

Stone Town Council – General Purposes Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 4 June, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor R Kenney in the Chair and
Councillors Ms L Bakker-Collier, Mrs C Collier, G Collier, J Davies, Mrs J Farnham,
Mrs M Goodall, Mrs K Green, M Green, Mrs J Hood, T Jackson, Mrs E Mowatt, G
Neagus, A Osgathorpe, Mrs J Piggott, M Shaw and M Williamson

ABSENT: Councillor P Leason

GP16/016 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor P Leason and County Councillor P Jones.

GP16/017 **Declarations of Interest**

None

GP16/018 **To receive the report of the County Councillors**

County Councillor I Parry

County Councillor I Parry was not in attendance

County Councillor P Jones

County Councillor P Jones had offered his apologies and was not in attendance.

GP16/019 **Representations from Members of the Public**

None received

GP16/020 **Minutes**

RESOLVED

- a) that the minutes of the Mayor's Charity Sub-Committee* held on the 30th April, 2015, copies having been circulated to the members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record, and that the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be adopted

GP16/021 **Members Motions Under Standing Order 4**

Councillor G Collier

"To receive a letter and petition (attached) regarding traffic calming measures on Old Road and to support the request in the petition for submission to the County Council".

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Councillor Mrs J Farnham seconded the proposal. All Members agreed to support the residents by writing to Highways.

GP16/022 Meeting Dates 2015-16

The Committee considered the proposed dates included with the agenda, and whether meetings should switch to Tuesdays.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the Clerk be asked to bring forward a revised schedule of meeting dates based on Tuesday evening meetings from September, avoiding clashes with Stafford Borough Council meetings if possible
- b) To adopt the proposed meeting dates for the period to the end of August 2015

GP16/023 Appointments to Outside Bodies

The following appointments were made to outside bodies:

Stone ATC – Mayor, Councillor J Davies

Age Concern Stone & District – Councillors Mrs K Green and Mrs C Collier

Stone Town Band – Mayor

Walton Community Centre – Councillor G Neagus

Stafford & Stone Access Group – Councillor Mrs C Collier

Trustees of the Town Hall Charity – All Members

Stone Common Plott – Councillor Mrs C Collier until May 2019

GP16/024 Proposed Gap Alterations in the Central Reservation on the A34 at Fillybrooks

The Committee considered the proposals from Staffordshire County Council Highways regarding alterations in the central reservations on the A34 at Fillybrooks.

RESOLVED: that the Council supports the proposals on the condition that the double yellow lines on Whitemill Lane are not extended.

GP16/025 To receive reports from the Town Councillors on attendance at meetings of local organisations and outside bodies as a representative of the Town Council

None received.

GP16/026 To resolve, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting whilst the next items of business be discussed on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the debate

This was resolved.

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GP16/027 **Stone Youth Centre**

The Committee considered the current situation with regard to the potential lease of the former Stone Youth Centre building

RESOLVED:

To ask the Town Clerk to continue to negotiate the terms of the lease.

TOWN MAYOR