

## STONE TOWN COUNCIL

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24<sup>th</sup> June, 2015

A meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** will be held in the **Council Chamber, 15, Station Road, Stone** on **THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 2015** at 7:10pm or on the rising of the Council Meeting if later.

I trust you will be able to attend.

Les Trigg  
Town Clerk

### AGENDA

1. **To receive apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **To receive the report of the County Councillors**
  - County Councillor P Jones
  - County Councillor I Parry
4. **Representations from Members of the Public**

**To consider representations from members of the public on items to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with the Council's scheme of public participation**
5. **To consider the Minutes and recommendations of the undermentioned Committees:**
  - a) Mayor's Charity Sub-Committee held on the 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2015, Minute Numbers D15/014 – D15/016 (attached)
6. **To agree the new schedule of meetings from September 2015** (attached)
7. **Building Maintenance Reserve**

To consider priorities for the Building Maintenance Reserve for 2015-16
8. **Stafford Borough Consultations**
  - a) Plan for Stafford Borough Part 2

To consider the attached document and map (note additional background information available at [http://staffordbc-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/planning/cs/pfsb\\_part\\_2/plan\\_for\\_stafford\\_borough\\_part\\_2\\_proposals\\_document](http://staffordbc-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/planning/cs/pfsb_part_2/plan_for_stafford_borough_part_2_proposals_document))

b) Community Infrastructure Levy

To consider the attached document (note additional background information at [http://staffordbc-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/planning/cil/preliminary\\_draft\\_charging\\_schedule](http://staffordbc-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/planning/cil/preliminary_draft_charging_schedule))

9. **The new Minerals Local Plan for Staffordshire (2015 – 2030) – Final Draft – June 2015**

Due to the size of the document this is not being printed, but was circulated to all members by email on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2015

10. **To consider the following requests for grant from local organisations:**

**Stone ATC Squadron - £500**

**Stone Puppet Festival - £500**

**Richmond Fellowship - £200**

**Age Concern Stone & District - £1500**

**Staffordshire Women's Aid - £500**

**Staffordshire Therapeutic Independent Neurological Group (STING) - £500**

**Stone & District Ex-Servicemen's Bowling Club – unspecified**

**Stone Lions - £500**

**Stafford Samaritans - £250**

11. **Member's Motions under Standing Order 4**

**Councillor Mrs K Green**

"I think this item will be helpful to local organisations and those further afield.

Would you consider whether we should have the 3 Civic Events on a set day of the month every year. This would mean that those wishing to attend these events would know what the dates were, so they could put them in their diary at the beginning of each year.

We would have to consult both Rev Cardinal and the Hotel for their input.

The 3 Civic Events would be the Civic Parade, The Civic Carol Service and the Civic Dinner."

**Councillor Mrs J Hood**

"The High Street furniture is in a poor state of repair – finger posts, benches, mike railings and also surrounding bus shelters.

I would like the Council to establish which of these listed above are the responsibility of Stone Town Council, as there is always confusion, especially regarding bus shelters. Then a maintenance programme to repair and refurbish to be established."

**Councillor Mrs J Hood**

"It is becoming an increasingly alarming problem in Stone High Street with what are commonly known as "Chuggers" their slang title comes from charity muggers!

I often sit in the High Street and watch chuggers (sometimes as many as 5 or 6) stop members of the public to try and get them to sign up to and donate to the charity they are fund raising for. When a "no" is given they follow the person in the High Street trying to persuade them to change their mind. People feel threatened and intimidated which could put them and others from coming to shop in our High Street.

I would like to ask the Town Clerk to contact Public Fundraising Regulatory Association Chief Executive to see how to prevent the chuggers operating the stop and sign up methods used by them in our High Street.”

**Councillor Mrs J Hood**

“I have been finding it increasingly difficult to park on the Council car park due to lack of spaces. I believe the problem is that the car park is still being used by people who do not have the authority to park there.

I was challenged by a police officer who asked me if I had the right to park there and when I replied yes I was a Councillor, he asked for proof of identity.

A parking pass which can be displayed on our dashboard, to say we have the authority to park, would stop the police having to waste their valuable time checking who we are. Hopefully it will also make it easier for them to identify unauthorized parked vehicles.”

**Councillor G Collier**

“I have been approached by Market Traders in Stone High Street regarding the rents charged. They are concerned that they are paying £41 rent in Stone, which includes a covered stall and only paying between £27 and £29 elsewhere, providing their own covered stall.

I propose that the Estates Sub-Committee be asked to reconsider the decision that stalls be provided on Tuesday and Saturday markets, and review the rents accordingly.”

12. **To receive reports from Town Councillors on attendance at meetings of local organisations and outside bodies as a representative of the Town Council**
13. **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.**
14. **Stone Youth Centre – update**

Members of the public are welcome to attend the General Purposes Meeting as observers. Persons attending should enter the Borough Area Office through the rear entrance door (adjacent to the car park). The Council Chamber is at the top of the stairs.

# Stone Town Council – Mayor’s Charity Sub-Committee

## Minutes of the meeting held in the Stone Station Community Centre on Thursday 30 April, 2015

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs C Collier in the Chair and  
Councillors H Brunt, G Collier, Mrs J Hood, Mrs J Piggott and Mrs S Shaw

**ABSENT:** Councillor Mrs J Farnham

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**MC14/009** Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs J Farnham

**MC14/010** Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mrs C Collier declared an interest in the Mayor’s Charities as one of them is District Guides for which she is a District Commissioner.

**MC14/011** Mayor 2014-15 – Allocation of funds to charities

Councillor Mrs S Shaw took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Councillor Mrs J Hood proposed that all monies collected by the Mayor throughout her time as Mayor be distributed to the five chosen charities as follows:

- a) Stone & District Stroke Club
- b) Alzheimer’s Drop-in-Club
- c) District Scouts
- d) District Guides
- e) Guide Dogs for the Blind

This was seconded by Councillor H Brunt and agreed by all Members.

**Programme of Meetings and Events from May, 2015 – April, 2016**

**Council Chamber, 15 Station Road, Stone**

**Commencing at 7.00pm**

**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2015**

Council

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2015**

General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2015**

Council, General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee

**Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2015**

Planning Committee, Estates Sub-Committee and Management Sub-Committee

**Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2015**

Council, General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee

**Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2015**

Planning Committee and Tourism and Town Promotion Sub-Committee and Environment Sub-Committee

**NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST**

**Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**

Council, General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee

**Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**

Planning Committee, Estates Sub-Committee and Management Sub-Committee

**Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2015**

Council, General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee

**Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2015**

Planning Committee and Tourism and Town Promotion Sub-Committee and Environment Sub-Committee

**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2015**

Council, General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee

**Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**

Planning Committee, Estates Sub-Committee and Management Sub-Committee

**Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**

Christmas Lights Switch-On

**Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015**

Council, General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee

**Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2015**

Planning Committee and Tourism and Town Promotion Sub-Committee and Environment Sub-Committee

**2016**

**Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2016**

General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee

**Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2016**

Estates Sub-Committee and Management Sub-Committee

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2016**

Planning Committee and Tourism and Town Promotion Sub-Committee and Environment Sub-Committee

**Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2016**

General Purposes Committee - Budget only

**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2016**

Council, General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee

**Tuesday, 1st March, 2016**

Council, General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee

**Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2016**

Planning Committee, Estates Sub-Committee and Management Sub-Committee

**Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

Council, General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

Planning Committee and Tourism and Town Promotion Sub-Committee and Environment Sub-Committee

**Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

Annual Public Meeting

