

Stone Town Council – General Purposes Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 5 July, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor R Kenney in the Chair and
Councillors J Davies, Mrs J Farnham, Mrs K Green, M Green, Mrs J Hood, P Leason,
Mrs E Mowatt, G Neagus, A Osgathorpe, Mrs J Piggott and M Shaw

Absent: Councillors Mrs C Collier, G Collier, Mrs M Goodall, T Jackson and M Williamson

GP17/023 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs C Collier, G Collier, Mrs M Goodall,
T Jackson and M Williamson

GP17/024 **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

Councillors Mrs K Green M Green declared an interest in GP17/030 Stone Lions
Councillors Mrs J Farnham and Mrs K Green declared in interest in GP17/030 Burma
Star Association
Councillors R Kenney, Mrs J Hood and P Leason declared an interest in GP17/030 St
Michael's Community Hall

GP17/025 **To receive the reports of the County Councillors**

The County Councillors were absent.

GP17/026 **Representations from Members of the Public**

None

GP17/027 **Minutes**

RESOLVED

- a) that the minutes of the Estates Sub-Committee held on the 21st June, 2016,
copies having been circulated to Members, be signed by the Chairman as a
correct record and that the recommendations of the Sub-Committee at
Minutes EST17/004, EST17/005, EST17/006 and EST17/009 be adopted.

With reference to Minute Number EST17/004, it was agreed that Councillor M
Green and the Town Clerk deal with the locating of the pump.

With reference to Minute Number EST17/006, it was agreed that the Clerk
investigates the legalities of a no parking sign in the Market Square and report back
to the General Purposes Committee.

With reference to Minute Number EST17/007, it was agreed that the Frank Jordan
Centre refurbishments would be discussed at an additional Estates Meeting on
Tuesday 19th July.

- b) that the minutes of the Management Sub-Committee held on the 21st June,

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2016, copies having been circulated to Members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record and that the recommendations of the Sub-Committee at Minute MAN17/004 be adopted.

- c) that the minutes of the Mayor's Charity Sub-Committee held on the 21st June, 2016, copies having been circulated to Members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record and that the recommendations of the sub-committee at Minutes MC17/003 and MC17/004 be adopted.

GP17/028 Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Mrs J Hood referred to the draft Plan which had been circulated to Members with the agenda. She reported advice had been sought regarding the map in the Infrastructure Section which has been created using a number of different maps. The maps used to create this must be clearly identified.

Urban Vision and Members of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group were congratulated on the document.

Councillor Mrs J Hood reported that Urban Vision have suggested that they will be sharing the Plan with other councils as a best practice document.

RESOLVED: to approve the draft plan, and to allow the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group to make any necessary minor amendments to the draft plan.

GP17/029 Plan for Stafford Borough Part 2 – Examination

Councillor A Osgathorpe proposed Councillors R Kenney and Mrs J Hood as the Council's representatives at the hearing. This was seconded by Councillor J Davies and agreed by all Members.

GP17/030 To consider the following request for grant from local organisations

Army Cadet Force - £500

The Committee considered the grant application received from Army Cadet Force who requested £500 for First Aid equipment.

RESOLVED: to award £500

Citizens Advice Bureau - £500

The Committee considered the grant application received from Citizens Advice Bureau. Members commented that it was not clear if they would be refurbishing their current accommodation or moving elsewhere.

RESOLVED: to defer to a future meeting when clarification had been sought on what the money would be spent on.

STING - £500

The Committee considered the grant application received from STING for the purchase of ten chairs to be used for Tai-Chi, exercise and physio sessions.

RESOLVED: to award £500

Stone Lions Club - £500

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The Committee considered the grant application received from Stone Lions Club to enable them to offer PSA Blood Tests for Prostate Cancer Screening.

RESOLVED: to award £500

Stone Town Football Club – maximum available

The Committee considered the grant application received from Stone Town Football Club for the replacement of stolen equipment and lawn mowers.

RESOLVED: to award £500 on the proviso that it is to fund the lawn mower

St Michael's Community Hall - £500

The Committee considered the grant application received from St Michael's Community Hall to convert the existing gentleman's toilets to give access to disabled users of the hall.

RESOLVED: to award £500

The Burma Star Association - £300

The Committee considered the grant application received from The Burma Star Association for marquees to be erected in Stonefield Park for the commemoration service.

RESOLVED: to award £300

The Committee considered that, rather than applying for a grant each year, this should be allocated when the Council's budget is agreed. This will be considered further as part of the budget setting process.

GP17/031 Update from Working Groups

a) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Councillor Mrs J Hood reported that everything was on track and that all deadlines had been met.

GP17/032 To receive reports from Town Councillors on attendance at meetings of local organisations and outside bodies as a representative of the Town Council

Councillor Mrs C Collier had tendered her apologies for the meeting but filed the following report:

Stafford district Access Group meeting on 13th June.

I attended the above meeting and would like to report the following.

A boards are still a problem in Stone and Stafford but the county nor district have the resources to police a licensing scheme.

Some of the disabled toilets have faulty locks which has been reported.

Disabled Hospital car parking is inadequate at the County Hospital, there are few

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reduced price disabled spaces and the other car parks are difficult for disabled patients to access the hospital from, the hospital is to be contacted regarding this problem.

Empty bins are being left on pavements after being emptied which makes it dangerous for wheel chair users, mobility scooter and parents with push chairs as they are having to go on the road to avoid them. Biffa are going to be made aware of the problem.

The Chairman adjourned the remaining items on the agenda until after the Planning Committee Meeting.

GP17/033 **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**

GP17/034 **Confidential Minutes**

RESOLVED

- b) that the confidential minutes of the Estates Sub-Committee held on the 21st June, 2016, copies having been circulated to Members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record and that the recommendation of the Sub-Committee at Minutes EST17/019 be agreed

Town Mayor