

Stone Town Council – General Purposes Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in St Michael's Suite, Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone on Tuesday 13 March 2018

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

ABSENT: Councillors: Mrs M. Goodall, Mrs J. Piggott and Mrs J. Farnham

GP18/165 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: Mrs M. Goodall, Mrs J. Piggott and Mrs J. Farnham

GP18/166 **Declarations of Interests**

None

GP18/167 **Requests for Dispensations**

None

GP18/168 **Representations from Members of the Public**

None

GP18/169 **Land off Eccleshall Road – Street Naming**

The Committee considered an invitation from Stafford Borough Council to suggest street names for a new housing development on land off Eccleshall Road, Stone.

The current proposals and naming guidance from Stafford Borough had been circulated.

The Committee put forward various suggestions for consideration:

- The names of local soldiers who lost their lives in the WW1. This would commemorate the centenary of the ending of WW1.
- The name of a local lady, Parker Jervis, in recognition of her work during WW1. This would mark 100 years since the rising of the Suffragette movement.
- Names associated with HMS St Vincent and HMS Collingwood in recognition of the town's naval links.

It was also suggested that a reserves list be compiled with street name suggestions for use in the future.

The Committee agreed that the name of Parker Jervis should be put forward, together with the names of local soldiers drawn at random from a list of the names recorded on the town's War Memorial.

RESOLVED: That the following names be submitted to Stafford Borough Council as the Town Council's suggestions for naming streets within the new housing development on land off Eccleshall Road, Stone:

<u>Suggestions</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
Parker Jervis	Parker Jervis
Myatt	CPL S. Myatt
Wood	SAP E. Wood and PTE K.T. Wood
Harston	PTE J.T. Harston
Jones	PTE G. Jones and PTE G. Jones
Lockley	L/CPL F.C. Lockley
Owen	Midshipman G. C. LL. Owen, PTE J.E. Owen, PTE J. Owen, DVR W. Owen

Reserves

Clarke	PTE W. Clarke
Wardle	L/CPL G. Wardle
Bourne	PTE G. Bourne
Bott	SAP R. Bott

Stafford Borough Council should determine whether the names incorporate Street, Road or Avenue etc.

GP18/170 **Westbridge Park Public Consultation**

Reference Minute Number GP18/142

The Committee expressed its thanks to Red Kite Network Ltd (appointed by Stafford Borough Council to carry out a feasibility study and plan for the development of play, football and outdoor event facilities at Westbridge Park, Stone) for an informative meeting held on Wednesday 21 February 2018.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council submit the following comments to Stafford Borough Council in response to the Westbridge Park consultation:

In recent years there have been several consultations regarding sport, recreation and leisure facilities within the Stone area, with the main conclusion being that Stone lacks these facilities and most existing ones are in need of updating.

Stafford Borough Council pledged to provide a new children's play area and teenage facilities, including a skate park and multi-use games area.

All of this needs to be achieved at the same time as safeguarding the space for events such as the Stone Summer Festival and the Food and Drink Festival. Football facilities need to be retained and improved with provision of changing facilities.

* 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.

Stone Town Council and the residents of Stone look forward to the timely completion in full of the above list.

The meeting was suspended at this point to enable the Planning Committee Meeting and Confidential item on the Estates Committee Meeting to take place. The meeting was then reconvened for the confidential items to be considered.

GP18/171 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

To resolve, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission of 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 next item of business.

GP18/172 **Tour Series**

The Committee considered the staging of a Tour Series event in Stone. Details of the proposed event had been circulated with the electronic version of the agenda.

An OVO Energy Tour Series Cycle Race Event is planned to be held as part of a cycling festival in Stone, on Thursday 24 May.

In order to make the best of the opportunity provided by the day, a proposal for complementary activities produced by RainyDay PR, was distributed to Members at the meeting for consideration.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council supports the principle of a Tour Series Cycle Race in Stone and appoints RainyDay PR to provide the following services alongside the event:

Marketing and promotion
Community engagement

Town Mayor