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

GP17/164 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors I Fordham and Mrs M Goodall

GP17/165 <u>Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations</u>

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

^{*} Items marked with an asterisk refer to reports or papers circulated with the agenda or distributed at the meeting. They are attached as an appendix to the signed copy of the Council minutes.