



STONEHOUSE

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee on Monday 20th March 7pm at Stonehouse Library, High Street, Stonehouse, GL10 2NG.

Present:

Councillors: Rachel Armstrong Marcus Dixon, Neil Gibbs (Committee Chair), Carol Kambites, Gary Powell, Val Randell, Keith Terry (Committee Vice Chair),

Also present:

Jacqui Sanders (Deputy Town Clerk)

Two members of the public attended the meeting to observe.

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

E/604 To receive apologies.

Cllr Deborah Curtis

E/605 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Standing Orders were suspended to propose allocation of £350.00 for Circus Skills entertainment for the Coronation Picnic in the Park event. Committee **APPROVED** the proposal.

Standing Orders reinstated.

E/606 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 20th February 2023.

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

E/607 To receive the latest updated Environment Budget.

Committee **RECEIVED** and **NOTED** the latest Budget position.

Committee noted the intention to apply for funding from the Climate Change budget to produce leaflets to discourage engine idling.

Total Actual Net Income £17,724.64

Total Actual Net Expenditure £52,891.01

Total Reserve £14,900.00

E/608 To make a decision on the drainage proposal for Gloucester Road put forward by GCC.

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Following the recommendation from TEC meeting on 20th February (item E/599), Officers and Councillors arranged a Teams meeting on Thursday 16th February with the Highways Design Engineers, who were able to explain the proposal in more detail. Committee noted the drainage proposal, approval not necessary.

E/609 Update on Town Green status for Verney Fields.

Following on from the decision taken in the TEC meeting in January - item E/584, to approve the maps and questionnaires and undertake to consult with residents, over 100 questionnaires have been completed. These were taken to GCC on Monday 27th February, along with a signed statutory declaration which was witnessed by Council's solicitor.

S.21/3004/NEWTPO Tree Preservation Order has been granted by SDC to protect certain trees on Verney Fields for six months. TPO No - TPO/0585 - 2 Woodland areas, 2 groups of trees and 3 individual trees.

E/610 To make a decision to register Doverow Woods with Fields in Trust.

Registering the land with Fields in Trust will provide a Deed Of Dedication which is tailored to individual pieces of land. Having this in place will protect the land in perpetuity, ensuring the land cannot be sold or built upon in the future. There is a cost implication of approximately £75.00. Committee **APPROVED** decision to register Doverow Woods with Fields in Trust.

E/611 To comment on planning applications

- **S.23/0480/FUL** 24 Oldends Lanes, Stonehouse.
Demolition of existing outbuilding/canopy and erection of single storey bungalow.
Comment: No objections as long as none from neighbours.
- **S.23/0457/FUL** 147, 149, 151, 153, 155 Midland Road, Stonehouse
Roof replacement & external wall installation render system.
Comment: No objections.
- **S.23/0379/FUL** 4, 6, 8, 11, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 Willow Road
Roof replacement, external wall render system, UPVC windows.
Comment: No objections.
- **S.23/0426/TCA** Land Opposite, Avenue Terrace, Stonehouse.
Fell Elder trees at Ocean Meadows.

Comment: Committee objects to the felling of the Elder trees, as they are mature trees and felt was not necessary to fell them.

- **S.23/0330/TCA** The Gatehouse, Bonds Mill, Bristol Road, Stonehouse.
Re-pollarding 9 Willows on the northern bank of the canal. Trimming of the low-hanging branches to permit navigation along the canal. Removal of the furthest west tree as it has a split trunk & 2 large branches have fallen into the canal. The adjacent tree has a branch taking root in the canal & is growing into a new tree, 2 metres out from the bank which requires removing.
Comment: No objections to the pollarding of the 9 Willows and of the trimming of the hanging branches to permit navigation along the canal. However, Committee suggests consulting a tree specialist to see if the tree with the split trunk can be saved.
- **S.23/0336/FUL** Schlumberger (Building A), Brunel Way, Stonehouse.
Proposed single storey meeting space & technical room for ground source heat pump equipment.
Comment: Committee has no objection and support the ground source heat pump on an environmental basis.
- **S.23/0309/FUL** Dairy partners, Brunel Way, Stonehouse.
Boundary signage on entrance & high level signage.
Comment: No objections.
- **S.23/0310/ADV** Dairy Partners Ltd, Brunel Way, Stonehouse.
Advertisement Application. Boundary signage on entrance & high level signage.
Comment: No comments.

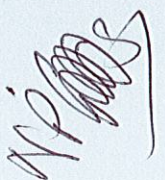
E/612 To receive any reports from Working Groups

Comms - not yet met.

Stroudwater (Bristol Road Station) - CK and TW met with RR to encourage the local MP to push publicity for the station. The working group are trying to engage GCC in the project. Charfield has been given the go ahead for a station, so now need the new Stonehouse Station to link up.

Canals - not met, although some members have been talking to Hitchins in regards to Wyatts Field. There will be a walk with Cotswold Canals Connected this weekend. Reminder of the Canal Spring Festival on 13th and 14th May.

Transport & Highways - Last meeting was 6th February, this was reported at the previous TEC meeting on 20th February.





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Recreation - Stagholt - The draft consultation document has been finalised. It will be published in A3 size and will be delivered to all houses in Little Australia, Arrowsmith and Gloucester Road. When ready, it will be presented to Full Council for approval.

Ian Pople of Cotswold Vale Planning has been commissioned to do the preparation for the planning application to ensure it is ready to submit.

Community 'buy in' is needed to ensure the ongoing success of the land.

Public Rights of Way - see Verney Fields update above.

E/613 To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council.

- **S.23/0184/TPO** Regent Street, Stonehouse.
Fell 2 sycamore trees.
Application refused.
- **S.23/0073/P3E** 32 Bath Road, Stonehouse
Change of use from office space to dwelling.
Application withdrawn.
- **S.23/0213/TCA** Stonehouse Court Hotel, Stonehouse. Carry out tree works to 3 Yew trees.
No objection.
- **S.23/0321/TCA** Upper Mills Trading Estate, Bristol road, Stonehouse.
Sever and remove ivy and deadwood from Alder tree.
Application withdrawn.
- **S.23/0247/TCA** Stonehouse Park, Sperry Way, Stonehouse.
Tree works to Ash trees.
No objection.
- **S.23/0111/TCA** Voltalia UK Ltd, Bonds Mill, Bristol Road, Stonehouse.
Tree works in a Conservation Area.
No objection.

Committee **NOTED** all decisions.

E/614 Date of next Environment Committee meeting: Monday 11th April 2023

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Financial Budget Comparison

for Town Environment Committee

Comparison between 01/04/22 and 31/03/23 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/22

	2022/2023	Reserve	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
INCOME					
Town Environment Committee					
200 Stonehouse in Bloom	£1,500.00	£0.00	£250.00	-£1,250.00	-83.33%
205 Event Income/Donations					
205/1 Events	£1,200.00	£0.00	£934.00	-£266.00	-22.17%
205/2 Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
205 Total	£1,200.00	£0.00	£934.00	-£266.00	-22.17%
210 Planting Sponsorship	£800.00	£0.00	£1,538.24	£738.24	92.28%
215 Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£15,027.40	£15,027.40	100.00%
Total Town Environment Committee	£3,500.00	£0.00	£17,749.64	£14,249.64	407.13%

EXPENDITURE

Town Environment Committee					
1190 Amenity Areas					
1190/1 Grounds Maintenance (contract)	£21,500.00	£14,900.00	£38,096.57	-£1,696.57	-7.89%
1190/2 Grounds Maintenance (in-house)	£1,000.00	£0.00	£956.42	£43.58	4.36%
1190/3 Play Equipment maint/repairs/insp	£2,500.00	£0.00	£2,928.62	-£428.62	-17.14%
1190/4 Furniture (benches etc)	£2,000.00	£0.00	£1,357.31	£642.69	32.13%
1190/5 Tree & Hedge/boundary maintenance	£6,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6,500.00	100.00%
1190/6 Waste Collection	£5,000.00	£0.00	£3,900.00	£1,100.00	22.00%
1190 Total	£38,500.00	£14,900.00	£47,238.92	£6,161.08	16.00%
2000 Christmas Lights	£5,000.00	£0.00	£1,313.30	£3,686.70	73.73%
2005 Climate Change	£2,000.00	£0.00	£1,480.00	£520.00	26.00%

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	2022/2023	Reserve	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
2010 In Bloom					
2010/1 Contract Planting	£5,000.00	£0.00	£6,109.26	£11,109.26	222.19%
2010/2 Non-Contract Planting	£1,000.00	£0.00	£462.56	£537.44	53.74%
2010/3 Watering Services	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	100.00%
2010/4 Other	£500.00	£0.00	£3,802.58	£3,302.58	-660.52%
2010 Total	£7,000.00	£0.00	£1,844.12	£8,844.12	126.34%
2020 Street Furniture/Bus Shelters	£3,000.00	£0.00	£128.39	£2,871.61	95.72%
2030 Traffic Calming/Transport Studies	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	100.00%
2040 Town Greens Maintenance	£0.00	£0.00	£199.20	£199.20	100.00%
2050 Cultural Events & Studies					
2050/1 Goodwill	£4,000.00	£0.00	£5,775.71	£1,775.71	-44.39%
2050/2 Civic Awards	£300.00	£0.00	£0.00	£300.00	100.00%
2050/3 Other	£1,700.00	£0.00	£2,816.27	£1,116.27	-65.66%
2050/4 Communications	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	100.00%
2050 Total	£7,000.00	£0.00	£8,591.98	£1,591.98	-22.74%
2060 Signage	£300.00	£0.00	£0.00	£300.00	100.00%
2070 Town Centre Partnership	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
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	£63,800.00	£14,900.00	£57,107.67	£21,592.33	33.84%

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