

# Stone Town Council – General Purposes Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in Christchurch Suite at the Frank Jordan Centre,  
Lichfield Street, Stone  
on Tuesday 6 June, 2017

**PRESENT:** Councillor R. Kenney in the Chair, and  
Councillors Mrs J. Farnham, Mrs K. Green, M. Green, Mrs J. Hood, J. Davies,  
P. Leason, Mrs E. Mowatt, A. Osgathorpe, M. Shaw, Mrs C. Collier, G. Collier,  
M. Williamson and Mrs M. Goodall

**ABSENT:** Councillors T. Jackson, G. Neagus, Mrs J. Piggott and I. Fordham

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**GP18/013**    **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: Mrs J. Piggott, T. Jackson, G. Neagus and I. Fordham

**GP18/014**    **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

None received

**GP18/015**    **To receive the Report of the County Councillors**

**County Councillor Mrs J. Hood**

Councillor Mrs Hood advised that £5 million had gone into Staffordshire County Council's Highways budget, for the benefit of the whole County to include Stone.

Attempts are being made to deal with the highways backlog.

Discussions have begun for the provision of families who have lost loved ones to suicide in Stone. It is hoped that funding will become available to finance the appointment of qualified staff to support those at risk and families who have been bereaved.

Councillor Mrs Hood noted several highway related faults that were raised by Town Councillors.

**County Councillor I. Parry**

Councillor Parry was not present at the meeting.

Councillor M. Green pointed out that Councillor Parry had not attended the meeting again. He asked for the Town Council to write again, both to Councillor Parry and the Leader of the County Council to ask that Councillor Parry attend future meetings.

**GP18/016**    **Representations from Members of the Public**

None

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**GP18/017**     **Minutes**

**RESOLVED:**

Tourism & Town Promotion Sub-Committee held on the 23 May, 2017, copies having been circulated to Members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record and that the recommendations of the Sub-Committee contained in Minute Numbers: TTP18/005, TTP18/006, TTP18/007, TTP18/008 a) i) & ii) and TTP18/008 b), be adopted.

**GP18/018**     **Stone Community Hub's Grant**

The Council considered a report\*, circulated to members with the agenda, setting out the financial viability of Stone Community Hub and the way that the Council's grant has been spent. Members were asked whether they wished to continue with its financial contribution, and to determine when another review should be undertaken.

The Community Hub had anticipated that the organisation would become self-sufficient after 18 months and the award had commenced twelve months ago.

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council continue with its financial support to Stone Community Hub at the current level and that a review should take place in six months.

**GP18/019**     **Change of Membership on Management Sub Committee**

The Committee considered replacing Councillor T. Jackson with Councillor M. Shaw as a member of the Management Sub-Committee.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor M. Shaw take over from Councillor T. Jackson as a member of the Management Sub-Committee.

**GP18/020**     **Land at St John's Church – Representation at Planning Hearing**

The Committee considered appointing a member of the General Purposes Committee to represent the Council at the Planning Hearing in respect of the land at St John's Church (Minute Numbers P16/104 and P16/120)

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor I. Fordham be appointed as a representative at the Planning hearing.

**GP18/021**     **Membership of Working Group**

The Committee considered the appointment of members to a working group that would determine the venue and arrangement Stone should make in preparation for marking the death of the sovereign or other members of the Royal Family.

**RESOLVED:** To appoint Councillors: Mrs J. Hood, J. Davies, P. Leason, Mrs J. Farnham and M. Williamson to the Working Group. Revd I. Cardinal would be co-opted. Membership would incorporate the ability to co-opt any future Mayor.

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**GP18/022**    **Update from Working Groups**

**Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

Councillor Mrs Hood provided an update on the work of the Steering Group. She advised that she has a meeting tomorrow to discuss the next steps following close of the resident consultation regarding Special Character Areas. The outcome will be reported to the next General Purposes Committee.

**RESOLVED:** To note the update on the work of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

**GP18/023**    **To receive reports from Town Councillors on attendance at meetings of local organisations and outside bodies as a representative of the Town Council**

**Stone ATC**

The Mayor advised that there had been no meeting.

**Age Concern Stone & District**

Councillor Mrs Green reported that no meeting had taken place but the AGM was tomorrow.

**Stone Town Band**

The Mayor advised that a meeting was to take place next week.

**Walton Community Centre**

Councillor M. Green reported that no meeting had taken place.

**Stafford & Stone Access Group**

Councillor Mrs C. Collier advised that a meeting will be taking place a week on Monday.

**Stone Common Plot Trustees**

Councillor Mrs Hood reported that no meeting had taken place.

**Stone Community Hub Liaison Group**

Councillor Mrs Farnham reported that no meeting had taken place.

**Town Mayor**

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