



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

**Present:**

Councillors: Keren Capeling, Keith Creighton (Committee Vice-Chair), Marcus Dixon, Stephen Hunter, John Parker

**Also present:**

Jacqui Sanders (Deputy Clerk), one member of the public

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

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

The meeting starts promptly at 7pm.

The member of public was welcomed to the meeting and invited to speak. She wanted to speak about one of the planning applications in item E/995, namely S.25/1692/HHOLD. With the Chair's permission, the item was brought forward to be discussed. The member of the public shared the plans and talked through the improvements needed for the building, answering councillor's questions.

The committee expressed their gratitude for her attendance, explanations, and answers to questions.

The member of the public left the committee at 7.10pm.

**E/988 To receive apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Curtis (Committee Chair) and Cllr Macgregor.

**E/989 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**E/990 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October.**

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

**E/991 To receive the latest updated Environment Budget.**

Committee NOTED the updated report showing a total 'Actual Net' Income of £3,742.11; 'Actual Net' Expenditure of £36,269.8 and Reserve Expenditure of £7,116.70.

**E/992 To agree arrangements for the 2025/26 budget setting process.**

A budget meeting took place with the Chair, (Committee Vice-Chair sent his apologies) and committee was updated.

Cllr Dixon queried the ongoing financial support arrangement for the Ship Inn Site. The query was noted and will be discussed further.

**E/993 To recommend for Full Council approval, the payment of Stroud District Council's £10,000 contribution towards the installation of a cycle shelter at Burdett Road Station, following confirmation from GWR that installation works are due to commence and payment is required.**

Committee RECOMMEND for Full Council approval, the payment of Stroud District Council's £10,000 contribution towards the installation of a cycle shelter at Burdett Road Station, following confirmation from GWR that installation works are due to commence and payment is required, on the proviso that clarification is given that additional funds are not required from Stonehouse Town Council.

**E/994 To initiate a comprehensive review of Oldends Lane Play Park to bring it up to modern standards and ensure it is fully inclusive for all members of our community.**

**Recommendations:**

- To recommend the review is undertaken by the Recreation Working Group

Or

- To recommend to Full Council that a new working group be set up solely for Oldends Lane Play Park review and improvements.

Committee received the proposal put forward by an individual councillor. A discussion on this matter centred on the rationale for establishing Oldends Lane Play Park as a priority for refurbishment. With the potential need to inject significant capital to the project, together with the fact that Meadow road play area was identified by the council to be the next play area to be refurbished/renewed, it was considered essential to establish a sound basis for any future decision.

Therefore, Committee DEFERRED the matter to the Recreation working group to determine, through full review, which play area should be prioritised for renewal and to return to committee with a fully reasoned recommendation.

**E/995 To comment on recent Planning Applications**

**S.25/2060/HHOLD** Brierfield, Pearcroft Road, Stonehouse  
Erection of a single storey side and rear extension.

This application was discussed at the start of the meeting.

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

**S.25/2028/FUL** Stroudwater Canal, Ryeford Road North, Ryeford, Stonehouse  
Installation of a fish pass and bank protection works.

**Comment:** No objection.

**E/996** To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council.

**S.25/1692/HHOLD** 6 Magpie Court, Stonehouse  
Erection of a single storey front and side extension.  
**PERMITTED**

**S.25/1817/DISCON** 16 Crescent Road, Bridgend, Stonehouse  
Discharge of condition 4 (biodiversity enhancements) from S.20/2024/HHOLD.  
**PERMITTED**

**S.25/1301/FUL** 86, 88, 90, 100, 135, 161, 167, 175 Midland Road, Stonehouse  
Installation of external wall insulation and render system.  
**PERMITTED**

**S.25/1936/DEM** 14 Gloucester Road, Stonehouse  
Demolition of industrial site.  
**REFUSED**

**E/997** To receive Working Groups updates.

- **Communications**  
Met to discuss social media engagement.
- **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.**
- **Events**  
Minutes were attached to supporting papers.

**E/998 Date of next Environment Committee meeting: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**  
Committee NOTED the date of the next meeting.

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