

# Stone Town Council – Tourism & Town Promotion Sub-Committee

## Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 19 July, 2016

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs J Hood in the Chair and  
Councillors Mrs C Collier, Mrs K Green, R Kenney, P Leason, G Neagus, M Shaw  
and M Williamson  
Co-opted Member: Mr J Heal  
By Chairman's invitation: M Green

**ABSENT:** Councillor Mrs J Piggott

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**TTP17/001**     **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs J Piggott

**TTP17/002**     **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation**

None received

**TTP17/003**     **Representations from Members of the Public**

None received

**TTP17/004**     **World War 1 Commemoration Bench**

A quote for a commemorative bench has been received. One bench costs £599 plus VAT plus delivery.

Councillor P Leason proposed that a bench be purchased with funding from Richard Vernon Trust, and that the bench be installed by the Cenotaph in Granville Square.

RECOMMENDED: that alternative quotes be sought

**TTP17/005**     **North Staffs Rail Promotion Group**

Mr Heal reported that there had been three companies interested in the rail franchise from October 2017, but one of the companies had since pulled out.

Mr heal circulated the most up to date rail times for Stone Station.

RECOMMENDED: Mr Heal will report any comments of the Town Council to interested parties regarding the franchise. Councillor Williamson will

investigate a potential disabled access and report back to the next meeting.

**TTP17/006 Stone Traders Christmas Events**

Councillor Mrs J Hood reported that the Music Festival had been very successful and it is hoped that the Traders Event on 7<sup>th</sup> December will be equally as successful. At present 27 traders are interested in participating.

RECOMMENDED: Town Clerk to explore how the Town Council can support the traders.

**TTP17/007 Update from Working Groups**

**Commemoration to mark 100 years since the end of World War 1 in 2018**

Councillor Mrs J Hood reported that the names on the Cenotaph have been researched. There is also a contact who will be approaching schools regarding the commemoration who has authentic WW1 weapons to exhibit. He will also supervise the digging of the trench. Shugborough have been contacted regarding the project.

Councillor Mrs J Farnham was asked to contact Lady Harrowby for information regarding War Horse.

**Preparation of the Town Guide**

The Working Group will be meeting in Autumn.

**Council Website – Tourism Information**

Members of the Working Group will be deciding what items they would like to add to the website. One suggestion is the Commemoration to mark 100 years since the end of World War 1.

Councillor Mrs J Hood informed Members that the RHS judges visited Stone last week and the results will be announced on 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Councillor P Leason reported that an information board for the Two Saints Way will be installed in St Michael's churchyard and will be unveiled by the Bishop of Lichfield on 21<sup>st</sup> September. He also reported that replacement railings around the Crompton Tomb will be erected at some point in the near future.

**Town Mayor**