

Stone Town Council

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

PRESENT: Councillor M Williamson 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, R Kenney, Mrs E
Mowatt, G Neagus, A Osgathorpe, Mrs J Piggott and M Shaw,

ABSENT: Councillor P Leason

C16/012 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor P Leason.

C16/013 **Declarations of Interest**

None received.

C16/014 **Minutes**

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of the Annual Public Meeting held on the 30th April, 2015, copies having been circulated to the members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record

C16/015 **Minutes**

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 14th May, 2015, copies having been circulated to the members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record

C16/016 **Committee Minutes**

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 19th May, 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 19th May, 2015, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record

Members agreed to the Minutes but asked for an amendment to be made to Minute Number P16/004, application number 15/22237/HOU should read 46 Redfern Road.

C16/017 **Local Government Transparency Code 2014**
Openness of Public Bodies Regulations 2014

The reports of the Clerk, which were circulated with the agenda, were noted.

C16/018 **Council Accounts 2014-15 and Audit Submission**

The Clerk presented his report of the accounts and audit submission.

RESOLVED:

- a) To approve the Council's Accounts for 2014-15 as set out in this document, including the use of the rollover reserve to allow the transfer of budgets between financial years and its proposed use in 2015-16.
- b) To note the variances between the forecast outturn for 2014-15 and the actual outturn, and the reasons identified for the major variances
- c) To note that the internal auditor made no comments that he wished to be reported to the Council.
- d) To approve the annual audit return for submission to the Council's external auditors.

The Town Mayor signed the annual audit submission on behalf of the Council.

C16/019 **Civic Announcements**

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

C16/020 **Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Announcements**

"Our first official engagement was on Saturday 16 May - Stafford Borough Mayor Making. The day started well but we ended helping one of our fellow Councillors to go to hospital. We are pleased to see that they have now recovered.

On Wednesday 20 May we attended the reception at Keele Hall for the new Mayor of Newcastle. It is always a pleasure to go to Keele Hall as it has such wonderful ceilings.

I attended the AGM of Stone Scout and Guide Band at the pump house on Saturday 23rd May. The band is worthy of our support because they play such an important part in our civic life."

TOWN MAYOR