

# Stone Town Council – General Purposes Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in St Michael's Suite, Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone  
on Tuesday 24 April 2018

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

**ABSENT:** Councillors: P. Leason, G. Collier, Mrs C. Collier, M. Shaw, G. Neagus,  
Mrs J. Farnham and Mrs M. Goodall

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**GP18/198**    **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: P. Leason, G. Collier, Mrs C. Collier,  
M. Shaw, G. Neagus, Mrs J. Farnham and Mrs M. Goodall

**GP18/199**    **Declarations of Interests**

None

**GP18/200**    **Requests for Dispensations**

None

**GP18/201**    **Representations from Members of the Public**

None

**GP18/202**    **HS2 Phase 2a**

- a) The Committee considered its response to the consultation regarding changes to the proposals for HS2 Phase 2a.

Detailed papers had been emailed to Councillors and included in the electronic version of the agenda. This included a copy of the consultation return and a Draft Additional Provisions Petition.

The Stone Railhead Crisis Group had advised that the main changes affecting Stone appeared to be:

- The replacement of the 450m long Filly Brook viaduct with a much shorter one (80m long over the Norton Bridge to Stone Railway) and an extra 385m length embankment on either side of the railway, which will require the Filly Brook to be culverted and alternative flood storage found.
- The extension to the Yarnfield North Embankment (300m).

- Increasing the elevation of the HS2 mainline alignment 15.5m to the northeast where it crosses the M6 at the northern end of the Stone Railhead site.
- Moving the horizontal HS2 mainline alignment 15.5m to the northeast where it crosses the M6 at the northern end of the Stone Railhead site.
- An admission by HS2 that the numbers it has presented for HGV and total traffic on the A34 through Stone is significantly understated.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk be authorised to respond to the consultation in a way that is consistent with the final version of the Petition.

- b) The Committee considered the content of a second revised petition\*, a copy of which had been distributed at the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Council petitions in respect of the amended HS2 proposals.

RESOLVED: That the circulated petition be supported, with the Town Clerk authorised to make any changes required prior to the submission date, in consultation with the Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

**GP18/203     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: This resolution was not proposed, and the press and public were therefore not excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

**GP18/204     Crown Wharf**

As part of the Crown Wharf Development Joule's brewery will attempt to acquire the old Fire Station building from Staffordshire County Council, the current owner. If acquired, Joules is prepared to offer this building to Stone Town Council for use as a heritage and visitor centre. The Committee considered the proposed draft heads of terms\* between the Council and Joules for the provision of the centre, which had been circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council accept the proposed draft heads of terms and authorises the Town Clerk to make any necessary future changes that may be required, in consultation with the Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

**Town Mayor**

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\* 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.