

**STONE TOWN COUNCIL**

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27 November 2017

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL**, to be held in **St Michael's Suite at the Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone** on **TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2017** at **7.00pm** when the following business will be transacted.

Les Trigg  
Town Clerk

**Agenda**

1. **To receive apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**
3. **Representations from Members of the Public**
4. **To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on the 7 November 2017, Minute No's. C18/049 – C18/059 (attached)**
5. **To receive the minutes and decisions of the under mentioned Committees:**
  - a) Planning Committee Meeting held on 7 November 2017, Minute Numbers P18/066 – P18/070 (attached)
  - b) General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 7 November 2017, Minute Numbers GP18/090 – GP18/106 (attached)
  - c) Planning Committee Meeting held on 21 November 2017, Minute Numbers P18/071 – P18/075 (attached)
6. **To receive the forthcoming Civic Announcements (attached)**
7. **To receive the Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Reports of Engagements (attached)**
8. **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

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.

9. **To confirm as a correct record the confidential minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 7 November 2017, Minute Nos. C18/058 – C18/59** (attached)
10. **To receive the Confidential Minutes and decisions of the undermentioned Committees:**
  - a) General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 7 November 2017, Minute Number GP18/105 (attached)

Members of the public are welcome to attend the Council Meeting as observers.

# Stone Town Council

## Minutes of the meeting held in St Michael's Suite, Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone, on Tuesday 7 November 2017

**PRESENT:** Councillor J Davies in the Chair, and  
Councillors Mrs J. Farnham, Mrs J. Hood, R. Kenney, Mrs E. Mowatt, A. Osgathorpe,  
M. Shaw, I. Fordham, Mrs K. Green, M. Green, Mrs J. Piggott, Mrs C. Collier (from  
item C18/053d) and G. Collier (from item C18/053d)

**ABSENT:** Councillors: P. Leason, T. Jackson, Mrs M. Goodall, G. Neagus, M. Williamson,  
Mrs C. Collier (to item C18/053c) and G. Collier (to item C18/053c).

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Before the meeting began Mrs Lin Davies gave prayers.

**C18/049** Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: T. Jackson, Mrs M. Goodall, P. Leason,  
M. Williamson, Mrs C. Collier (to item C18/053c) and G. Collier (to item C18/053c).

**C18/050** Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

None received

**C18/051** Representations from Members of the Public

None

**C18/052** Minutes

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 3 October 2017, copies  
having been circulated to the members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct  
record subject to the following amendment: The change of meeting room was due  
to the non-availability of suitable furniture following the refurbishment works at  
the Frank Jordan Centre.

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They are attached as an appendix to the signed copy of the Council minutes.

**C18/053 Committee Minutes**

**RESOLVED:**

- a) That the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 26 September 2017, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- b) That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 26 September 2017, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- c) That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 3 October 2017, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- d) That the Planning Committee Meeting held on 3 October 2017, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- e) That the Planning Committee Meeting held on 17 October 2017, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- f) That the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 24 October 2017, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**C18/054 Local Government Transparency Code 2015  
Openness of Public Bodies Regulations 2014**

The information was noted.

**C18/055 Civic Announcements**

The Civic Announcements, which had been previously circulated, were noted. The Mayor stated that the Armistice Day, two-minute silence, will be held at the War Memorial, not Market Square. On 12 November 2017, Remembrance Sunday will begin with wreath laying at Walton War Memorial.

The opening of Advent Windows is not only on 1 December 2017, but will continue through each day of the month, and will include the singing of carols.

**C18/056 Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Reports of Engagements**

The Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Announcements which had been

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previously circulated, were noted.

The Mayor thanked all who supported the Trafalgar Dinner on 21 October 2017.

**The meeting was suspended to enable the General Purposes Committee Meeting and Planning Committee Meeting to take place. The Town Council meeting was then reconvened for the confidential items on the agenda.**

**C18/057 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**

**C18/058 Confidential Minutes**

**RESOLVED:**

That the confidential minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 3 October 2017, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the chairman as a correct record.

**C18/059 Confidential Committee Minutes**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Confidential Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 3 October 2017, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**TOWN MAYOR**

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# Stone Town Council – Planning Committee

## Minutes of the meeting held in the St Michael's Suite, Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone, on Tuesday 7 November 2017

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

**ABSENT:** Councillors: G. Neagus, T. Jackson, M. Williamson, P. Leason and Mrs M. Goodall

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**P18/066**      **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: T. Jackson, P. Leason, M. Williamson and Mrs M. Goodall

**P18/067**      **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

Councillor Mrs Farnham declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 17/27337/FUL

Councillors: M. Green, Mrs K. Green, R. Kenney, A. Osgathorpe and Mrs J. Hood declared a Pecuniary Interest in planning application 17/27355/COU

**P18/068**      **Representations from Members of the Public**

None received

**P18/069**      **Planning Applications**

**RESOLVED:** That the following observations be made on the applications listed:

**Application Number** – 17/27248/COU

**Applicant** – Mrs Kate Lawton

**Location** – The Slope, Stone Business Park, Diamond Way, Stone

**Development** – Change of use of existing B2/B8 storage unit to D2 leisure facility (Stoke Elite Trampolining Club)

**Observations:** No objections, however the Council has reservations about whether the proposal would meet the required car parking criteria.

**Application Number** – 17/27274/COU

**Applicant** – Mr B. Hull

**Location** – 9 Radford Street, Stone

**Development** – Change of use of part of 9 Radford Street from B8 Storage and distribution to A1 Shop

**Observations:** No objections

**Application Number** – 17/27300/FUL

**Applicant** – Mr D. Hartley

**Location** – 3 The Fillybrooks, Stone

**Development** – 2 no. 2 Bed Bungalows

**Observations:** No objections

**Application Number** – 17/27337/FUL

**Applicant** – Mr & Mrs Tonks

**Location** – Woodville, 158 Oulton Road, Stone

**Development** – Conversion and alteration of existing dwelling to form five apartments and erection of new detached coach house to form one apartment

Councillor Mrs Farnham, who had declared an interest, left the meeting room before this application was discussed.

**Observations:** The Town Council raises objections on the grounds that the development proposal would:

- adversely change the essential character of this traditional residential area which contains large detached and semi-detached Edwardian houses.
- result in over intensification of the site with the conversion of the existing dwelling and erection of a coach house to create 6 new apartments.
- create health and safety concerns relating to the ingress and egress of motor vehicles to and from the site, along with other road traffic concerns. Traffic congestion is already an issue in Oulton Road as Alleyne's academy is located opposite, as well as terraced homes that do not benefit from off road parking facilities. This is a busy road with regular tailbacks and on street vehicular parking occurring on both sides of the road.

**Application Number** – 17/27355/COU

**Applicant** – Mr M. Green

**Location** – 112 Newcastle Road, Stone

**Development** – Change of use from bed and breakfast (C1) to dwelling (C3)

The following Councillors, who had declared an interest, left the meeting room before this application was discussed: M. Green, Mrs K. Green, R. Kenney, Mrs J. Hood and A. Osgathorpe.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Mayor, Councillor J. Davies was elected to take the Chair for this item.

**Observations:** No objections

**P18/070**

**To note the following items considered under delegated powers where no objections were forwarded to Stafford Borough Council due to no Member asking for the item to be considered by a special meeting of the Committee.**

None

**Town Mayor**



# Stone Town Council – General Purposes Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in St Michael's Suite, Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone  
on Tuesday 7 November 2017

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

**ABSENT:** Councillors Mrs M. Goodall, T. Jackson, P. Leason, G. Neagus, and M. Williamson

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**GP18/090**    **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: Mrs M. Goodall, T. Jackson, P. Leason and M. Williamson.

**GP18/091**    **Declarations of Interests**

None

**GP18/092**    **Requests for Dispensations**

None

**GP18/093**    **To receive the Report of the County Councillors**

**County Councillor Mrs J. Hood**

Councillor Mrs Hood advised the Committee that she had been away on holiday for three weeks but offered to take on any issues that people would like to have investigated. She was delighted to see County Councillor Parry at the meeting.

**County Councillor I. Parry**

Councillor Parry advised the Committee that he didn't have any items to report specifically but was ready to listen to issues people wished to raise. He represents a small section of the parish geographically but is keen to support initiatives in the town, which is the service town of his constituents.

The following items were raised with Councillor Parry and Councillor Mrs Hood:

- Parking in Stone town – Use of the redundant National Westminster Bank car park by members of the public, now that the bank has closed in the town.

Councillor Mrs Hood informed the Committee that the Town Clerk had written to the bank manager at Nat West, and when the mobile unit is moved from the site, it may be a possible to seek permission for the general public to utilise the car park.

- Hazard caused by fallen leaves to pedestrians (which are slippery under foot) – Street Scene is the only resource Stafford Borough Council has for dealing with public space issues.

Councillor Parry suggested that these types of matters be reported to Staffordshire County Council through the usual route.

- Closure of the Post Office – no information is available on the close date, but it is thought to be in January 2018. Councillor Mrs Hood stated that the loss of both the Post Office and Bank in Stone will have a huge negative impact on the town. Footfall will diminish as people travel out of town to access these facilities as well as utilise alternative shopping opportunities. There is a strong need to devise a plan to keep the Post Office in Stone and to protect the interests of traders.
- Railhead – Councillor Parry advised that Staffordshire County Council had responded to the consultation on the construction of the railhead, the aim being to minimise the effects. Concerns have been expressed by a lot of local people and he will be taking those on board along with the impacts on traffic and transportation.
- Excess surface water on the A34, at the Walton Island and on the A34, opposite the garage.

There are chevrons on the approach to the A34 Walton island. Motorists cannot see what is coming from the right.

Councillor Parry said the road rises up and is designed to take major traffic into the Business Park. The profile of accidents occurring there will be recorded and analysed routinely.

- Trees overhanging the highway in Pirehill Lane, adjacent to the industrial estate.
- Power station site – Councillor Parry reported that planning permission had been awarded for a number of units and he was confident that the site would be developed.

**GP18/094 Representations from Members of the Public**

None

**GP18/095 Minutes**

**RESOLVED:**

Tourism and Town Promotion Sub-Committee held on 17 October 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: TTP18/019, TTP18/020 and TTP18/021 be adopted.

Environment Sub-Committee held on 17 October 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 Number ENV18/004 be adopted.

**GP18/096 Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee**

The notes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting held on 11 October 2017 were noted. Councillor Mrs Hood provided an update on the Neighbourhood Planning process following submission of Stone's Plan to Stafford Borough Council.

**GP18/097 Budget Monitoring Report**

The Committee received the quarterly report\* of the Town Clerk with information on the Council's current financial position compared with its budget for the year, with recommendations for further action.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the adjustments to the Council's budget as set out in Appendix A of the report. The Council's performance against budget at the end of September 2017 and details of the Council's spending since the last budget monitoring report were noted. No further action was deemed necessary.

**GP18/098 Stafford Borough Council Local Plan Review  
Plan for Stafford Borough – Draft Supplementary Planning Documents**

The Committee considered a letter from Stafford Borough Council with information on the launch of three consultations. These are:

- Call for Sites – Brownfield sites. Applications are invited for Brownfield sites which will be assessed for inclusion in the updated Brownfield Land Register during 2018.
- Call for Sites – Local Green Space. Applications are invited for Local Green Space designations which will be assessed as part of the Local Plan Review.
- Draft Supplementary Planning Documents – Comments are invited on the following draft Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD): The Design SPD, The Re-use of Rural Buildings SPD and the Shopfronts and Advertisements SPD.

**RESOLVED:** That the item will be considered again at the General Purposes Committee meeting in December, when a full response will be determined.

**GP18/099 Developing a community based approach – the Highways and Rights of Way – 'Your Choices' website**

The Committee considered a letter from Staffordshire County Council advising that the County Council, Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association and representatives of local councils across Staffordshire had been working together to establish a new resource for local councils.

A 'Highways and Rights of Way – Your Choices' website is now live at [www.highwaysyourway.info](http://www.highwaysyourway.info) to provide information and advice on assisting local councils to explore options and opportunities for getting more involved in taking on and delivering local environmental tasks.

**RESOLVED:** The new website was noted.

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**GP18/100**     **Grant Application from AEDdonate**

The Committee considered a request for a grant from AEDdonate who are supporting the Coppice Estate, on the other side of the railway line, in raising funds for the purchase of a public access defibrillator.

The item had been deferred at the last meeting of the Committee whilst clarification was sought on a number of questions about costs relating to AEDdonate premises and fundraising.

The Committee considered answers given to the Town Councils questions, but the Town Clerk advised that further clarification was still needed. It was established that AEDdonate are eligible to receive a grant. The Coppice Estate residents would not be entitled to apply directly for funding unless the group becomes properly constituted. The group would also then have access to other funding opportunities such as Staffordshire County Council's Community Fund.

The cost of the project is £1999 but the funding raised to date is under £1000 (as stated on AEDdonate's website).

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council agrees in principle to approval of grant funding for £500, to be made to AEDdonate, for a defibrillator to be supplied and installed on the Coppice Estate subject to:

- a) The Town Clerk being satisfied regarding clarification on the questions asked, and,
- b) No payment being made until the fund reaches the position where the defibrillator can be purchased immediately (currently expected to be when it reaches £1,499).

**GP18/101**     **Stone Post Office**

The Chairman, Councillor Kenney advised that he has held conversations with the Network Operations Manager and External Affairs Officer at the Post Office. Both are committed to the retention of a Post Office in Stone, after the Co-op store has closed. They are actively looking to find an alternative site for the facility.

The Post Office model involves running the operation from within a retail outlet to ensure its continued viability but no-one has expressed an interest in the business opportunity to date.

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council work with Post Office representatives to secure a facility in Stone from January 2018.

**RESOLVED:** To approach Stafford Borough Council to request that consideration be given to offering business rates relief to the company taking on the service.

**GP18/102**     **Non-Cheque Payments**

**RESOLVED:** To note the list\* of non-cheque payments made by the Council during the period 1 September 2017 to 30 September 2017.

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## **Members Motions under Standing Order 4**

### **Members Motion – Councillor Osgathorpe**

#### **Councillor A. Osgathorpe**

The General Purposes Committee, on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014, considered, as part of a wider report, an item regarding access of developers to make pre-planning presentations to the Council's Planning Committee as follows:

*"Developer Presentations at Planning Meetings*

- 16. Following the requirements now placed on developers to consult with the local community prior to submitting planning applications, the Council receives a number of requests either for developers to present their proposals to the Council or for Councillors to attend developer presentations at other sites. This can be difficult for Councillors, due to the potential for suggestions of pre-judgement and conflicts of interest.*
- 17. In order to ensure a consistency of approach it is suggested that two presentation slots of 15 minutes each be set aside at the second Planning Committee meeting each month to accommodate the requests of developers to present to the Council. This allows for a presentation in a controlled, but open and transparent environment. Requests could be made to the Clerk and allocated on a "first come first served" basis, adjusted if necessary to allow particularly significant developments to be considered as a priority.*
- 18. Question: Do Members wish to provide two 15 minute slots at the second Planning Committee meeting each month to receive pre-planning presentations from developers?"*

The General Purposes Committee supported the suggestion in paragraph 17 above, which was recorded within minute number GP15/058.

I am concerned that the current opportunity afforded to developers in making pre-planning presentations/consultation to the Town Council's Planning Committee is disproportionate to those existing for other bodies and individuals. To bring this more in line with other representations made to the Town Council by other people/groups and organisations, I propose the following motion:

*"That the scheme for pre-planning presentations to the Council by developers agreed by the General Purposes Committee on the 2nd October 2014, minute number GP15/058, be rescinded in interests of fairness".*

#### **RESOLVED:**

- That minute number GP15/058 be rescinded forthwith.
- To authorise the Town Clerk, in consultation with Councillor A. Osgathorpe, to work on a policy proposal for the management of requests from applicants to deliver future pre-planning presentations.

## **GP18/103 Update from Working Groups**

### **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

Councillor Mrs Hood had given a progress report earlier in the meeting.

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The Committee was advised that an additional grant of £3000 had been awarded to the Town Council in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan project.

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

**Protocol for Marking the Death of the Sovereign or other member of the Royal Family Group**

Councillor Davies reported that a meeting of the Group would be taking place in the Council Chamber on Friday 10 November 2017.

**RESOLVED:** To note the update on the work of the Marking the Death Working Group.

**Stone Area Parish Liaison Group**

Councillor Davies informed the Committee that this group meets quarterly and provides a useful forum for Stone and its hinterland to share information and discuss issues that are of mutual interest. At the last meeting on 11 October 2017, Superfast Staffordshire Programme Manager kindly joined members to give an update on Broadband services in Staffordshire. The group also provides an opportunity to share their calendar of events both for publicity purposes and to avoid the clashing of dates.

**RESOLVED:** To note the work of the Stone Area Parish Liaison Group.

**GP18/104** **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 he had attended the AGM and details were recorded in the Mayor's Report.

**Age Concern Stone & District**

Councillor Mrs Collier and Councillor Mrs Green were not able to attend the last meeting.

**Stone Town Band**

The Mayor reported that he had attended a rehearsal on Friday.

**Walton Community Centre**

Councillor Green advised that he had not been invited to any meetings.

**Stafford & Stone Access Group**

Councillor Mrs Collier reported that no meeting of the Access Group had taken place since the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

**Stone Common Plot Trustees**

Councillor Mrs Hood reported that there is currently a big problem with commercial dog walkers. They arrive with large numbers of dogs and are considered a threat to people with single dogs and to children in the vicinity. A decision has been taken by Trustees to stop commercial dog walkers from using the Plot.

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### **Stone Community Hub Liaison Group**

Councillor Mrs Farnham had made a report at the last meeting about the introduction of lunch clubs and day to day activities. The group is now appealing for new volunteers. The Hub would like to recruit people to deliver debt counselling, marital advice, IT and depression/mental health support services.

The food bank is well stocked following harvest festivals.

There is a furniture warehouse at the Baptist Church in Rising Brook where the delivery of furniture will be made free of charge.

The AGM, which will be open to the public, is to be held on 30 November 2017 at the Frank Jordan Centre.

### **Canal & River Trust**

Councillor Kenney reported that there was nothing to add to the report given at the previous meeting.

### **SPCA Executive Meeting**

No report was available.

**The meeting was suspended to enable the Planning Committee Meeting and Confidential item on the General Purposes Committee Meeting to take place, after which it was reconvened for the confidential items.**

### **GP18/105 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

**To resolve, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission of 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**

**RESOLVED:** To exclude the Press and Public from the next item of business.

### **GP18/106 Debt Recovery**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk which included a written report submitted to the meeting in September 2017, and a verbal report with an update on the current situation.

**RESOLVED:** That the item be added to the next agenda if the issue remains.

**Town Mayor**

# Stone Town Council – Planning Committee

## Minutes of the meeting held in the St Michael's Suite, Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone, on Tuesday 21 November 2017

**PRESENT:** Councillor A. Osgathorpe in the Chair, and  
Councillors: R. Kenney, Mrs E. Mowatt, J. Davies, M. Green, I. Fordham,  
Mrs J. Hood, Mrs J. Piggott and Mrs K. Green

**ABSENT:** Councillors: G. Neagus, T. Jackson, M. Williamson, P. Leason, G. Collier,  
Mrs C. Collier, Mrs J. Farnham, M. Shaw and Mrs M. Goodall

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**P18/071**      **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: T. Jackson, P. Leason, M. Williamson,  
G. Collier, Mrs C. Collier, Mrs J. Farnham, G. Neagus, M. Shaw and  
Mrs M. Goodall

**P18/072**      **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

None received

**P18/073**      **Representations from Members of the Public**

None received

**P18/074**      **Planning Applications**

**RESOLVED:** That the following observations be made on the applications listed:

**Application Number** – 17/27379/HOU

**Applicant** – Mr M. Watson-Cave

**Location** – 83 Lichfield Road, Stone

**Development** – Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension

**Observations:** No objections

**Application Number** – 17/27396/COU

**Applicant** – Mr M. Palmer

**Location** – Unit 6 Douglas Park, Stone Business Park, Opal Way, Stone

**Development** – Change of use from light industrial (B2) to leisure facility (D2)

**Observations:** No objections to the business concept but the Town Council is  
concerned about the adequacy of parking provision and supports the  
representations made by the County Highways Department.



**Application Number** – 17/27369/HOU

**Applicant** – Mr M. Clark

**Location** – 48 Newcastle Street, Stone

**Development** – Erection of a timber construction garage at the rear of the garden and vehicular access from the highway onto the drive at 48 Newcastle Street via a dropped kerb

**Observations:** The Town Council is concerned about Highways safety as the entrance/exit at the site is situated in a dangerous location on Newcastle Road. Stafford Borough Council are recommended to make a site visit before determining this planning application.

**Application Number** – 17/27370/HOU

**Applicant** – Mr D. Mc Nicholas

**Location** – 76 Crestwood Drive, Stone

**Development** – Single storey extension

**Observations:** No objections are raised subject to maintaining the integrity of the adjoining shared wall and affording sufficient sound proofing to the new paved side entrance.

**Application Number** – 17/27434/FUL

**Applicant** – Stoford Stone Ltd

**Location** – Land at Jasper Way, Walton

**Development** – Vehicle distribution compound comprising 6,189 surfaced standard car parking facilities. 29 surfaced car charging parking spaces, 61 visitor and staff parking spaces. 44 No. surfaced 9 car loading lanes, ancillary operational buildings totalling 1312 sqm (GEA), a jet wash, a substation, access from Jasper Way, a cycle shelter, a drainage attenuation pond, diversion of an existing ditch, external fencing and other security features, and associated screening landscaping.

**Observations:** The Town Council objects to this proposed development on the following grounds:

- Employment density is too low. The vast area covered by the compound will consume the entire SDL as part of Stafford Borough Council's Plan whilst only offering the potential for 70 jobs. An alternative use of the land could create higher numbers of jobs on this substantial site.
- Highway and transportation concerns on surrounding roads. Highway dangers and traffic flow issues will be created from associated HGV's travelling along the A34 and A51. These roads are already heavily congested at peak times.
- Out of keeping and inappropriate in scale with this market town. The image of Stone will be destroyed and planning applications with high visual sensitivity should be avoided.

**P18/075**

**To note the following items considered under delegated powers where no objections were forwarded to Stafford Borough Council due to no Member asking for the item to be considered by a special meeting of the Committee.**

None

**Town Mayor**

**STONE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**5 December 2017**

**CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mayor**

1 to 23 December	Christ Church Advent Window Openings at different locations in Stone (11am every morning)
Monday 4 December	Tour of Stone with Chairman & Consort of Staffordshire County Council
Tuesday 5 December	Town Council Buffet
Wednesday 6 December	Stone Town Council Christmas Market
Saturday 9 December	Stone Choral Society Christmas Concert at Christ Church
Sunday 10 December	Stone Town Council – Civic Carols Service, St Michael & St Wulfad’s Church
Monday 11 December	Age Concern Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 12 December	Trinity Skills for Life – Christmas Service
Wednesday 13 December	Staffordshire Moorlands Tour and Cream Tea, Heath House, Tean.
Thursday 14 December	Chairman’s Carol Service – Cannock Chase Council
Sunday 17 December	Mayor of Newcastle-under-Lyme – Carols by Candlelight Service
Wednesday 20 December	Stone Lion’s Christmas Draw in Morrisons Supermarket
Thursday 21 December	Drake Hall Annual Carol Service
Monday 25 December	Christmas Day Visit to St Mary’s Nursing Home

**Deputy Mayor**

Sunday 10 December	Stone Town Council – Civic Carols Service, St Michael & St Wulfad’s Church
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**TOWN MAYOR**

## **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT – 26 Nov 17**

### **Saturday 4 Nov 17**

The weather was once again perfect for the hugely popular annual bonfire and fireworks in Westbridge Park. The Mayor was joined by the Mayoress and had the pleasure of lighting the bonfire and then enjoyed the spectacular fireworks display.

### **Monday 6 Nov 17**

The Mayor and Mayoress joined many civic heads in support of the Chairman of South Staffordshire Council's fundraising visit to Halfpenny Green vineyard.

### **Saturday 11 Nov 17**

Excellent numbers attended the commemoration of the anniversary of the armistice at the end of the First World War. The Mayor, accompanied by the two Mayor's Cadets, laid a wreath on behalf of the Town.

### **Sunday 12 Nov 17**

As usual the Town's support for Remembrance Sunday continues to be both impressive and moving. The day began with a quiet and thoughtful commemoration at Walton and then moved to a packed Granville Square where the usual large number of wreaths was laid. The Mayor was accompanied not only by the two Mayor's Cadets but also by Mr Jim Rushton, a D-Day veteran who the Mayor had recently presented with the Légion d'Honneur. The parade was followed by a very well attended service in St Michael's and St Wulfad's church. The day concluded with a brief address by the Mayor in the Market Square after which the Mayor and Mayoress hosted a small reception in St Dominic's Social Centre for veterans and their families.

### **Thursday 16 Nov 17**

The evening saw one of the most popular annual events in the town: the switch-on of the Christmas lights. The Mayor and Mayoress joined Father Christmas and the three children who had won the Christmas Card Competition to perform this task. As usual huge numbers attended and enjoyed the music and the funfair, as well as bringing patronage to the many shops and cafés that stayed open for the event.

### **Sunday 19 Nov 17**

The Mayor and Mayoress joined many local dignitaries in supporting the Army Benevolent Fund's annual Curry Lunch which was held this year in the Officers' Mess, MoD Stafford.

## **DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT – 26 Nov 17**

No items to report