

# Stone Town Council

## Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 3 September 2019

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs J. Hood in the Chair and  
Councillors: T. Adamson, K. Argyle, A. Best, Mrs A. Burgess, J. Davies,  
Mrs K. Dawson, M. Hatton T. Kelt, R. Kenney, P. Leason, J. Powell, C. Thornicroft and  
R. Townsend.

**ABSENT:** Councillors: Mrs L. Davies, I. Fordham, M. Green and J. Hickling

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Before the meeting began Councillor J. Davies lead prayers

**C20/052** Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: Mrs L. Davies, I. Fordham, M. Green and  
J. Hickling.

**C20/053** Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

None received

**C20/054** Representations from Members of the Public

None

**C20/055** Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on the 30 July 2019  
(Minute Numbers C20/040 – C20/051), be approved as a correct record.

**C20/056** Committee Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 30 July 2019  
(Minute Numbers P20/031 – P20/036), were noted.

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**C20/057**    **Draft Committee Minutes**

RESOLVED:

- a) The draft minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 30 July 2019 (Minute Numbers GP20/057 – GP20/072), were noted.
- b) The draft minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 13 August 2019 (Minute Numbers P20/037 – P20/042), were noted.
- c) The draft minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 13 August 2019 (Minute Numbers GP20/073 – GP20/078), were noted.

**C20/058**    **Allotment Awards**

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Martin Robinson and invited him to share details of the Allotments Competition 2019. He said that it had once again been a privilege to judge the Competition accompanied by the Mayor, Councillor M. Green. Both allotment sites were found to be in very good shape with some exceptional plots. He recommended making a visit from an amenity point of view as allotment sites are not just about growing prize vegetables, they also provide a place to escape to.

The Deputy Mayor awarded prizes to the following allotment winners:

Best Kept Allotment – Mr & Mrs Harris  
Most Improved Allotment – Mr C. Leader (not in attendance)  
Merit Newcastle Road – Mr Pathak  
Merit Mount Road – Mr Downing

The Deputy Mayor, thanked Mr Robinson for his input and support in judging the competition each and every year. She urged Town Councillors to visit the allotment sites in a future year when judging is taking place.

**C20/059**    **Conclusion of Audit 2018-19**

RESOLVED:

The Sub-Committee noted the External Auditor's Report\* and Certificate for the year ending 31 March 2019. The Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk (Business and Finance) were thanked for ensuring good financial management and achieving a clean report with no matter giving cause for concern.

**C20/060**    **Civic Announcements**

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

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**C20/061 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.**

**The Town Council was then reconvened for the confidential items on the agenda.**

**C20/062 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.

**C20/063 Confidential Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Confidential Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on the 30 July 2019 (Minute Numbers C20/040, C20/050 and C20/051), be approved as a correct record.

**C20/064 Confidential Committee Minutes**

RESOLVED:

- a) The draft Confidential Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 30 July 2019 (Minute Numbers GP20/057, GP20/071 and GP20/072), were noted.
- b) The draft Confidential Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 13 August 2019, Minute Numbers GP20/073 and GP20/078, were noted.

**TOWN MAYOR**

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