

**STONE TOWN COUNCIL**

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27<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL**, to be held in the Dove Suite, Alleyne's Academy, Stone on **TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2017** 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 and Requests for Dispensations**
3. **Representations from Members of the Public**  
  
Mr Steve Bottamley – Demise of Stone High Street
4. **To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, Minute No's. C17/080 – C17/089** (attached)
5. **To receive the minutes and decisions of the under mentioned Committees:**
  - a) General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, Minute Numbers GP17/149 – GP17/163 (attached)
  - b) Planning Committee Meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, Minute Numbers P17/096 – P17/101 (attached)
  - c) General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, Minute Numbers GP17/164 – GP17/167 (attached)
  - d) Planning Committee Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, Minute Numbers P17/102 – P17/106 (attached)
6. **To receive the forthcoming Civic Announcements** (attached)
7. **To receive the Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Reports of Engagements** (attached)

Members of the public are welcome to attend the Council Meeting as observers. Access to the Dove Suite is off Airdale Road from the Oulton Road end.

# Stone Town Council

## Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 28 February, 2017

**PRESENT:** Councillor J Davies in the Chair, and  
Councillors Mrs C Collier, G Collier, I Fordham, M Green, Mrs M Goodall,  
Mrs J Hood, R Kenney, Mrs E Mowatt, G Neagus, A Osgathorpe and M Williamson

**ABSENT:** Councillors Mrs J Farnham, Mrs K Green, T Jackson, P Leason, Mrs J Piggott and  
M Shaw

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**C17/080** **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J Farnham, Mrs K Green, T Jackson,  
P Leason, Mrs J Piggott and M Shaw

**C17/081** **Declarations of Interest**

None received.

**C17/082** **Representations from Members of the Public**

None received.

**C17/083** **Minutes**

**RESOLVED**

- a) That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, copies having been circulated to the members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record

**C17/084** **Committee Minutes**

**RESOLVED**

- a) That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, 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 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record

- c) That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record

**C17/085 Members' Motions under Standing Order 4**

**Councillor G Collier**

"This item is being raised on behalf of Councillor Mike Shaw who is unable to raise the issue himself as, unfortunately, he is no longer able to climb the stairs to the Council Chamber to attend meetings.

In order to allow Councillor Shaw to properly undertake his role as a Member of the Council, future meetings which he is expected to attend should be held at locations which are accessible by wheelchair. In order to facilitate this, I propose that Standing Order 6.3 be amended to read:

- 6.3 All meetings of the Council, its committees and sub-committees shall take place at 15 Station Road, Stone, with the first meeting commencing at 7:00pm, unless:
- a. it is specifically agreed otherwise at a previous meeting, or,
  - b. it is anticipated, prior to the dispatch of meeting notice(s), that a meeting will be attended by a Councillor who would be physically unable to access that location, wherein the Town Clerk would be authorised to arrange an alternative, accessible location for the meeting(s)."

The Clerk reported that he was still investigating the possibility of a stair lift being installed at 15 Station Road, but the chances are slim due to issues of fire safety and the strength of the staircase which have previously prevented the option from being implemented. He does, however, have a meeting with a fire safety consultant on 14 March and will report back.

RESOLVED: to support the proposal by Councillor G Collier and to discuss further at Estates Sub-Committee for a long-term solution.

**C17/086 Civic Announcements**

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

**C17/087 Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Announcements**

The Town Mayor's Announcements were circulated and noted.

**C17/088** 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

RESOLVED: to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting for the next item of business.

**C17/089** Confidential Minutes

**RESOLVED**

- a) That the confidential minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on the 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, copies having been circulated to Members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**TOWN MAYOR**

# Stone Town Council – General Purposes Committee

## Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 28 February, 2017

**PRESENT:** Councillor R Kenney in the Chair and  
Councillors Mrs C Collier, G Collier, J Davies, I Fordham, M Green, Mrs M Goodall,  
Mrs J Hood, Mrs E Mowatt, G Neagus, A Osgathorpe and M Williamson

**Absent:** Councillors Mrs J Farnham, Mrs K Green, T Jackson, P Leason, Mrs J Piggott and  
M Shaw

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**GP17/149**     **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J Farnham, Mrs K Green, T Jackson,  
P Leason, Mrs J Piggott and M Shaw

**GP17/150**     **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

None received

**GP17/151**     **To receive the reports of the County Councillors**

County Councillor P Jones had tended his apologies.

County Councillor I Parry was absent.

Councillor M Green requested it be minuted that Councillor I Parry was absent.

**GP17/152**     **Representations from Members of the Public**

None

**GP17/153**     **Meeting Dates 2017-18**

The meeting dates were agreed with one amendment; the addition of Trafalgar  
Dinner on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

**GP17/154**     **To consider the following request for grant from local organisations**

**Young Enterprise (Mid & North Staffordshire Area) - £250**

The Committee considered the grant application received from Young Enterprise  
who requested £250 towards the running of the trade fair.

RESOLVED: to award £250

**Stone Gang Show - £500**

The Committee considered the grant application received from Stone Gang Show  
who requested £500 for neckerchiefs for the cast.

RESOLVED: to award £500

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**GP17/155**     **Closure of High Street Co-op and Post Office**

The Committee considered a press release produced by the Co-op which had been circulated with the agenda, stating that the High Street Co-op and Post Office is scheduled to close. A date hasn't been given but it will be no sooner than October 2017.

Members discussed possible causes and effects of the closure, and noted that a new location for the Post Office should be sought for the people of Stone. The general downturn in the High Street was also discussed.

RESOLVED: to invite traders to a special General Purposes meeting to allow them to discuss potential ways forward for their businesses.

**GP17/156**     **Westbridge Park**

The Clerk referred Members to Minute Number GP17/093, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016, Transfer of Services from Stafford Borough Council. Negotiations had started with the Chief Executive of Stafford Borough Council regarding Stone Town Council taking over the running of the green area of Westbridge Park. The new Chief Executive of Stafford Borough Council, however, appears to be reluctant to continue these negotiations until Stafford Borough's plans for the whole of Westbridge Park are clear.

Members were concerned that there currently appears to be no location identified for the MUGA and skateboard park.

RESOLVED: To write to Stafford Borough re-confirming that the Town Council wishes to take over the management of the green area of Westbridge Park in accordance with the Borough Council's previous offer. In addition, to propose that a full and detailed leisure plan is drawn up, and full consultation is undertaken, before further work progresses on the previously developed area of the Park.

**GP17/157**     **Stafford & Stoke Sustainability and Transformation Plan**

This item was referred from Minute Number GP17/131, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017, County Councillor Reports. The Stafford & Stoke Sustainability and Transformation Plan was circulated to Members by email and an extract from the report relating to cancer care with the agendas.

RESOLVED: to support County Councillor Jones by asking for an external review of the cancer care as part of the Plan.

**GP17/158**     **Consultation – Safer, Fairer, United Communities Strategy 2016 – 2020**

The Committee considered the consultation document circulated with the agenda. Members noted that 11 Safer Neighbourhood Panels had been established across Staffordshire, but expressed concern that a community as large as Stone has no direct representation.

RESOLVED: to request that Stafford Borough consult with the Town Council regarding the work of the Safer Neighbourhood Panel for the area.

**GP17/159**     **Great British Spring Clean**

Councillor Mrs J Hood reported that the Great British Spring Clean week is this week. Streetscene has contacted her and Stone in Bloom. There will be a litter pick on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 10am, meeting outside of Mayfair Cleaners.

RESOLVED: to allow Stone in Bloom the use of Stone Town Council's litter pickers and refuse bags.

**GP17/160**     **Members' Motions under Standing Order 4**

**Councillor R Kenney**

"Having seen a recent social media story from Nicola Atkinson, a Stone Resident, regarding Boston Borough Council introducing from February 1 those walking dogs could face a £100 fine if they cannot demonstrate their intention to clean up after their pet. If challenged they will have to produce a bag to show they are equipped to pick up. I seek the support of Stone Town Council to ask Stafford Borough Council to introduce the same legislation. The idea has received much support from local residents."

RESOLVED: to ask Stafford Borough Council to introduce the same legislation.

**GP17/161**     **Members' Motions under Standing Order 4**

**Councillor Mrs J Hood**

"Parking tickets have recently been issued in Stone High Street by a company employed by Staffordshire County Council. Unfortunately, Traders have been targeted too at times when they thought they were permitted to park. I ask that Stone Town Council immediately addresses the problem of traders receiving parking tickets and investigates once and for all what jurisdiction the parking enforcement officers have. We have always been led to believe that Traders have the right to park up to 10am and then after 4pm to load and unload stock or to transport takings from their premises. It would also be helpful if areas were identified where parking enforcement officers could issue tickets in the High Street.

It is my opinion Stone Town Council has a duty to help and encourage businesses thrive and not allow unnecessary obstructions caused to the traders who need to trade daily as easily as possible."

The Clerk reported that the Traffic Order for High Street states that anyone loading or unloading during the specified times should be exempt from prosecution provided that they act reasonably.

RESOLVED: to give Traders a copy of the Traffic Order so that they are aware of the rules regarding loading and unloading outside of their premises.

**GP17/162**     **Update from Working Groups**

**Neighbourhood Plan Working Group**

Councillor Mrs J Hood reported that the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group would be Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm.

**GP17/163**     **To receive reports from Town Councillors on attendance at meetings of local**

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**organisations and outside bodies as a representative of the Town Council**

**Stone ATC** – Councillor J Davies attended the most recent meeting where they discussed replacing the minibus

**Age Concern Stone & District** – No meetings have taken place

**Stone Town Band** – Councillor J Davies attended a rehearsal. The Band will be performing on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at the raising of the Lonestar State Flag

**Walton Community Centre** – Councillor M Shaw was not present

**Stafford District & Stone Access Group** – Councillor Mrs C Collier reported that no meetings have taken place but progress is being made with the website

**Stone Common Plot Trustees** – Councillor G Collier reported that the issues raised were dog fouling and the removal of a damaged tree

**Stone Community Hub Liaison Group** – Councillor R Kenney had attended a catch-up meeting

**Staffordshire Parish Councils Association** – Councillor M Williamson reported on a forum chaired by County Councillor I Parry and also attended by Councillors R Kenney and Mrs J Hood and the Town Clerk. The forum considered environmental services that the County may no longer be able to afford to provide, and whether parishes may want to provide, and pay for, those services themselves.

**Town Mayor**



# Stone Town Council – Planning Committee

## Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 28 February, 2017

**PRESENT:** Councillor G Neagus in the Chair and  
Councillors Mrs C Collier, G Collier, J Davies, I Fordham, M Green, Mrs M Goodall,  
Mrs J Hood, R Kenney, Mrs E Mowatt, A Osgathorpe and M Williamson

**ABSENT:** Councillors Mrs J Farnham, Mrs K Green, T Jackson, P Leason, Mrs J Piggott and  
M Shaw

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**P17/096**      **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J Farnham, Mrs K Green,  
T Jackson, P Leason, Mrs J Piggott and M Shaw

**P17/097**      **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

Councillor I Fordham declared personal interests in applications 17/25612/FUL,  
17/25564/HOU and 17/25724/OUT

**P17/098**      **Representations from Members of the Public**

None received

**P17/099**      **Planning Applications**

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

**Application Number** – 17/25612/FUL

**Location** – 21 Granville Terrace, Stone

**Development** – Replacement of broken lintel above downstairs, lounge window  
(front elevation). Remove existing defective stone. Install L shaped lintel on  
outer leaf of brickwork. Fit new bespoke pieces of reconstituted stone on top of  
lintel. Pointing to finish. The new stone lintel will be fitted in a buff sand colour  
ready for painting to match existing.

**Observation** – No objections

**Application Number** – 17/25564/HOU

**Location** – 31 Airdale Road, Stone

**Development** – Proposed extensions and alterations to dwelling

**Observation** – No objections

**Application Number** – 17/25600/HOU

**Location** – 17 Meadow Way, Stone

**Development** – Proposed rear extension

**Observation** – No objections but this was without the benefit of neighbours'  
consultation

**Application Number** – 16/25347/COU

**Location** – 42A Radford Street, Stone

**Development** – Change of use from A1 to a mixed use development to include A1 – retail and hair salon, A3 – coffee bar and sui generis – beauty/tanning salon (amended description)

**Observation** – No objections

**Application Number** – 17/25679/HOU

**Location** – 3 Leacroft, Aston Lodge, Stone

**Development** – Proposed single storey rear extension

**Observation** – No objections

**Application Number** – 17/25649/FUL

**Location** – Stone Golf Club, The Fillybrooks, Stone

**Development** – New shelter for golf buggies

**Observation** – No objections

**Application Number** – 17/25724/OUT

**Location** – Land adjacent to 31 and 33 Airdale Road, Stone

**Development** – Proposed detached dwelling house in side garden area

**Observation** – Members object due to over-intensification of the area

**P17/100**

**Withdrawn Planning Application**

To note the following application which has been withdrawn at the request of the applicant/agent:

**Application Number** – 16/25349/FUL

**Location** – Plot 9 Whitebridge Industrial Estate, Whitebridge Way, Stone

**Development** – Formation of 2 no. window openings in the existing factory building

**P17/101**

**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

**Town Mayor**

# Stone Town Council – General Purposes Committee

## Minutes of the meeting held in Stone Station Community Centre on Tuesday 14 March, 2017

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

**ABSENT:** Councillors I Fordham and Mrs M Goodall

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**GP17/164** **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors I Fordham and Mrs M Goodall

**GP17/165** **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

None received

**GP17/166** **Representations from Members of the Public**

None

**GP17/167** **Proposed Parking Restrictions**

Councillor R Kenney reported that he had spoken to many residents in the Stonefield & Christchurch Ward. The residents that he spoke to were generally opposed to any changes to the current road restrictions, and don't feel that the proposed changes would do anything other than move the parking problem elsewhere. He also reported that there have been no reported accidents in the area.

Councillors noted that there is a problem with poor parking in the area and there will be a loss of approximately 75 parking spaces if the proposal goes ahead and the Northesk Street car park is sold.

Members acknowledged that it was an attempt to provide safer conditions, but it will not solve the problem. If double parking started as a result of the changed restrictions, it would be impossible for emergency vehicles to go down the roads.

RESOLVED: To object to the proposed parking restrictions and request that Highways look at the whole of Stonefield & Christchurch Ward and to take into consideration the potential loss of spaces if Northesk Street car park is shut, and St Dominic's Priory stop their parking facility. Highways should also be asked to look at speed restrictions in the area. It was added that a 7.5 ton weight limit should apply to all roads except Station Road.

**Town Mayor**

# Stone Town Council – Planning Committee

## Minutes of the meeting held in Stone Station Community Centre on Tuesday 14 March, 2017

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

**ABSENT:** Councillors Mrs J Farnham, I Fordham and Mrs M Goodall

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**P17/102**      **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J Farnham, I Fordham and  
Mrs M Goodall

**P17/103**      **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

Councillor M Williamson declared a personal interest in planning application  
17/25783/HOU

**P17/104**      **Representations from Members of the Public**

None received

**P17/105**      **Planning Applications**

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

**Application Number** – 17/25783/HOU

**Location** – 29 Redfern Road, Stone

**Development** – Proposed bedroom extension to front over existing porch and  
kitchen

**Observation** – No objections

**Application Number** – 17/25708/FUL

**Location** – NatWest Bank, Granville Square, Stone

**Development** – Full planning permission for the construction of a new ramp  
within the existing outer Vestibule and inner Lobby up to the Banking Hall in  
conjunction with the re-grading of the external pavement

**Observation** – No objections

**Application Number** – 17/25823/FUL

**Location** – Land adjacent 50 York Street, Stone

**Development** – Proposed detached dwelling on side garden area

**Observation** – No objections

**Application Number** – 17/25810/HOU

**Location** – 19 Kent Grove, Stone

**Development** – Proposed replacement of existing walls

**Observation** – No objections

**P17/106**

**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

**Town Mayor**

**STONE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017**

**CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mayor**

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Stafford Borough Mayor's Civic Dinner
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Stone Squadron (2352) ATC Annual Dinner
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Brewery Tour for Tactical Supply Wing
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Stone Gang Show
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Stone Common Plott AGM
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Civic Dinner
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Staffordshire Day Thanksgiving Service, Lichfield Cathedral
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	HMS Collingwood visit to Council Chamber
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Military Tattoo, Stoke-on-Trent

**Deputy Mayor**

Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Biddulph Civic Dinner
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**TOWN MAYOR**

**TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**  
**4<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Friday 17 Feb 17**

The Mayor joined Sir Bill Cash MP at Stone Railway Station for the launch by London Midland Trains of a series of splendid posters by local artists depicting scenes of Stone.

**Saturday 18 Feb 17**

The Mayor and Mayoress supported a dinner held by the Chairman of Cannock Chase Council at the Park Gate Inn, Gentleshaw.

**Saturday 25 Feb 17**

Stone Lions have provided an enormous amount of support to local good causes for many years and the Mayor and Mayoress were delighted to support their 38<sup>th</sup> Charter Dinner where Lion Mark Green was handing over as President to Lion Kristan Green. The Mayor responded to the toast to the guests

**Thursday 2 Mar 17**

On this day in 1836 Texas declared its independence from Mexico and in honour of Stone's sister city, Carthage, the Mayor and Mayoress were present for the raising of the Lone Star State flag in the High Street and for the singing of the state song, Texas, Our Texas. The Mayor read out messages of greeting between the Town Mayor and the Mayor of Carthage.

**Sunday 5 Mar 17**

The Mayor and Mayoress joined a team of councillors and friends in support of a charity quiz night at the Royal Exchange in Radford Street.

**Tuesday 7 Mar 17**

The Mayor being unfortunately indisposed, the Mayoress supported the Lion's event for disabled children at Waterworld, Festival Park, Stoke-on-Trent.

**Wednesday 8 Mar 17**

The Mayor still being indisposed, the Mayoress supported Rotary's 'Purple for Polio Tea Party' at Oak Tree Farm,

The Mayor was sufficiently recovered by the evening to attend with the Mayoress the Annual Dinner of the Stone and District Branch of the Royal Air Forces Association which was held at Stone Golf Club.

**Thursday 9 Mar 17**

The Mayoress and the Town Council office staff had put in an immense amount of hard work to ensure that the afternoon tea and flower arranging demonstration held at the Crown Hotel was a success. The event was much enjoyed by the predominantly female audience but the Mayor and two other gentlemen were also pleased to support the event.

**Friday 17 Mar 17**

The Mayor and Mayoress joined a large number of civic and other guests at the Civic Dinner given by the Chairman of South Staffordshire District Council at the Moat House Hotel at Acton Trussell.