



**STONEHOUSE**  
TOWN COUNCIL

**Members of the Town Environment Committee**

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Town Environment Committee to be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 7pm at Stonehouse Library, High Street, Stonehouse, GL10 2NG.

**Committee Members:**

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

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.

Carlos Novoth  
Town Clerk  
18<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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

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**A G E N D A**

**E/884** To receive apologies.

**E/885** Declarations of Interest

**E/886** To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

**E/887** To receive the latest updated Environment Budget.

**E/888** To approve the recommendation made by the Events Working Group to support an event in Doverow Hill/Woods in July 2025.

**E/889** To approve a budget of £1000.00 for the planting of a linear fruit orchard, within the allotments site.

**E/890** To comment on recent Planning Applications (details in support papers)

**E/891** To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council.

**E/892** To receive Working Groups updates from:

- Communications,
- Stroudwater (Bristol Road) Station,
- Transport and Highways,
- Public Rights of Way
- Recreation.
- Canal Rejuvenation
- Court View

E/893 Date of next Environment Committee meeting: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.



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Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee Meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 7pm at Stonehouse Library, High Street, Stonehouse GL10 2NG

**Present:**

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

**Also present:**

Jacqui Sanders (Deputy Clerk)

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Due to apologies received from Cllr Debbie Curtis (Committee Chair), the Vice-Chair Cllr Keith Creighton, chaired the meeting.

**E/874 To receive apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Debbie Curtis (Committee Chair)

**E/875 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**E/876 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

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

**E/877 To receive the latest updated Environment Budget.**

Committee NOTED the updated report showing a total 'Actual Net' Income of £1,145.00; 'Actual Net' Expenditure of £34,492.95 and Reserve Expenditure of £0.

**E/878 To comment on the application by The Willow Tree Practice.**

Committee have NO COMMENT to make at present.

**E/879 To comment on the draft Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy 2025-30 consultation.**

Committee support the draft Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy 2025-30 and look forward to its aims being met.



**E/880** To comment on recent Planning Applications

**S.24/1877/FUL** Erection of first floor extensions to front & rear and replacement of existing rear extension

**Comment: No objections as long as none from neighbouring properties.**

**S.25/0108/HHOLD** 9 Abbots Way, Bridgend, Stonehouse

Erection of single storey flat roof extension to the front elevation.

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

**S.25/0117/P18A** Footbridge at Rear Of, 75 Midland Road, Stonehouse

Replacement of existing footbridge deck and parapets of Oldends Footbridge

**Comment: No objections.**

**E/881** To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council.

**S.24/2030/HHOLD** 8A Gloucester Road Stonehouse

Erection of a two storey and single storey rear extension, replacement garage, external alterations and installation of solar panels.

**PERMITTED**

**24/2079/HHOLD** 17 Avenue Terrace Stonehouse

Erection of replacement single storey rear extension.

**PERMITTED**

**S.24/2090/HHOLD** 6 Aldergate Terrace, Aldergate Street Stonehouse

Erection of first floor rear extension and rear dormer.

**PERMITTED**

**E/882** To receive Working Groups updates.

- **Communications**  
Not met.
- **Stroudwater (Bristol Road) Station**  
Not met.
- **Transport and Highways**  
Not met.
- **Public Rights of Way**  
Not met.
- **Recreation.**  
Not met.
- **Canal Rejuvenation**  
Not met. SpICE are thankful to all who helped to clear the Ship Inn site as they are now able to use it.

- **Court View**  
Not met.

**E/883 Date of next Environment Committee meeting: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**  
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 13/02/25 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	£670.00	-\$530.00	-44.17%
205/2	Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
205/3	Markets	£0.00	£0.00	£505.00	£505.00	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%
<b>Total Town Environment Committee</b>		<b>£1,200.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£1,175.00</b>	<b>-\$25.00</b>	<b>-2.08%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
<b>Town Environment Committee</b>						
1190	Amenity Areas					
1190/1	Grounds Maintenance (contract)	£27,500.00	£0.00	£23,750.00	£3,750.00	-13.64%
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	£2,346.28	£2,953.72	-55.73%
1190/5	Tree & Hedge/boundary maintenance	£3,500.00	£0.00	£4,188.86	-\$688.86	19.68%
1190/6	Waste Collection	£5,500.00	£0.00	£992.97	£4,507.03	-81.95%
1190	Total	£46,800.00	£0.00	£33,029.41	£13,770.59	-29.42%
2000	Christmas Lights	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	-100.00%





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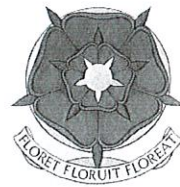
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Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/24

	2024/2025	Reserve	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
2005 Climate Change	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
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	£2,978.21	£3,021.79	-50.36%
2050/2 Civic Awards	£300.00	£0.00	£0.00	£300.00	-100.00%
2050/3 Other	£3,000.00	£0.00	£1,380.94	£1,619.06	-53.97%
2050/4 Communications	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2050 Total	£9,300.00	£0.00	£4,359.15	£4,940.85	-53.13%
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%
Total Town Environment Committee	£58,100.00	£0.00	£37,726.73	£20,373.27	-35.07%
Total Town Environment Committee	£1,200.00	£0.00	£1,175.00	-£25.00	
Total Town Environment Committee	£58,100.00	£0.00	£37,726.73	£20,373.27	
Total Net Balance	-£56,900.00		-£36,551.73		





## Stonehouse Town Council Agenda Item Template

Adopted April 2019 (TC 2150)

To be reviewed May 2022

Items must be submitted to give as much notice as possible but with the minimum of 5 clear days before a meeting date not including weekends or bank holidays. Items may be rejected or postponed if they are submitted too late, a power cannot be identified, the item requires further information, the item can be resolved by administration, or a form of words cannot be agreed. The final decision regarding these reasons will be taken by the Proper Officer.

<b>To be completed by the Proper Officer</b>		
Date Received by Proper Officer: <i>12/2/2025</i>		
Agreed / <del>postponed</del> / Rejected		Reason for postponement / rejection
Added to agenda of (Meeting): <i>Environment</i>	Meeting Date: <i>24.02.25</i>	Item no. <i>E/8889</i>

Item Subject: (This is the same as the agenda item)

### Proposed linear orchard planting scheme

Explanation of the proposal:

In line with our Environmental obligations to address climate change and to help meet the commitments that come with the town's Arboretum Plan, John Parker and I have been working in partnership with our Allotments Association to explore ways to increase biodiversity on the Allotments site.

To this end, we have identified that it is possible to plant a linear fruit orchard along the length of the Stagholt brook, within the allotments site. This would not only provide fruit for allotment holders but additional habitat for wildlife. The plan is to utilise a range of more unusual and diverse fruit varieties which will add greatly to the Arboretum catalogue in the town and grow into a wonderful asset for the future.

It is proposed to plant approximately 10 fruit trees along the line of the existing walkway. This will not impede access or cause issues for plot holders. The Allotments Association have expressed a keenness to become involved in this potential project which will involve the purchase of about 10 trees (to be identified by John Parker in consultation with a potential specialist supplier, together with associated stakes, protective shrouds, mulch, etc.

The approximate cost of this is estimated to be no more than £1000.00 (but hopefully we can discount this cost considerably).

We are hoping to involve the public in planting the orchard together with allotment holders themselves and we would be looking to do this before the commencement of the active growing season this year.

We would request that a sum of no more than £1000.00 be allocated for this very worthwhile project.

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Options:	
Costs and Funding Source: If costs are involved please ask Customer Services or Committee Clerk to obtain them for you in accordance with Financial Regulations)	
The approximate cost of this is estimated to be no more than £1000.00 (but hopefully we can discount this cost considerably).	
Carbon emission implications	
No carbon emission implications but significant carbon capture anticipated.	
Status: for information / for decision	
If for decision, Recommendations:	
Proposed by: Cllr Neil Gibbs	Dated: 11/02/25