



**STONEHOUSE**  
**TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee Meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 7pm at Stonehouse Library, High Street, Stonehouse GL10 2NG

**Present:**

Councillors: Keren Capeling, Deborah Curtis (Committee Chair), Marcus Dixon, Stephen Hunter, Simon Macgregor, John Parker

**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/999 To receive apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Creighton (Committee Vice-Chair).

**E/1000 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**E/1001 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.**

Committee APPROVED the Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. One abstention was recorded due to being absent from the meeting.

**E/1002 To receive the latest updated Environment Budget.**

Committee NOTED the updated report showing a total 'Actual Net' Income of £3,926.31; 'Actual Net' Expenditure of £55,303.21 and Reserve Expenditure of £7,936.70.

**E/1003 To agree arrangements for the 2026/27 budget setting process.**

An in-depth discussion was had regarding the Cultural Events and Studies budget.

Committee AGREED to decrease budget code 2050/3 Other by £1000, and move it to budget code 2050/1 Goodwill to increase to £7000.

Whilst not relevant to this agenda item, the following concerns were raised in relation to access to the Events working group budget (Cultural Events and Studies); Committee strongly felt that the following points should be adhered to:

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- That the Cultural Events and Studies budget is to be used for events run by Stonehouse Town Council. Events not organised by this council should apply for grant funding.
- That the Events Working Group need to present minuted proposals/recommendations to the Environment Committee, when seeking approval on future events or budget spend.

**E/1004 To consider completing Stroud District Council's online Unique Selling Point survey.**

Cllr Curtis said she would complete it and committee AGREED that all Town Councillors should be given the opportunity to complete it.

**E/1005 To comment on recent Planning Applications**

**S.25/2307/TCA** Ryeford Lodge, Ryeford Road North, Ryeford, Stonehouse. Pollard T1, T2 and T3 down to 2-3m monoliths.

**Comment:** No objections as long as work is carried out by a suitably, qualified arborist.

**S.22/2653/OUT** Brunsdons Yard, Ryeford Road South, Ryeford, Stonehouse. Hybrid planning application for outline planning permission for an extension to existing warehouse unit (class B8) and erection of ancillary office building (all matters reserved) and full planning permission for provision of landscaping, parking, drainage & vehicular access to A419.

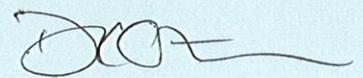
**Comment:** This council objects. The previous objection on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023, still applies.

**E/1006 To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council.**

None received.

**E/1007 To receive Working Groups updates.**

- **Communications**  
Not met.
- **Stroudwater (Bristol Road) Station**  
Not met.
- **Transport and Highways**
- Met, minutes to be included in next Environment meeting.
- **Public Rights of Way**  
Not met.
- **Recreation.**  
Not met.
- **Canal Rejuvenation**  
Not met.

  
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- **Court View**  
Not met.
- **Community Arboretum and Open Spaces.**  
Met, minutes to be included in next Environment meeting.
- **Events**  
Minutes were attached to supporting papers.

**E/1008 Date of next Environment Committee meeting: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**  
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 23/12/25 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions. Includes commitments.  
Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/25

	2025/2026	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%	
205	Event Income/Donations					
205/1	Events	£1,200.00	£0.00	£1,335.00	£135.00	11.25%
205/2	Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£49.20	£49.20	100.00%
205/3	Markets	£0.00	£0.00	£745.00	£745.00	100.00%
205	Total	£1,200.00	£0.00	£2,129.20	£929.20	77.43%
210	Planting Sponsorship	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
215	Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£1,797.11	£1,797.11	100.00%
	<b>Total Town Environment Committee</b>	<b>£1,200.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£3,926.31</b>	<b>£2,726.31</b>	<b>227.19%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
<b>Town Environment Committee</b>						
1190	Amenity Areas					
1190/1	Grounds Maintenance (contract)	£29,500.00	£0.00	£22,144.50	£7,355.50	-24.93%
1190/2	Grounds Maintenance (In-house)	£1,000.00	£0.00	£829.88	£170.12	-17.01%
1190/3	Play Equipment maint/repairs/Insp	£3,800.00	£0.00	£3,354.63	£445.37	-11.72%
1190/4	Public Space Improvements	£6,000.00	£0.00	£3,673.98	£2,326.02	-38.77%
1190/5	Tree & Hedge/boundary maintenance	£4,500.00	£0.00	£1,529.90	£2,970.10	-66.00%
1190/6	Waste Collection	£4,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,000.00	-100.00%
1190	Total	£48,800.00	£0.00	£31,532.89	£17,267.11	-35.38%
2000	Christmas Lights	£2,000.00	£7,116.70	£17,007.15	-£7,890.45	394.52%

  
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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	£2,464.26	£3,535.74	-58.93%
2050/2 Civic Awards	£300.00	£0.00	£24.91	£275.09	-91.70%
2050/3 Other	£3,000.00	£0.00	£3,454.00	£-454.00	15.13%
2050/4 Communications	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2050 Total	£9,300.00	£0.00	£5,943.17	£3,356.83	-36.09%
2080 Neighbourhood Plan Review	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2090 Planning Specialist Advice					
2090/1	£0.00	£820.00	£820.00	£0.00	0.00%
2090/2	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2090 Total	£0.00	£820.00	£820.00	£0.00	0.00%
<b>Total Town Environment Committee</b>	<b>£60,100.00</b>	<b>£7,936.70</b>	<b>£55,303.21</b>	<b>£12,733.49</b>	<b>-21.19%</b>
Total Town Environment Committee	£1,200.00	£0.00	£3,926.31	£2,726.31	
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<b>Total Net Balance</b>	<b>-£58,900.00</b>		<b>-£51,376.90</b>		

  
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