

Stone Town Council

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 2 July, 2015

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

ABSENT: Councillors Mrs J Farnham, Mrs M Goodall and M Williamson

C16/021 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J Farnham, Mrs M Goodall and M Williamson

C16/022 **Declarations of Interest**

None received.

C16/023 **Minutes**

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 4th June, 2015, copies having been circulated to the members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record

C16/024 **Committee Minutes**

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 4th June, 2015, 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 4th June, 2015, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record

C16/025 **Public Question**

Mr J Heal – Stone Rail Service

“I am seeking clarification on what improvements to the rail service councillors feel they were responsible for in the period since the last election.

It would also be useful to know in which way the council could be involved in campaigning for improvements for Stone in the next franchise, particularly as London Midland has problems now in stopping some of the peak trains at Stone station because of the length of the trains and the length of the platform.”

Mr Heal suggested the Town Council may wish to take part in the new franchise discussions in 2017 to try to get an increase in train services to the Town, and also for Norton Bridge from 2018.

Councillor R Kenney, Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, responded on behalf of the Council by referring the issue to the Tourism and Town Promotion Sub-Committee for further consideration.

C16/026 Civic Announcements

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

C16/027 Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Announcements

The Town Mayor's engagements were tabled for Members to see prior to the meeting.

The Deputy Mayor reported that he had attended the Newcastle-under-Lyme Civic Service.

TOWN MAYOR