

Stone Town Council – General Purposes Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in St Michael's Suite, Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone
on Tuesday 20 February 2018

PRESENT: Councillor R. Kenney in the Chair, and
Councillors: Mrs J. Hood, I. Fordham, Mrs J. Piggott, Mrs K. Green, M. Green,
P. Leason, G. Collier, Mrs C. Collier, J. Davies, Mrs J. Farnham, M. Shaw,
G. Neagus, A. Osgathorpe

ABSENT: Councillors: Mrs M. Goodall, and M. Williamson T. Jackson and Mrs E. Mowatt

GP18/160 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: Mrs M. Goodall, M. Williamson and T. Jackson

GP18/161 **Declarations of Interests**

None

GP18/162 **Requests for Dispensations**

None

GP18/163 **Representations from Members of the Public**

None

GP18/164 **HS2 Petitioning**

The Committee considered the final details for the proposed Petition and likely costs (reference: Minute Number GP18/153).

A copy of a draft petition* was issued to Members at the meeting. It had also been previously circulated by email.

The cost to Stone Town Council for the Stone Railhead Crisis Group to prepare, submit and present to High Speed Rail (West Midlands – Crewe) Bill Select Committee, a Petition against the construction of the Railhead and Infrastructure Maintenance Base – Rail at Stone will be £4,000.

The Committee considered a proposal for the Town Council to petition against the HS2 Stone Railhead Compound.

After a request for a named vote, the following votes were cast:

Councillor:	Mrs C. Collier	For
	G. Collier	For

* 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.

J. Davies	For
Mrs J. Farnham	For
I Fordham	For
Mrs K. Green	For
M. Green	For
Mrs J. Hood	For
R. Kenney	For
P. Leason	For
G. Neagus	For
A. Osgathorpe	For
Mrs J. Piggott	For
M. Shaw	For

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council:

1. Supports the submission of the proposed petition against the provision of the proposed railhead in Stone.
2. Accepts the quotation of £4,000 from the Stone Railhead Crisis Group to prepare, submit and present the petition to the Select Committee on behalf of the Council. (NOTE: The Committee has previously agreed to set aside the requirement of Financial Regulation 10.9 requiring competitive quotations for this work).
3. Authorises the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman, to:
 - a. Make any required changes to the petition prior to its submission.
 - b. Agree to joint petitioning arrangements with any other local authority, subject to any proposed changes to the wording of the petition as a result being consistent with the Town Council's objectives and appropriate resolutions being passed by each Council.

Town Mayor