

Stone Town Council – Estates Sub-Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 20 September, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor M Green in the Chair and
Councillors J Davies, Mrs J Hood, T Jackson, R Kenney and A Osgathorpe
By Chairman's invitation: Councillors I Fordham, Mrs K Green and G Neagus

ABSENT: Councillors Mrs J Farnham, Mrs M Goodall and Mrs E Mowatt

EST17/020 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J Farnham, Mrs M Goodall and Mrs E Mowatt

EST17/021 **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

Councillor I Fordham declared a Personal Interest in Minute Number EST17/027, Frank Jordan Centre Refurbishments

EST17/022 **Representations from Members of the Public**

None received.

EST17/023 **A-Frames**

Leaflets regarding the use of A Boards were circulated with the agendas.

Members support the document. As the document was produced by Staffordshire County Council, Members ask that they circulate copies to all traders (including market traders) in the Town.

RECOMMENDED: to write to Staffordshire County Council to ask them to circulate copies of the "Guidelines for the use of 'A' Boards and Merchandising Displays on the Highways in Staffordshire" to all traders and market traders in Stone.

EST17/024 **Member's Motions under Standing Order 4**

Councillor Mrs J Hood

"I have serious concerns regarding the safety of the public due to the poor state of the High Street trees. I am aware of branches falling off, and of an incident when a dead branch narrowly missed a child.

Despite reporting the condition of the trees to the County Council, no action has yet been taken by them. I ask that the Town Clerk follows this up with the County Council to try to resolve the issue as soon as possible."

Members were asked by the Clerk if they thought 60 days to respond to Stone Town Council's report of the dangerous state of the trees is reasonable.

RECOMMENDED: Town Clerk to put pressure on Staffordshire County Council regarding making the trees safe as soon as possible.

EST17/025 Update from Working Groups

There are no active Working Groups.

EST17/026 To resolve, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting whilst the next item of business is discussed on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the debate

This was RESOLVED.

EST17/027 Frank Jordan Centre Refurbishments

The Clerk reported that further estimates have been received regarding the refurbishments at the Frank Jordan Centre.

RECOMMENDED: to proceed with the works, with the agreed contractor

RECOMMENDED: to agree a supplementary estimate of £20,000.

RECOMMENDED: to charge VAT at the Frank Jordan Centre following completion of the works.

Town Mayor