



Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee Meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee held on Monday 29th September, 7pm at Stonehouse Library, High Street, Stonehouse GL10 2NG

Present:

Councillors: Keren Capeling, Keith Creighton (Committee Vic-Chair), Debbie Curtis (Committee Chair), Marcus Dixon, Stephen Hunter,

Also present:

Jacqui Sanders (Deputy Clerk),

Environment Committee welcomed one member of the public to the meeting, who did not wish to comment but just observe proceedings.

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

E/967 To receive apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Parker, Cllr Macgregor and Cllr Gibbs.

E/968 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Dixon and Curtis declared an interest in item E/971.

E/969 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 1st September.

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

E/970 To receive the latest updated Environment Budget.

Committee NOTED the updated report showing a total 'Actual Net' Income of £1,495.00; 'Actual Net' Expenditure of £18,400.10 and Reserve Expenditure of £0.

E/971 To approve the continued servicing of one disabled toilet on the Ship Inn Community Space at a cost of no more than £50 per week, from October 6th to April 13th, 2026, at a cost of £1,296 plus VAT.

Committee agreed the toilet on the Ship Inn Community Space was a much needed asset and APPROVED the continued servicing of one disabled toilet at a cost of no more than £50 per week, from October 6th to April 13th, 2026, at a total cost of £1,296 plus VAT. To be funded from Ship Inn Reserves. Cllrs Dixon and Curtis abstained from voting.


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E/972 To approve a recommendation from the Events Working Group:

- **To approve a proposal for Eat Festivals to host a food festival in Stonehouse on Sunday 16th August.**

Committee discussed the proposal by Eat Festivals at length, and APPROVED they host a food festival in Stonehouse on Sunday 16th August 2026. One abstention was recorded.

E/973 To approve the servicing of the two flagpoles on the High Street.

Committee APPROVED the servicing of the two flagpoles on the High Street and awarded the contract to Flagpole Express at a cost of £769.00 plus VAT.

E/974 To comment on recent Planning Applications

S.25/1688/FUL Oldends Hall, Oldends, Stonehouse

Change of use from light industrial to a children's soft play centre and padel courts (Class E(d)) associated external signage, minor elevational changes and free-standing signage board.

Comment: This council has no objections as long as there are none from neighbours. We recognise the positive impact of children's recreational facilities for the community, however, due to the increase in traffic during opening hours, we feel it may have an impact on those residents living in close proximity.

S.25/1692/HHOLD 6 Magpie Court, Stonehouse

Erection of a single storey front and side extension.

Comment: No objections as long as there are none from neighbours.

E/975 To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council.

S.25/1218/FUL Schlumberger (Building B) Brunel Way Stonehouse

Construction of storage wall adjacent to storage container.

PERMITTED

S.25/1325/HHOLD 2 Wharfdale Way Bridgend Stonehouse

Erection of a single storey and two storey rear extension.

PERMITTED

S.25/1478/CPL 19 Arrowsmith Drive Stonehouse

Partial garage conversion.

PERMITTED

E/976 To receive Working Groups updates.

- **Communications**
Not met.


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- **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.**
Not met.
- **Events**
Met on Friday 19th September to discuss Goodwill. Minutes to follow.

E/977 Date of next Environment Committee meeting: Monday 27th October 2025.
Committee NOTED the date of the next meeting...


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Financial Budget Comparison

for Town Environment Committee

Comparison between 01/04/25 and 26/08/25 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions. Includes commitments.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/25

INCOME

2025/2026

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	£805.00	£-395.00	-32.92%
205/2	Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
205/3	Markets	£0.00	£0.00	£430.00	£430.00	100.00%
205	Total	£1,200.00	£0.00	£1,235.00	£35.00	2.92%
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	£1,235.00	£35.00	2.92%

EXPENDITURE

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1190	Amenity Areas					
1190/1	Grounds Maintenance (contract)	£29,500.00	£0.00	£9,842.00	£19,658.00	-66.64%
1190/2	Grounds Maintenance (in-house)	£1,000.00	£0.00	£346.04	£653.96	-65.40%
1190/3	Play Equipment maint/repairs/insp	£3,800.00	£0.00	£236.25	£3,563.75	-93.78%
1190/4	Public Space Improvements	£6,000.00	£0.00	£1,450.00	£4,550.00	-75.83%
1190/5	Tree & Hedge/boundary maintenance	£4,500.00	£0.00	£59.90	£4,440.10	-98.67%
1190/6	Waste Collection	£4,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,000.00	-100.00%
1190	Total	£48,800.00	£0.00	£11,934.19	£36,865.81	-75.54%
2000	Christmas Lights	£2,000.00	£0.00	£2,110.00	£-110.00	5.50%


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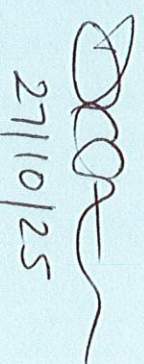
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	2025/2026	Reserve	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
2005 Climate Change	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2010 In Bloom					
2010/1 Contract Planting	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2010/2 Non-Contract Planting	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2010/3 Watering Services	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2010/4 Other	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2010 Total	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2050 Cultural Events & Studies					
2050/1 Goodwill	£6,000.00	£0.00	£393.16	£5,606.84	-93.45%
2050/2 Civic Awards	£300.00	£0.00	£24.91	£275.09	-91.70%
2050/3 Other	£3,000.00	£0.00	£224.00	£2,776.00	-92.53%
2050/4 Communications	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2050 Total	£9,300.00	£0.00	£642.07	£8,657.93	-93.10%
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	£60,100.00	£0.00	£14,686.26	£45,413.74	-75.56%
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Total Net Balance	-£58,900.00		-£13,451.26		


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