

Stone Town Council

Minutes of the meeting held in St Michael's Suite, Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone, on Tuesday 4 September 2018

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs K. Green in the Chair, and
Councillors: J. Davies, Mrs J. Hood, R. Kenney, M. Green, M. Shaw, T. Jackson,
G. Neagus, A. Osgathorpe, Mrs E. Mowatt and Mrs J. Piggott

ABSENT: Councillors: P. Leason, Mrs M. Goodall, M. Williamson, Mrs J. Farnham, I. Fordham,
Mrs C. Collier and G. Collier

Before the meeting began Reverend Prebendary I. Cardinal gave prayers

C19/050 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: P. Leason, Mrs M. Goodall,
M. Williamson, Mrs J. Farnham, I. Fordham, Mrs C. Collier and G. Collier

C19/051 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

None received

C19/052 Representations from Members of the Public

Representation from Tracey Lindop

"Many towns across the UK have begun to tackle the issue of plastic pollution by aiming to become a 'Plastic Free Community' or town. This does not mean that plastics are banned but a recognition that individuals, the Council, businesses and community groups can come together and contribute to the global crisis of plastic pollution.

Surfers Against Sewage (SAS) has created a framework to tackle the avoidable use of single use plastics and to help towns achieve this has created #plasticfreecommunities, so far 369 have signed up to the scheme.

I feel that Stone is ideally suited due to its independent nature and having the river and canal flowing through the town, as well as many independent businesses and large supermarkets that have already begun to consider their single use plastic usage.

I would like the Council to consider whether it would support Stone becoming part of

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this initiative. This would involve the Council:

- 1. Passing a resolution supporting the initiative*
- 2. Leading by example to remove single-use plastic items from their premises.*
- 3. Encouraging plastic-free initiatives, promoting the campaign and supporting events.*
- 4. Appointing a representative to the Plastic Free Community steering group.*

The nearest towns/communities currently working towards certification are Newcastle-under-Lyme, Uttoxeter and Endon.”

Ms Lindop provided additional information about the environmental damage caused by single use plastics and said she would forward links to the ‘Surfers Against Sewage’ framework and toolkit.

The Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, Councillor Kenney, responded to Ms Lindop, advising that the item would be passed to the Town Council’s Environment Sub-Committee for further consideration.

C19/053 Allotment Awards

The Mayor welcomed Martin Robinson and invited him to present the awards to the allotments Competition winners for 2018.

Winners of awards are:

Best Kept Allotment – Mr G. James
Most Improved Allotment – Mr M. Pathak
Merit Mount Road – Miss D. Rushton (not in attendance)
Merit Newcastle Road – Mr R. Downing

Mr Robinson was thanked for performing the role of allotment judge, and for undertaking his duties so diligently.

C19/054 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on the 31 July 2018, copies having been circulated to the members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on the 7 August 2018,

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C19/055 Committee Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 31 July 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 31 July 2018, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- c) That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 7 August 2018, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- d) That the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 14 August 2018, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

C19/056 Civic Announcements

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

The Mayor informed everyone that she would be holding a Charity Quiz Night on Saturday 22 September 2018.

C19/057 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.

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.

C19/058 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.

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C19/059 **Confidential Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the confidential minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 31 July 2018, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

C19/060 **Confidential Committee Minutes**

- a) That the Confidential Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 31 July 2018, copies having circulated to Members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

- b) That the Confidential Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 7 August 2018, copies having circulated to Members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

TOWN MAYOR

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