

STONE TOWN COUNCIL

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A meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** will be held in the **Council Chamber, 15, Station Road, Stone** on **TUESDAY 7th JUNE, 2016** at 7:05pm or on the rising of the Council Meeting if later.

I trust you will be able to attend.

Les Trigg
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. **To receive apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**
3. **To receive the report of the County Councillors**

- County Councillor P Jones
- County Councillor I Parry

4. **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

5. **Members' Motions under Standing Order 4**

Councillor Mrs J Hood

"The Town is to host a number of events and currently borrows bunting to decorate the High Street. I ask that Councillors agree to purchase enough of our own bunting to festoon the Town and propose the bunting is put out each year from May to the beginning of September when the Stone Food & Drink Festival will put up their own bunting."

Councillor Mrs J Hood

“We have recently seen in the media including regional TV stating that Stafford Borough Council has announced the decision to make new businesses exempt from paying rates to Stafford Borough Council with the aim to encourage new trade to the town.

Under the initiative one hundred percent discount on business rates for up to a period of twelve months or a £10,000 contribution towards business rates (whichever is the lower) will be offered on a first come first served basis.

Stone would benefit hugely from the same scheme which would encourage new business into the town therefore creating a knock on effect to other established shops and businesses in Stone with a more vibrant town.

I ask my fellow Councillors to request that Stafford Borough Council extends the same scheme to Stone.”

Councillor Mrs J Hood

“Stone Summer Festival volunteers work tirelessly all year to provide a week long programme of family fun and activities enjoyed by all ages and abilities. I ask that Stone Town Council agree to pay the total hire charge of Westbridge Park which they have to pay to Stafford Borough Council.”

6. **Update from Working Groups:**
 - a) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

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

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.