

STONE TOWN COUNCIL

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24th June, 2015

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL**, to be held in the **Council Chamber, 15 Station Road, Stone**, on **THURSDAY 2ND JULY, 2015 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**
3. **To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 4th June, 2015, Minute No's. C16/012 – C16/020 (attached)**
4. **To receive the Minutes and decisions of the under mentioned Committees:**
 - a) General Purposes Meeting held on the 4th June, 2015, Minutes Numbers GP16/016 – GP16/027 (attached)
 - b) Planning Committee Meeting held on the 4th June, 2015, Minute Numbers P16/006 – P16/010 (attached)
5. **Public Question**

Jon Heal – Stone Rail Service

“I am seeking clarification on what improvements to the rail service councillors feel they were responsible for in the period since the last council election.

It would also be useful to know in which way the council could be involved in campaigning for improvements for Stone in the next franchise, particularly as London Midland has problems now in stopping some of the peak trains at Stone station because of the length of the trains and the length of the platform.”
6. **To receive the Civic Announcements (attached)**
7. **To receive the Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Announcements**

Members of the public are welcome to attend the Council 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.

Stone Town Council

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 4 June, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor M Williamson in the Chair, and
Councillors Ms L Bakker-Collier, Mrs C Collier, G Collier, J Davies, Mrs J Farnham,
Mrs M Goodall, Mrs K Green, M Green, Mrs J Hood, T Jackson, R Kenney, Mrs E
Mowatt, G Neagus, A Osgathorpe, Mrs J Piggott and M Shaw,

ABSENT: Councillor P Leason

C16/012 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor P Leason.

C16/013 Declarations of Interest

None received.

C16/014 Minutes

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of the Annual Public Meeting held on the 30th April, 2015, copies having been circulated to the members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record

C16/015 Minutes

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 14th May, 2015, copies having been circulated to the members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record

C16/016 Committee Minutes

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 19th May, 2015, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record
- b) That the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 19th May, 2015, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record

Members agreed to the Minutes but asked for an amendment to be made to Minute Number P16/004, application number 15/22237/HOU should read 46 Redfern Road.

C16/017 **Local Government Transparency Code 2014**
Openness of Public Bodies Regulations 2014

The reports of the Clerk, which were circulated with the agenda, were noted.

C16/018 **Council Accounts 2014-15 and Audit Submission**

The Clerk presented his report of the accounts and audit submission.

RESOLVED:

- a) To approve the Council's Accounts for 2014-15 as set out in this document, including the use of the rollover reserve to allow the transfer of budgets between financial years and its proposed use in 2015-16.
- b) To note the variances between the forecast outturn for 2014-15 and the actual outturn, and the reasons identified for the major variances
- c) To note that the internal auditor made no comments that he wished to be reported to the Council.
- d) To approve the annual audit return for submission to the Council's external auditors.

The Town Mayor signed the annual audit submission on behalf of the Council.

C16/019 **Civic Announcements**

The Civic Announcements, which were previously circulated, were noted.

C16/020 **Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Announcements**

"Our first official engagement was on Saturday 16 May - Stafford Borough Mayor Making. The day started well but we ended helping one of our fellow Councillors to go to hospital. We are pleased to see that they have now recovered.

On Wednesday 20 May we attended the reception at Keele Hall for the new Mayor of Newcastle. It is always a pleasure to go to Keele Hall as it has such wonderful ceilings.

I attended the AGM of Stone Scout and Guide Band at the pump house on Saturday 23rd May. The band is worthy of our support because they play such an important part in our civic life."

TOWN MAYOR

Stone Town Council – General Purposes Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 4 June, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor R Kenney in the Chair and
Councillors Ms L Bakker-Collier, Mrs C Collier, G Collier, J Davies, Mrs J Farnham,
Mrs M Goodall, Mrs K Green, M Green, Mrs J Hood, T Jackson, Mrs E Mowatt, G
Neagus, A Osgathorpe, Mrs J Piggott, M Shaw and M Williamson

ABSENT: Councillor P Leason

GP16/016 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor P Leason and County Councillor P Jones.

GP16/017 **Declarations of Interest**

None

GP16/018 **To receive the report of the County Councillors**

County Councillor I Parry

County Councillor I Parry was not in attendance

County Councillor P Jones

County Councillor P Jones had offered his apologies and was not in attendance.

GP16/019 **Representations from Members of the Public**

None received

GP16/020 **Minutes**

RESOLVED

- a) that the minutes of the Mayor's Charity Sub-Committee* held on the 30th April, 2015, copies having been circulated to the members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record, and that the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be adopted

GP16/021 **Members Motions Under Standing Order 4**

Councillor G Collier

"To receive a letter and petition (attached) regarding traffic calming measures on Old Road and to support the request in the petition for submission to the County Council".

* Items marked with an asterisk refer to reports or papers circulated with the agenda or distributed at the meeting. They are attached as an appendix to the signed copy of the Council minutes.

Councillor Mrs J Farnham seconded the proposal. All Members agreed to support the residents by writing to Highways.

GP16/022 Meeting Dates 2015-16

The Committee considered the proposed dates included with the agenda, and whether meetings should switch to Tuesdays.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the Clerk be asked to bring forward a revised schedule of meeting dates based on Tuesday evening meetings from September, avoiding clashes with Stafford Borough Council meetings if possible
- b) To adopt the proposed meeting dates for the period to the end of August 2015

GP16/023 Appointments to Outside Bodies

The following appointments were made to outside bodies:

Stone ATC – Mayor, Councillor J Davies

Age Concern Stone & District – Councillors Mrs K Green and Mrs C Collier

Stone Town Band – Mayor

Walton Community Centre – Councillor G Neagus

Stafford & Stone Access Group – Councillor Mrs C Collier

Trustees of the Town Hall Charity – All Members

Stone Common Plott – Councillor Mrs C Collier until May 2019

GP16/024 Proposed Gap Alterations in the Central Reservation on the A34 at Fillybrooks

The Committee considered the proposals from Staffordshire County Council Highways regarding alterations in the central reservations on the A34 at Fillybrooks.

RESOLVED: that the Council supports the proposals on the condition that the double yellow lines on Whitemill Lane are not extended.

GP16/025 To receive reports from the Town Councillors on attendance at meetings of local organisations and outside bodies as a representative of the Town Council

None received.

GP16/026 To resolve, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting whilst the next items of business be discussed on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the debate

This was resolved.

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GP16/027 **Stone Youth Centre**

The Committee considered the current situation with regard to the potential lease of the former Stone Youth Centre building

RESOLVED:

To ask the Town Clerk to continue to negotiate the terms of the lease.

TOWN MAYOR

Stone Town Council – Planning Committee

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PRESENT: Councillor Mrs J Piggott in the Chair and
Councillors Ms L Bakker-Collier, Mrs C Collier, G Collier, J Davies, Mrs J Farnham,
Mrs M Goodall, Mrs K Green, M Green, Mrs J Hood, T Jackson, R Kenney, Mrs E
Mowatt, G Neagus, A Osgathorpe, M Shaw and M Williamson

ABSENT: Councillor P Leason

P16/006 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors P Leason.

P16/007 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Mrs M Goodall declared an interest in Planning Application
15/22290/HOU, 7 Northesk Street.

P16/008 **Representations from Members of the Public**

None

P16/009 **Planning Applications**

RESOLVED that the following observations be made on the Applications as listed:

Application Number – 15/21994/FUL

Location – Land at Oulton Croft, Nicholls Lane, Stone

Development – 4 new detached dwellings

Observation – Members wish to reiterate their previous comments “Members object to this application on the grounds that Nicholls Lane is not suitable for taking the additional traffic”. Members also stated that it is an intrusion into the countryside, adjacent to Moddershall Valley conservation area, an historical area, an area that floods, there is poor visibility on the roads, it is a safe route for children walking to and from Alleyne’s Academy, and the number of house to be built in Stone according to the Plan for Stafford Borough has already been exceeded.

Application Number – 15/22028/ADV and 15/22027/FUL

Location – Buildings 1 & 2 Brooms Road Industrial Estate, Brooms Road, Stone

Development – Installation of windows and advertising signage

Observation – No objections

Application Number – 15/22272/HOU

Location – Ellerton, 40 Mount Road, Stone

Development – Erection of detached single garage

Observation – No objections. However, Members were aware that the map circulated with the planning application is out of date

Application Number – 15/22290/HOU

Location – 7 Northesk Street, Stone

Development – Demolition of existing single garage to rear garden and rear access; removal of brick wall section and reinstatement of rear opening with a new timber bi-fold gateway on to existing service track; and form new brick paved hardstanding area

Observation – No objections

P16/010

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 received.

Town Mayor

STONE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
2ND JULY 2015

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor

Thursday 2 nd July	Twinning student's Farewell Dinner at The Mill
Saturday 4 th July	Starting of the Lions Duck Race at Westbridge Park
Sunday 5 th July	Race for Life at Walton Priory Middle School
Tuesday 7 th July	High Sheriff Summer Reception at Orgreave Hall
Wednesday 8 th July	Stafford Borough Mayor's Afternoon Tea at The Upper House, Barlaston
Sunday 12 th July	Biddulph Civic Service
Friday 17 th July	HMS Collingwood Ceremonial Divisions
Sunday 26 th July	Uttoxeter Civic Service
Friday 31 st July	STING Coffee Morning
Sunday 2 nd August	Leek Civic Service

Deputy Mayor

Sunday 5 th July	Cannock Chase Civic Service
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TOWN MAYOR

Mayor's Announcements

Council Meeting

2nd July 2015

Tuesday 2nd June we attended the AGM of Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle District Scouts at Kibblestone. An enjoyable evening. Councillor Goodall was very appreciative of the bouquet that she received on the night.

Sunday 7th June was the start of a very busy week as we attended many Festival events. On Sunday we helped to start the Westbridge 5 race, attended the start and finish of the raft race, and finally touring both the car boot sale and dog show.

Monday 8th I started and presented the medals for both the steeplechase and the dog derby.

Wednesday 10th we attended the Civic and Historical Society talks on the battle of Waterloo and Wellingtons Ladies. The talks were very enlightening showing how the battle was a very close run thing, and also the position that Lady Forrester held in society at that time. A learning experience for both of us.

Friday 12th we went to the first Proms in the Park. Even though the weather was not good the quality of the acts shone through, especially the soprano Denise Leigh. Though her rendition of "Summertime" was perhaps a little inappropriate.

Saturday 13th was Festival Day. Again the weather was not at its best. We judged the Float Competition, and the standard was very high there being little difference between the eventual winner and the other floats. We were also impressed by the large number of stalls in the arena. All in all a very good day.

Sunday 14th we attended the Festival Bowls match, a very close run contest, but happily the home team won. We then went to the Festival Church Service and enjoyed singing the many hymns. Finally we took part in the Festival Quiz held in Granville's where the Council Team came a credible 9th position.

Saturday 20th we attended a very special event in St Michael's Church where 6 new vicars were ordained. A very humbling service.

Sunday 21st I attended the St Michael's 10k race. It is good to see so many people supporting the race and St Michael's Open Day. I was proud to be able to start the race alongside the previous, present and future Heads of the school.

Finally, **Monday 22nd** we took part in the annual ex-servicemen's versus Stone Town Council bowls match. We achieved the normal "honourable draw". However it is worth pointing out that we actually did win one match thanks to the skill of Councillors Geoff and Cathy Collier – a result we hope to build on next year.