



**STONEHOUSE
TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee Meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee held on Monday 6th 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 Proceedings 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 2nd 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.

E/869 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.

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E/868 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.

E/871 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 13th 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 10th 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.

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- **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.

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

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27/1/25

Financial Budget Comparison

for Town Environment Committee

Comparison between 01/04/24 and 23/12/24 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	£3,038.21	£2,961.79	-49.36%
2050/2	£300.00	£0.00	£0.00	£300.00	-100.00%
2050/3	£3,000.00	£0.00	£1,380.94	£1,619.06	-53.97%
2050/4	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2050	£9,300.00	£0.00	£4,419.15	£4,880.85	-52.48%
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%
Total Town Environment Committee	£58,100.00	£0.00	£33,742.95	£24,357.05	-41.92%

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INCOME		2024/2025	Reserve	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
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	£750.00	£-450.00	-37.50%
205/2	Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
205/3	Markets	£0.00	£0.00	£425.00	£425.00	100.00%
205	Total	£1,200.00	£0.00	£1,175.00	£-25.00	-2.08%
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	£1,175.00	£-25.00	-2.08%

EXPENDITURE

Town Environment Committee							
1190	Amenity Areas						
1190/1	Grounds Maintenance (contract)	£27,500.00		£0.00	£21,375.00	£6,125.00	-22.27%
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	£3,668.86	£-168.86	4.82%
1190/6	Waste Collection	£5,500.00		£0.00	£992.97	£4,507.03	-81.95%
1190	Total	£46,800.00		£0.00	£28,985.63	£17,814.37	-38.06%
2000	Christmas Lights	£2,000.00		£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	-100.00%

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