

Stone Town Council – Annual Public Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held in the Stone Station Community Centre on Tuesday 28 April, 2016

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

Also present 3 members of public.

ABSENT: Councillors T Jackson, P Leason, Mrs E Mowatt and Mrs J Piggott

C16/085 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors T Jackson and Mrs J Piggott

C16/086 **Declarations of Interest**

None received.

C16/087 **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.

C16/088 **Annual Report of Stone Town Council**

The Annual Report of Stone Town Council was presented by the Town Mayor. He reported that the Council is in a healthy financial position.

He also reported that the Council has taken part in a Rail Franchise Consultation. The Neighbourhood Plan is in progress and a bus shelter has just been installed in Walton.

Officers of the Council were thanked for their diligent work supporting the Mayor this year.

C16/089 **Reports from Town, County, Borough Councillors and Members of Other Organisations**

Councillor Mrs J Hood congratulated Councillor Williamson on his year as Mayor. She went on to say that Town, Borough and County Councillors should continue to fight the large developments in Walton. She also added that promises made by Stafford Borough Council regarding Westbridge Park should be delivered.

Councillor M Green noted that there were no County Councillors present. He went on to say that the roads around Stone are in a terrible state. He supported Councillor Mrs J Hood by saying that the Council should say no to any future developments.

Councillor Mrs J Farnham remains concerned about parking issues on Kings Avenue and would like to know the best way forward for the residents. The Clerk informed the Councillor that this should be a Members Item at a future meeting.

C16/090 **Questions or Matters Raised by Residents**

A member of the public asked if the £100k earmarked for the Crown Wharf project has been spent. The Clerk stated that the money is in reserves and has not yet been allocated to a project.

A member of the public asked if a solution can be found regarding public access at meetings. He went on to say that he has attended meetings which have gone in to closed session. The Clerk stated that normal practice for the Council is to defer confidential items until the end of all of the meetings taking place on that evening.

A member of the public asked how a member of the public can put forward an argument at a meeting. The Clerk responded that any member of the public can speak about anything on the agenda if appropriate prior notice is given.

Town Mayor