

Stone Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 6 August 2024

PRESENT: Councillor P. Leason in the Chair and
Councillors: J. Battrick, J. Davies, L. Davies, J. Hood, T. Kelt, B. Kenney, R. Kenney,
J. Metters, J. Powell and C. Thornicroft

Officers: L. Trigg, R. Edwards and T. Williams

ABSENT: Councillors: A. Best, A. Burgess, K. Dawson, I. Fordham, A. Mottershead, N. Powell
and R. Townsend

Prayers

Before the meeting began Councillor Mrs Lin Davies led prayers.

Presentation of the Mayor's Charity Collection for 2023-24

The Past Town Mayor, Councillor Jim Davies, awarded half of the proceeds of his Mayor's Charity appeal 2023-24, totalling £1,050, to Mr Neil Norman of Age Concern Stone & District.

Mr Norman, Treasurer of the charity, gave thanks to Councillor Davies and the Town Council on behalf of the charity and trustees for the monies received.

A total value of £2,100 had been raised by Councillor Davies during his mayoral term and representatives of his other charity, Oak Tree Farm Rural Project, had received their award during the previous week when they visited the Council Chamber.

C25/036 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: A. Best, K. Dawson, A. Mottershead, N. Powell and R. Townsend

C25/037 Declarations of Interest

None received.

C25/038 Requests for Dispensations

None received.

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C25/039 **Representations from Members of the Public**

None

C25/040 **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 2 July 2024 (Minute Numbers C25/026 – C25/035), be approved as a correct record.

C25/041 **Committee Minutes**

RESOLVED:

- a) The draft minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 2 July 2024 (Minute Numbers GP25/023 – GP25/038), were noted.
- b) The draft minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 2 July 2024 (Minute Numbers PC25/013 – PC25/018), were noted.

C25/042 **To thank the outgoing Mayor's Cadets for their services during 2023-24**
Mayor's Cadets

The Town Mayor invited Past Town Mayor, Councillor Jim Davies, to come forward to thank his Cadets for their conscientious service through the now completed mayoral year 2023-24, and to award certificates of appreciation in acknowledgement of their duty and support.

Sergeant William Follows served a full term as Mayor's Air Cadet (representing 2352 (Stone) Squadron Air Training Corps) and Jude Turner-Farmer, formerly Lance Corporal, served a part term as Mayor's Army Cadet (representing Stone Detachment (Mercian Regiment) Army Cadets).

After photographs had been taken and Councillor Davies had wished the boys well in their future careers, the Mayor's Cadets returned to their seats in the public gallery.

C25/043 **Local Government Transparency Code 2015**
Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014

The information* for Quarter ending 30 June 2024 was noted.

C25/044 **Civic Announcements**

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

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C25/045 Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Reports of Engagements

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

The Town Mayor and the Deputy Town Mayor informed the Town Council about the engagements they had attended.

The Town Mayor thanked those that had supported Civic Sunday on 14 July and the Portuguese Evening on 25 July 2024, both of which were successful and enjoyable occasions.

The Town Mayor had accompanied the allotment judges on their visits to the allotments in Mount Road and Newcastle Road on 26 July 2024 and was very impressed with the variety of produce grown.

The Town Mayor attended the Classic Car show in the High Street on Saturday 27 July, where several visitors to Stone had commented to him that it was a fabulous event.

The Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Metters, informed the Town Council about his attendance at the Christ Church Academy Award Ceremony at Christ Church (Church) on Wednesday 10 July.

Councillor Metters said the Awards Ceremony was a fantastic event and that it was lovely to see the large variety of awards presented in recognition of students and praise of their work. He enjoyed seeing first-hand the culmination of hard work, effort, talent and the passion of students, teachers and governors alike.

TOWN MAYOR

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