

# Stone Town Council – General Purposes Committee

## Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 14 February, 2017

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

**Absent:** Councillors Mrs J Farnham, G Neagus and M Shaw

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**GP17/144**    **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J Farnham, G Neagus and M Shaw

**GP17/145**    **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

None received

**GP17/146**    **Representations from Members of the Public**

None

**GP17/147**    **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 whilst the next item of business is discussed.

**GP17/148**    **Crown Wharf**

Members considered a possible development on Crown Wharf

RESOLVED: To agree in principle to support a leisure and tourism development on Crown Wharf, and to continue to be a party to discussions with Joules Brewery regarding their proposal.

RESOLVED: To circulate a press release on 15 February 2017 (attached) regarding the proposed development.

RESOLVED: To appoint the Chairman of General Purposes Committee and Chairman of Tourism & Town Promotion Sub-Committee to represent the Council in discussions with the Brewery and others, and to report back to the General Purposes Committee.

**Town Mayor**



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Crown Wharf Development**

An exciting development is being proposed for Crown Wharf, Stone.

The Council has been approached by Joules Brewery and Stone Revellers members Leo Capernaros and Harri Bailey for their support with a project which would see the Brewery:

- Restore Wharfingers Cottage for use as a restaurant/coffee shop.
- Create a Joules Brewery Tap with the potential of housing a Joules shop.
- Facilitate space for a potential new build community theatre/cinema.
- Facilitate space with potential for the Town Council to create a new build heritage and tourist information centre.

It is early days yet, and dependent on a bid to the Canal and River Trust, who currently own the land.

Councillor Rob Kenney, Chairman of the Council's General Purposes Committee, said "This is a great opportunity for a new leisure and tourism development in Stone which could provide both an attractive gateway to the town for canal visitors and exciting new facilities for residents. The Town Council are happy to support this development in principle and work with Joules Brewery, as we would with any organisation bringing forward such a proposal, to help it come to fruition in a way that maximises benefit to the town."

ENDS

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