEL - STW Application

21/11/24 -£28,920.32 Expenditure transaction 4075, Interim Valuation Payment 002 - Oldends Lane

Sewer Pipe

22/11/24 -£25,394.93 Expenditure transaction 4053, Interim Valuation Payment 001 - Oldends Lane

Sewer Pipe

£15,593.89 Current value

### Replacement vehicle

£3,522.00 Start of year value

£3,522.00 Current value

Mowers & Equipment

£17,657.50 Start of year value

£17,657.50 Current value

Neighbourhood Plan Review

£13,000.00 Start of year value

£13,000.00 Current value

Stroud DC Tourism Grants 2019

£651.27 Start of year value

£651.27 Current value

Stroud District Council Market Towns Initiative Funding

£43,325.00 Start of year value

£43,325.00 Current value

**GWR Cycle Shelter** 

£0.00 Start of year value

£0.00 Current value

CIL

£8,592.16 Start of year value

£8,592.16 Current value

Bus shelter replacement & repairs

£16,000.00 Start of year value

£16,000.00 Current value

Meadow Road Play area refurbishment

£16,000.00 Start of year value

£16,000.00 Current value

Stagholt Brook Repairs

£0.00 Start of year value

£0.00 Current value

Underwrite Rev Budget

£20,000.00 Start of year value

£20,000.00 Current value

Laburnum Recreation Field Trees and Wildflower seeds Memorial Fund

£1,608.34 Start of year value

£1,608.34 Current value

GCC Build Back Better Fund

£1,250.00 Start of year value

£1,250.00 Current value

Welcome Back Funding

£1,115.00 Start of year value

£1,115.00 Current value

Stagholt

£43,417.20 Start of year value

03/07/24 -£375.00 Expenditure transaction 3832, Pre Application Advice - K334020K333S1

Stagholt Field - Debit Card

£43,042.20 Current value

Court View

£30,000.00 Start of year value

£30,000.00 Current value

Major Projects Support

£0.00 Start of year value

£0.00 Current value

**Tourism Market Towns** 

£1,010.00 Start of year value

£1,010.00 Current value

Stroudwater Railway station

£10,000.00 Start of year value

£10,000.00 Current value

Homestart Grant

£10,000.00 Start of year value

24/10/24 -£10,000.00 Expenditure transaction 4024, 3rd Grant Payment - B762 7th October 2024 BC

£0.00 Current value

Support Stonehouse

£5,000.00 Start of year value

£5,000.00 Current value

In Bloom Planting display

£7,322.02 Start of year value

£7,322.02 Current value

Canal Spring Festival

£2,000.00 Start of year value

£2,000.00 Current value

Youth Support

£0.00 Start of year value

	£0.00	Current value
Kings Coronation	ſ	
	£0.00	Start of year value
	£0.00	Current value
Ship Inn Site		
	£10,000.00	Start of year value
17/06/24	-£130.59	Expenditure transaction 3794, 10 x Hi Vis Vests - Ship Inn Site - paid by Debit Card. Payment by Lloyds to Elite Industrial Supplies, Consultation equipment essentials
21/06/24	-£35.00	Expenditure transaction 3786, Banner with eyelets - Ship Inn Site
09/07/24	-£77.20	Expenditure transaction 3808, 2 x Banners with eyelets - Ship Inn Site
31/07/24	-£3,195.00	Expenditure transaction 3849, PEA/Phase 1 Surveys, GDN Edna Survey, Reptile surveys and report
21/08/24	-£2,567.00	Expenditure transaction 3928, Vegetation clearance & Reptile fence repairs
21/08/24	-£141.66	Expenditure transaction 3925, CCTV Camera & Solar Panel - Ship Inn Site
22/08/24	-£7.48	Expenditure transaction 3926, 6 x Fire Action Signs for TH and for Ship Inn Site - Scandisk 128GB mircosd card and CCTV signs x 2
22/08/24	-£14.13	Expenditure transaction 3926, 6 x Fire Action Signs for TH and for Ship Inn Site - Scandisk 128GB mircosd card and CCTV signs x 2
10/09/24	-£440.00	Expenditure transaction 3906, Installation of reptile exclusion fence Ship Inn Site
10/09/24	-£2,140.00	Expenditure transaction 3929, Water Vole survey report & BNG Assessment
25/09/24	-£90.00	Expenditure transaction 3953, 2 x Dibond signs for Ship Inn Site
18/10/24	-£12.00	Expenditure transaction 4018, Oct 2024 - CCTV Sim Card Ship Inn Site
21/10/24	-£24.45	Expenditure transaction 4020, First Aid kit for Ship Inn Site
22/10/24	-£125.00	Expenditure transaction 4023, 1 x Portaloo - Volunteer Day Ship Inn Site
29/10/24	-£271.00	Expenditure transaction 4029, Builders Skip for Ship Inn Site
29/10/24	-£3,509.60	Expenditure transaction 4030, Ecology Consultancy - reptile translocation, presence on site of ecologists, nesting bird check, project management
22/11/24	-£160.91	Expenditure transaction 4058, Expenses for Ship Inn Site & Volunteer Day
05/12/24	£10,000.00	From General Fund, EFTC 13th August 2024 Agenda Item TC3292
	£7,058.98	Current value
Climate change		
	£4,000.00	Start of year value
	£4,000.00	Current value
Christmas Lightin	ıg	
	£3,000.00	Start of year value

£3,000.00 Current value

### Cotswold Canal Trust Grant

£0.00 Start of year value

£0.00 Current value

£872,415.10 Current Reserves total

excluding the General Fund

£865,746.35 Current Reserves total

including the General Fund

