

## STONE TOWN COUNCIL

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11<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

A meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** will be held in the **Council Chamber, 15, Station Road, Stone** on **TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2015** at 7:00pm.

I trust you will be able to attend.

Les Trigg  
Town Clerk

### AGENDA

1. **To receive apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Representations from Members of the Public**  
  
To consider representations from members of the public on items to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with the Council's scheme of public participation
4. **To consider the Minutes and recommendations of the undermentioned Committees:**
  - a) Development Sub-Committee held on the 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, Minute Numbers D15/014 – D15/016 (attached)
  - b) Services Sub-Committee held on the 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2015, Minute Numbers S15/021 – S15/028 (attached)
  - c) Neighbourhood Planning Working Group held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2015, Minute Numbers NP15/001 – NP15/003 (attached)
5. **Member's Motions under Standing Order 4**  
None.
6. **To elect the Members, Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the following Sub-Committees:**
  - a) Services
  - b) Resources
  - c) Development
  - d) Neighbourhood Planning Working Group
  - e) Stone Youth Centre Working Group
7. **Meeting Dates 2015-16**  
To note the timetable of meetings for the 2015-16 Municipal Year (attached)
8. **Appointment of Parade Marshal**  
To consider the process for the appointment of a new Parade Marshal

9. **Community Assets – Westbridge Park**  
To consider the attached email from Stafford Borough Council
10. **To receive reports from Town Councillors on attendance at meetings of local organisations and outside bodies as a representative of the Town Council**
11. **To receive the report of the County Councillors**
  - County Councillor P Jones
  - County Councillor I Parry
12. **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.**
13. **To consider the confidential Minutes and recommendations of the undermentioned Committees:**
  - a) General Purposes Committee held on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015, Minutes Numbers GP15/154 – GP15/155 (attached)
  - b) Services Sub-Committee held on the 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2015, Minutes Number S15/028 (attached)
14. **Christmas Lights**  
To consider the Christmas Lights contract

Members of the public are welcome to attend the General Purposes Meeting as observers. Persons attending should enter the Borough Area Office through the rear entrance door (adjacent to the car park). The Council Chamber is at the top of the stairs.

**MINUTES** of the **MEETING** of the **DEVELOPMENT SUB- COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 15, Station Road, Stone on **THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs J Piggott (in the Chair) and  
Councillors Mrs J Farnham, Mrs J Hood, R Kenney, and M Williamson

**ABSENT:** None

**D15/014** **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor M Shaw

**D15/015** **Declarations of Interest**

None received.

**D15/016** **Members' Motion under Standing Order 4**

**Councillor R Kenney**

"I propose that the Development Committee agrees to assess the possibility of providing a new Youth Club and Youth Worker to provide a Youth Service in Stone. The Committee needs to assess the risks and financial costs of taking on such a project"

Following a discussion, it was RESOLVED to support the motion for recommendation to the General Purposes Committee.

**Chairman GP**



**MINUTES of the MEETING of the SERVICES SUB- COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, 15, Station Road, Stone on THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Councillor T Jackson (in the Chair) and  
Councillors Mrs C Collier, Mrs M Goodall, Mrs J Hood, P Jones, Mrs J Price and Mrs S Shaw

**S15/021 Apologies**

None received

**S15/022 Declarations of Interest**

None received

**S15/023 Representations from Members of the Public**

None

**S15/024 Sowing of Yellow Rattle Seeds on the Crown Meadow**

The Sub-Committee considered an email from William Waller, Bio-diversity Officer at Stafford Borough Council, regarding the benefits of sowing yellow rattle seed on the Meadow, a copy of which is attached.

**RECOMMENDED:**

To sow the seeds in accordance with the Stafford Borough Council Officer's recommendations

**S15/025 Community Paths Initiative – Bids for 2015-16**

A number of potential bids were considered:

Councillor Mrs M Goodall proposed a bid to install a kissing gate on Crown Meadow.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the Clerk report back further on this option at the time it is considered at the General Purposes Committee.

Councillor R Kenney proposed that Stone Town Council support Stone Common Plott's Trustees re-submission of their bid from last year.

**RECOMMENDED:**

To support this proposal.

Councillor P Jones proposed that the canal side footpath on the Priory estate be cleared and tidied up.

**RECOMMENDED:**

To propose this as a project for Community Payback.

S15/026

**Members' Motions under Standing Order 4**

**Councillors P Jones and Mrs J Farnham**

"The Government has announced that over the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May there will be celebrations to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

The County Council has been asked to join in the lighting of a national chain of beacons on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

As the people of Stone show every year they have a strong and affectionate attachment to the Royal British Legion, we propose that Stone Town Council light the Town's beacon and facilitate a local event."

Due to time constraints, the Town Clerk reported that this would be arranged as a Mayoral Event from the office.

S15/027

**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.

S15/028

**Christmas Lights**

The Sub-Committee considered the Town's Christmas Lights display.

**RECOMMENDED:**

To ask the Clerk to report back with additional information to the General Purposes Committee meeting on 19 May 2015

**GP Chairman**

# Stone Town Council – Neighbourhood Planning Working Group Committee

## Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 23 April, 2015

**PRESENT:** Councillors H Brunt, Mrs C Collier, G Collier, Mrs J Farnham, Mrs J Hood, Mrs J Piggott and M Williamson

**ABSENT:** Councillors Mrs C Hearing and Miss J Nelson

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**NP15/001**     **Apologies**

None received

**NP15/002**     **Declarations of Interest**

None

**NP15/003**     The Clerk asked Members to nominate a Chairman for this and subsequent meetings.

Councillor Mrs J Hood proposed that she would be chairman, and this was seconded by Councillor H Brunt. This was agreed.

Councillor Mrs J Hood proposed that the Council should produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

This was seconded by Councillor Mrs J Farnham and agreed by the Working Group for recommendation to the General Purposes Committee.

**TOWN MAYOR**

**Programme of Meetings and Events from May, 2015 – April, 2016**

**Council Chamber, 15 Station Road, Stone**

**Commencing at 7.00pm**

**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2015**

Council

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2015**

General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2015**

Council, General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee

**Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2015**

Planning Committee, Resources Sub-Committee and Development Sub-Committee

**Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2015**

Council, General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee

**Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2015**

Planning Committee and Services Sub-Committee

**NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST**

**Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2015**

Council, General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee

**Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**

Planning Committee, Resources Sub-Committee and Development Sub-Committee

**Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2015**

Council, General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee

**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2015**

Planning Committee and Services Sub-Committee

**Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**

Council, General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee

**Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**

Planning Committee, Resources Sub-Committee and Development Sub-Committee



**Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**

Christmas Lights Switch-On

**Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015**

Council, General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee

**Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2015**

Planning Committee and Services Sub-Committee

**2016**

**Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2016**

General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee

**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2016**

Resources Sub-Committee and Development Sub-Committee

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2016**

Planning Committee and Services Sub-Committee

**Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2016**

General Purposes Committee - Budget only

**Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2016**

Council, General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee

**Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016**

Council, General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee

**Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2016**

Planning Committee, Resources Sub-Committee and Development Sub-Committee

**Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016**

Council, General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee

**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

Planning Committee and Services Sub-Committee

**Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

Annual Public Meeting

