



**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> April, 7pm at Stonehouse Library, High Street, Stonehouse GL10 2NG

**Present:**

Councillors: Cllrs John Callinan, Debbie Curtis (Committee Chair) Marcus Dixon, Neil Gibbs, Stephen Hunter, Simon Macgregor, Theresa Watt.

**Also present:**

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/903 To receive apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Keith Creighton.

**E/904 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**E/905 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March.**

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

**E/906 To receive the latest updated Environment Budget.**

Committee NOTED the updated report showing a total 'Actual Net' Income of £1,305.00; 'Actual Net' Expenditure of £43,426.73 and Reserve Expenditure of £0.

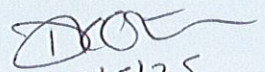
**E/907 To consider the design and purchase of new Stonehouse Town Entry signs and recommend for Full Council approval.**

After much discussion, committee proposed to recommend to full council the design and purchase of five new Stonehouse Entry signs, to go alongside new Stonehouse in Bloom signs, at a cost of £1000 (plus VAT).

**E/908 To approve a payment of £459.00 plus VAT to secure portable toilets for the Ship Inn site in the eight weeks prior to the Canal Festival**

Committee APPROVED the payment of £459.00 plus VAT to secure portable toilets for the Ship Inn site in the eight weeks prior to the Canal Festival.

**E/909 To approve the purchase of tables and chairs, chosen by Stonehouse in Bloom, for Old Chapel Garden from the Mayor's Fund.**

  
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Committee APPROVED the purchase of tables and chairs, chosen by Stonehouse in Bloom for Old Chapel Garden, for up to £300 to be taken from the Mayor's fund.

Cllr Curtis thanked the Mayor, on behalf of Stonehouse in Bloom.

**E/910** To note the interim report from Transition Stroud e-bike loan project.  
Committee NOTED the report.

**E/911** To discuss the future protection of Doverow Hill Wood and recommend securing the services of Fields in Trust, to Full Council.  
Committee discussed the future protection of Doverow Hill Wood at length, and recommend to Full Council, securing the services of Fields in Trust.

**E/912** To receive the enquiry from Standish Parish Council and discuss and consider a response.  
Committee received the enquiry and discussed MST48 at length. The footpath is on private land and recorded as a footpath on the Definitive Map, which means it has access on foot only. To become a cycle path, or all-weather path, would need the permission and co-operation of the landowner, as well as having a huge cost implication. Officers will contact Standish Parish Council with this information.

**E/913** To consider participation of the Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution Survey, from GAPTC.  
Cllr Callinan will formulate a response to GAPTC.

**E/914** To comment on recent Planning Applications

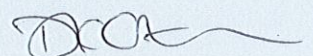
**S.25/0722/FUL** Bonds Mill , Bristol Road, Stonehouse  
Replacement roof, alterations to fenestration, and drainage levels of Unit 71  
**Comment:** This council has no comment to make other than this would appear an ideal opportunity to put solar panels on the roof, and we request that this be considered.

**S.25/0670/HHOLD** 33 Bath Road, Stonehouse  
Erection of single storey extension.  
**Comment:** No objections as long as none from neighbours.

**S.25/0264/TPO** Church Lane Stonehouse  
Re-pollard Holm Oak to reduce risk of failure at re-growth.  
**Comment:** No comment.

**S.25/0561/LBC** The Old Thatched Cottage, 1 High Street, Stonehouse  
Repair and replace windows.  
**Comment:** No objections.

**S.25/0740/HHOLD** 5 Rosedale Avenue, Stonehouse  
Erection of a single storey rear and side extension. Erection of a porch.  
**Comment:** No objections as long as none from neighbours.



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**E/915** To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council.

**S.25/0243/HHOLD** Ingleside Browns Lane Stonehouse  
Erection of a domestic outbuilding with covered link extension  
**PERMITTED**

**S.25/0323/HHOLD** Villa Julia Quietways Stonehouse  
Erection of rear decking, alterations to fenestration and infill existing open porch.  
**PERMITTED**


**S.25/0349/HHOLD** 34 Gloucester Road Stonehouse  
Erection of a garage extension.  
**PERMITTED**

**S.25/0423/CPL** Block 31 Upper Mills Trading Estate Bristol Road Stonehouse  
Certificate of lawfulness to confirm use of building as B2-General Industrial.  
**PERMITTED**

**E/916** 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.
- **Court View**  
Not met.
- **Community Arboretum and Open Spaces.**  
Meeting scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> June.

**E/917** Date of next Environment Committee meeting: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 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 31/03/25 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.  
Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/24

| INCOME                           |                        | 2024/2025 | Reserve | Actual Net | Balance   |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|---------|------------|-----------|
| Town Environment Committee       |                        |           |         |            |           |
| 200                              | Stonehouse in Bloom    | £0.00     | £0.00   | £0.00      | £0.00     |
| 205                              | Event Income/Donations |           |         |            |           |
| 205/1                            | Events                 | £1,200.00 | £0.00   | £670.00    | -\$530.00 |
| 205/2                            | Donations              | £0.00     | £0.00   | £0.00      | £0.00     |
| 205/3                            | Markets                | £0.00     | £0.00   | £635.00    | £635.00   |
| 205                              | Total                  | £1,200.00 | £0.00   | £1,305.00  | £105.00   |
| 210                              | Planting Sponsorship   | £0.00     | £0.00   | £0.00      | £0.00     |
| 215                              | Grants                 | £0.00     | £0.00   | £0.00      | £0.00     |
| Total Town Environment Committee |                        | £1,200.00 | £0.00   | £1,305.00  | £105.00   |

### EXPENDITURE

|                            |                                    |            |       |            |             |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|-------|------------|-------------|
| Town Environment Committee |                                    |            |       |            |             |
| 1190                       | Amenity Areas                      |            |       |            |             |
| 1190/1                     | Grounds Maintenance (contract)     | £27,500.00 | £0.00 | £28,500.00 | -\$1,000.00 |
| 1190/2                     | Grounds Maintenance (in-house)     | £2,000.00  | £0.00 | £0.00      | £2,000.00   |
| 1190/3                     | Play Equipment main/t/repairs/insp | £3,000.00  | £0.00 | £1,751.30  | £1,248.70   |
| 1190/4                     | Public Space Improvements          | £5,300.00  | £0.00 | £2,561.28  | £2,738.72   |
| 1190/5                     | Tree & Hedge/boundary maintenance  | £3,500.00  | £0.00 | £4,438.86  | -\$938.86   |
| 1190/6                     | Waste Collection                   | £5,500.00  | £0.00 | £992.97    | £4,507.03   |
| 1190                       | Total                              | £46,800.00 | £0.00 | £38,244.41 | £8,555.59   |
| 2000                       | Christmas Lights                   | £2,000.00  | £0.00 | £0.00      | £2,000.00   |

  
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|   | 2024/2025          | Reserve      | Actual Net         | Balance           |
|---|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 2005 Climate Change                     | £0.00              | £0.00        | £0.00              | £0.00             |
| 2010 In Bloom                           |                    |              |                    |                   |
| 2010/1 Contract Planting                | £0.00              | £0.00        | £0.00              | £0.00             |
| 2010/2 Non-Contract Planting            | £0.00              | £0.00        | £0.00              | £0.00             |
| 2010/3 Watering Services                | £0.00              | £0.00        | £0.00              | £0.00             |
| 2010/4 Other                            | £0.00              | £0.00        | £338.17            | -£338.17          |
| 2010 Total                              | £0.00              | £0.00        | £338.17            | -£338.17          |
| 2050 Cultural Events & Studies          |                    |              |                    |                   |
| 2050/1 Goodwill                         | £6,000.00          | £0.00        | £2,978.21          | £3,021.79         |
| 2050/2 Civic Awards                     | £300.00            | £0.00        | £0.00              | £300.00           |
| 2050/3 Other                            | £3,000.00          | £0.00        | £1,865.94          | £1,134.06         |
| 2050/4 Communications                   | £0.00              | £0.00        | £0.00              | £0.00             |
| 2050 Total                              | £9,300.00          | £0.00        | £4,844.15          | £4,455.85         |
| 2080 Neighbourhood Plan Review          | £0.00              | £0.00        | £0.00              | £0.00             |
| 2090 Planning Specialist Advice         |                    |              |                    |                   |
| 2090/1                                  | £0.00              | £0.00        | £0.00              | £0.00             |
| 2090/2                                  | £0.00              | £0.00        | £0.00              | £0.00             |
| 2090 Total                              | £0.00              | £0.00        | £0.00              | £0.00             |
| <b>Total Town Environment Committee</b> | <b>£58,100.00</b>  | <b>£0.00</b> | <b>£43,426.73</b>  | <b>£14,673.27</b> |
| Total Town Environment Committe         | £1,200.00          | £0.00        | £1,305.00          | £105.00           |
| Total Town Environment Committe         | £58,100.00         | £0.00        | £43,426.73         | £14,673.27        |
| <b>Total Net Balance</b>                | <b>-£56,900.00</b> |              | <b>-£42,121.73</b> |                   |

  
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