

Stone Town Council

Minutes of the meeting held in St Michael's Suite, Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone, on Tuesday 03 July 2018

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs K. Green in the Chair, and
Councillors: J. Davies, Mrs J. Farnham, Mrs J. Hood, R. Kenney, Mrs E. Mowatt,
M. Green, M. Williamson, P. Leason, Mrs M. Goodall, M. Shaw, I. Fordham,
A. Osgathorpe and Mrs J. Piggott

ABSENT: Councillors: T. Jackson, G. Collier, Mrs C. Collier and G. Neagus

Before the meeting began Reverend Prebendary I. Cardinal gave prayers

C19/024 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: T. Jackson, G. Collier and Mrs Collier

C19/025 **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

None received

C19/026 **Representations from Members of the Public**

Representation from Jane Kelly

I'd like to thank the Council for its efforts to re-establish a Post Office in Stone. In its role as advocate for Stone residents, who are keen to have the Post Office back, could I ask whether it has considered what it might do if the current proposal falls through? Could I also ask whether it is lobbying those responsible for libraries to persuade them to retain the library in Stone?

The Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, Councillor Kenney, advised Ms Kelly that the Town Council has been working closely with the Post Office since the closure of the Co-op was announced in order to return essential Post Office services to the High Street as soon as possible. The Council has also provided a bus service to take local people to an alternative facility whilst the service has been unavailable. Councillor Kenney advised that a new Post Master had been appointed and premises for a Post Office in Stone had been found. He is optimistic that the outcome for the town will be positive.

A report on libraries will be given by County Councillor Mrs J. Hood in the General Purposes Committee meeting.

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C19/027 **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Annual Public Meeting held on the 17 April 2018, copies having been circulated to the members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

C19/028 **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on the 5 June 2018, copies having been circulated to the members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

C19/029 **Committee Minutes**

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 5 June 2018, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- b) That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 5 June 2018, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- c) That the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 19 June 2018, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

C19/030 **Local Government Transparency Code 2015**
Openness of Public Bodies Regulations 2014

The report of the Local Government Transparency Code 2015* and Openness of Public Bodies Regulations 2014 were noted for the quarter ending 31 March 2018.

C19/031 **Civic Announcements**

The Civic Announcements, which had been previously circulated were noted.

C19/032 **Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Reports of Engagements**

The Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Announcements, which had been previously circulated, were noted.

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The meeting was suspended at this point to enable the open session of the General Purposes Committee Meeting and the Planning Committee Meeting to take place.

C19/033 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 next item of business.

C19/034 Confidential Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the confidential minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 5 June 2018, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the chairman as a correct record.

TOWN MAYOR

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