

# Stone Town Council

## Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 28 February, 2017

**PRESENT:** Councillor J Davies in the Chair, and  
Councillors Mrs C Collier, G Collier, I Fordham, M Green, Mrs M Goodall,  
Mrs J Hood, R Kenney, Mrs E Mowatt, G Neagus, A Osgathorpe and M Williamson

**ABSENT:** Councillors Mrs J Farnham, Mrs K Green, T Jackson, P Leason, Mrs J Piggott and  
M Shaw

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**C17/080** Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J Farnham, Mrs K Green, T Jackson,  
P Leason, Mrs J Piggott and M Shaw

**C17/081** Declarations of Interest

None received.

**C17/082** Representations from Members of the Public

None received.

**C17/083** Minutes

**RESOLVED**

- a) That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, copies having been circulated to the members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record

**C17/084** Committee Minutes

**RESOLVED**

- a) That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record
- b) That the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, 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 the 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record

**C17/085 Members' Motions under Standing Order 4**

**Councillor G Collier**

"This item is being raised on behalf of Councillor Mike Shaw who is unable to raise the issue himself as, unfortunately, he is no longer able to climb the stairs to the Council Chamber to attend meetings.

In order to allow Councillor Shaw to properly undertake his role as a Member of the Council, future meetings which he is expected to attend should be held at locations which are accessible by wheelchair. In order to facilitate this, I propose that Standing Order 6.3 be amended to read:

- 6.3 All meetings of the Council, its committees and sub-committees shall take place at 15 Station Road, Stone, with the first meeting commencing at 7:00pm, unless:
- a. it is specifically agreed otherwise at a previous meeting, or,
  - b. it is anticipated, prior to the dispatch of meeting notice(s), that a meeting will be attended by a Councillor who would be physically unable to access that location, wherein the Town Clerk would be authorised to arrange an alternative, accessible location for the meeting(s)."

The Clerk reported that he was still investigating the possibility of a stair lift being installed at 15 Station Road, but the chances are slim due to issues of fire safety and the strength of the staircase which have previously prevented the option from being implemented. He does, however, have a meeting with a fire safety consultant on 14 March and will report back.

RESOLVED: to support the proposal by Councillor G Collier and to discuss further at Estates Sub-Committee for a long-term solution.

**C17/086 Civic Announcements**

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

**C17/087 Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Announcements**

The Town Mayor's Announcements were circulated and noted.

**C17/088** 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 meeting for the next item of business.

**C17/089** Confidential Minutes

**RESOLVED**

- a) That the confidential minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on the 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, copies having been circulated to Members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**TOWN MAYOR**