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Dear Councillor,

A **VIRTUAL** meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** will be held on **TUESDAY 13 APRIL 2021** at **7:00pm** for consideration of the matters itemised in the following agenda.

The meeting will be streamed live on YouTube and members of the public are welcome to observe.

View Meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXHye7pCvT-mVBouN3IUTWQ>

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Agenda

1. **To receive apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**
3. **Representations from Members of the Public**
4. **To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 2 March 2021, Minute Numbers C20/165 – C20/173 (attached)**
5. **To receive the draft minutes and decisions of the under mentioned Committees:**
 - a) General Purposes Committee meeting held on 24 February 2021, Minute

Numbers GP20/347 – GP20/350 (attached)

- b) General Purposes Committee meeting held on 2 March 2021, Minute Numbers GP20/351 – GP20/365 (attached)
- c) Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 2 March 2021, Minute Numbers P20/145 – P20/150 (attached)

6. To receive the forthcoming Civic Announcements

There are no civic announcements.

7. To receive the Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Reports of Engagements

There are no reports from the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor on this occasion due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Government requirements on social distancing and mass gatherings.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the Town Council meeting as observers and/or to make representations to the committee in accordance with the Council's scheme of public participation. Details of the scheme are displayed in the Council's notice boards and website.

NOTE: Due to the pending by-election for the Stonefield and Christchurch Ward, the Town Council's Public Participation Scheme is currently suspended.

Stone Town Council

Minutes of the meeting held virtually on Tuesday 2 March 2021

NOTE: Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19) and Government Guidelines on public gatherings, the meeting was held virtually on Zoom. Members of the public were invited to observe the meeting streamed live on YouTube.

PRESENT: Councillor M. Green in the Chair and
Councillors: A. Best, Mrs A. Burgess, J. Davies, Mrs L. Davies, K. Dawson,
I. Fordham, T. Kelt, R. Kenney, P. Leason, J. Powell, C. Thornicroft and R. Townsend

ABSENT: Councillors: K. Argyle, M. Hatton, J. Hickling and Mrs J. Hood

Before the meeting began Reverend Prebendary Cardinal led prayers

C20/165 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: K. Argyle and Mrs J. Hood

C20/166 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

None

C20/167 Representations from Members of the Public

The Town Clerk reminded the Committee that the Town Council's Public Participation Scheme was now suspended until after the by-election for the Stonefield and Christchurch Ward.

C20/168 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on the 2 February 2021 (Minute Numbers C20/154 – C20/164), be approved as a correct record.

C20/169 Committee Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 2 February 2021 (Minute Numbers GP20/328 – GP20/346), were noted.

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- b) The minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on the 2 February 2021 (Minute Numbers P20/139 – P20/144), were noted.

C20/170 Civic Announcements

There were no Civic Announcements due to the Coronavirus pandemic and Government requirements on social distancing.

C20/171 Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Reports of Engagements

There were no reports from the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor on this occasion due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Government requirements on social distancing and mass gatherings.

C20/172 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 next item of business.

The meeting was suspended at this point to enable the public session of the General Purposes Committee meeting and the Planning Committee meeting to take place.

The Town Council was then reconvened for the confidential item on the agenda.

C20/173 Confidential Committee Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) The Confidential Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 2 February 2021 (Minute Numbers GP20/328 and GP20/346), were noted.

TOWN MAYOR

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Stone Town Council – General Purposes Committee

Minutes of the meeting held virtually, on Tuesday 24 February 2021

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PRESENT: Councillor Mrs J. Hood in the Chair, and
Councillors: A. Best, J. Davies, Mrs L. Davies, I. Fordham, M. Green, T. Kelt,
J. Powell, C. Thornicroft and R. Townsend

ABSENT: Councillors: K. Argyle, Mrs A. Burgess, Mrs K. Dawson, M. Hatton, J. Hickling,
R. Kenney and P. Leason

GP20/347 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: K. Argyle, Mrs A. Burgess,
Mrs K. Dawson, J. Hickling, R. Kenney and P. Leason

GP20/348 **Declarations of Interests**

None

GP20/349 **Requests for Dispensations**

None

GP20/350 **HS2 Phase 2a**

The Committee considered the Town Council's response to a Government consultation seeking the views of residents in a number of local authority areas on a variety of topics including the environmental and traffic impacts of the HS2 Phase 2a Scheme works between the West Midlands and Crewe.

A copy of the consultation document had been attached to the electronic version of the agenda.

A draft paper containing a response to the consultation had been prepared by the Town Clerk and circulated to all Town Councillors prior to the start of the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Committee accepts the draft paper (attached as an appendix to the minutes) as the Town Council's response to the HS2 Phase 2a consultation under Clause 60 of the High Speed Rail (West Midlands – Crewe) Bill as amended in the House of Lords.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the General Purposes Committee is authorised to make any necessary minor amendments to the consultation response, should the need arise.

CHAIRMAN

Response to Consultation under Clause 60 of the High Speed Rail (West Midlands – Crewe) Bill as Amended in the House of Lords

Introduction

Stone Town Council is the local council which represents over 16,000 residents within the urban area of Stone in North Staffordshire. The Town Council has previously petitioned both the House of Commons and the House of Lords in respect of aspects of the proposed high speed rail link between the Midlands and Crewe.

The Town Council's concerns relate largely (but not exclusively) to the proposed Stone Railhead/Infrastructure Maintenance Base and its impact on the town, both during its construction and its ongoing operation. Within its petitions, the Council and its partner parish councils have presented a significantly more viable option for re-siting the railhead, but those proposals were not accepted.

This submission, therefore, restricts itself to answering the four questions posed in Clause 60 of the High Speed Rail (West Midlands – Crewe) Bill as Amended in the House of Lords. These answers will, however, focus mainly on the Railhead/Infrastructure Maintenance Base due to the excessive adverse impact this is expected to have on the area.

Question A – The impact of road traffic as a result of the HS2 Phase 2a works.

The Town Council has previously challenged HS2 on its estimated number of HGV movements during the construction of HS2 and the railhead. The company has failed to provide information on its calculations of HGV movements, but the Council remains convinced that this number has been significantly underestimated.

Even without taking this into account, however, the Council still has very major concerns regarding HGV movements and their impact on the town:

1. A significant number of HGV movements are planned for the Eccleshall Road, through the residential area of Pirehill Lane and up to the top using the old dirt track to the proposed Yarlet Embankment satellite compound, then returning.

There are, however, two new housing developments along that route containing a total of 570 residential homes. These residential developments, Udall Grange and Langdon Green, are not shown on HS2 maps and so are unlikely to have been taken into account when traffic levels or other environment issues were assessed.

The Pirehill Lane route cuts through a densely populated residential estate to reach the satellite compound at Yarlet. The use of this route by HGVs would be likely to

force Tilling Drive to become a rat run for schools and other traffic, and could create a hazard for parents and very young children attending the three nurseries, two first schools and one middle school in that area.

The route along Eccleshall Road to the Walton Roundabout, which feeds both Stone town and the A34, is already heavily congested particularly at peak times. These two new housing developments will already create a significant increase in congestion along this route without any additional HS2 traffic. Additional HS2 traffic can only add to this severe traffic problem.

2. HS2 initially proposes to use the use the eastern end of Yarnfield Lane and its connection with the A34 at the Wayfarer public house for HGV access for around 15-18 months until the proposed links to the M6 open. This was originally predicted by HS2 to require one HGV movement onto and off the A34 every three minutes, but current intentions are less clear. Once the M6 connections are open HS2 is expecting the western end of Yarnfield Lane to be used by up to 1 HGV every 30 seconds in each direction. This appears to the Council to be unrealistic and would be likely to result in HS2 contractors seeking extensions to the working hours, with the resultant increased impact on local residents. Taking this into account together with the additional residential traffic/HGV movements referred to in the previous point would create a risk of economic paralysis to both Stone High Street and the surrounding business parks as motorists seek to avoid the A34 and A51 due to the extreme congestion likely on those roads.
3. An unfortunately all too regular occurrence in the area is a closure of the M6 between Stafford and Stoke-on-Trent, usually due to an accident. In these cases, whether northbound or southbound, motorway traffic is diverted onto the A34 through Stone usually resulting in a virtual "car park" along much of the A34 until after the motorway is re-opened. Additional HS2 traffic will only compound this already major problem.
4. In addition to the above, the A34 is a major route for emergency service vehicles, and any addition to existing congestion could have risks to the lives of residents of the area. For example, the A34 is the main route for ambulances from south of Stone, including the major residential town of Stafford, to the accident and emergency facilities at North Staffordshire hospital. Speedy access to this A&E department are essential due to the limited A&E opening times and facilities at Stafford Hospital.

In addition, the Stone Fire Station exits directly onto the A34. Any additional congestion could significantly affect the ability of the fire service to respond to incidents in a timely fashion, thereby threatening both local lives and property.

5. The A51 is currently used by cycle clubs who ride in large groups. The many additional HGVs that will use this route to access the sites near Stone will present a threat to their safety and potentially even stop them cycling for this reason. Current

government policy is to encourage healthy activities such as cycling, not put obstacles in the way.

Our petition to the House of Lords included our deep concerns for the safety of cyclists using the A51/A34 roundabout junction at the Stone Business Park. In order to relieve congestion that it will create, HS2 is proposing to construct a free flow lane between the A51 and the A34 southbound carriageway, however the Council has severe concerns about the safety of this proposal for cyclists.

Question B – The impact of the phase 2a works on the natural environment, including but not limited to the impact on ancient woodland.

This question has been answered with respect to wider environmental impacts, and not just limited to the natural environment.

Firstly, it is a major concern of the Town Council that works on the railhead site will be carried out day and night and once it is in operation as an infrastructure maintenance base it will both be supplied at night from the Norton Bridge to Stone Railway, and send its trains out onto the HS2 mainline to maintain it. This is likely to result in a significant and ongoing disruption to residents, particularly those in the Udall Grange, Langdon Green estates and parts of Manor Hill, in respect of:

1. Light pollution, as the site will be lit up at night to allow works to take place.
2. Noise levels, due to construction noise day and night
3. Air pollution, due to dust and other polluting materials from the construction site.

Despite having been granted outline planning permission years before HS2 submitted its proposals as part of the hybrid bill process, the environmental effects on these properties do not appear to have not been carried out by HS2.

A review needs to be undertaken of construction procedures and times of operation to minimise the impact of these problems on residents.

Secondly, it is well documented that in the first phase of HS2, contractors are breaking promises made during the consultation process and communities on the route of HS2 are facing “complete chaos” as a result.

A government cross-party transport select committee meeting was told that:

In particular, HS2 contractors working on the first phase of the line have been accused of “demolishing first, then designing later [...] failing to stick to approved HGV routes [...] introducing last minute traffic diversions [...] damaging local roads and properties [...] and using temporary land take for longer than originally set out”.

At the meeting, MPs, local councillors and senior environmental figures called for independent “sheriffs” to ensure contractors working on HS2 are kept in check.

To help mitigate this behaviour, we would like to ask that funding from HS2 would be made available to Stone Town Council to employ “Sheriffs”, along similar lines to those proposed

at the above meeting. This should help to ensure that this type of behaviour is closely monitored, and action taken quickly to deal with it.

Question C - Whether there are sufficient transport provisions for the purposes of passengers connecting to HS2 Phase 2a and to address changes to general passenger movements caused by the HS2 Phase 2a works.

Despite all the disruption that the building of HS2 Phase 2a will create for Stone residents, their “reward” for this will be a significant downgrading of their inter-city rail services once HS2 is in operation.

Currently it is a short journey by rail or car to Stafford Railway Station, where residents can enjoy a regular and speedy rail service to, for example, Liverpool, Manchester and London Euston. The HS2 proposals include some provision for continued links between Stafford and Stoke-on-Trent stations and the main HS2 line, but this in itself appears to be an inferior service to those currently operating via the West Coast Mainline. Should this service prove unviable, Stone residents would need to travel to either Crewe or Birmingham to join HS2. Each of these would be a significant journey in their own right, and result in a time to travel to London, for example, much greater than that currently enjoyed locally. Even catching a train from Stone or Stafford to get to Birmingham would result in termination at New Street Station, requiring further travel within Birmingham to Curzon Street in order to board HS2.

A further problem for the area would be the impact of HS2 on the capacity of the existing Norton Bridge to Stone railway by adding one train each way per hour to link to Macclesfield. This limits the scope for the use of this line to introduce new services to the area.

Question D - whether the construction of new railway stations and improvements to railway stations, including any reopening of lines, is necessary in relation to question C.

As referred to above, Stone Town Council and its parish council partners have previously proposed an alternative location for the railhead/infrastructure maintenance base at Aldersey’s Rough near to the M6 Keele Services. It is the Council’s strong view that this would have been a more viable option and provided a better and less expensive option for HS2 overall.

The use of Aldersey’s Rough instead of Stone would also facilitate the reopening of the former Newcastle/Stoke to Market Drayton line which would prove the catalyst to create new direct train services across the Potteries conurbation via Crewe to Manchester Airport, Liverpool and other North West towns and cities.

It would also enable stations close to Stone, such as Wedgwood and Barlaston to reopen to train services and provide additional local services through our town to Stafford and Stoke-on-Trent.

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Stone Town Council – General Purposes Committee

Minutes of the meeting held virtually, on Tuesday 2 March 2021

NOTE: Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19) and Government Guidelines on public gatherings, the meeting was held virtually on Zoom. Members of the public were invited to observe the meeting streamed live on YouTube.

PRESENT: Councillor R. Kenney in the Chair, and
Councillors: A. Best, Mrs A. Burgess, J. Davies, Mrs L. Davies, Mrs K. Dawson,
I. Fordham, M. Green, T. Kelt, P. Leason, J. Powell, C. Thornicroft and R. Townsend

ABSENT: Councillors: K. Argyle, M. Hatton, J. Hickling and Mrs J. Hood

GP20/351 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: K. Argyle and Mrs J. Hood

GP20/352 **Declarations of Interests**

None

GP20/353 **Requests for Dispensations**

None

GP20/354 **To receive the report of the County Councillors**

County Councillor Mrs J. Hood

Councillor Mrs Hood was not in attendance at the meeting.

County Councillor I. Parry

Councillor Parry was not in attendance at the meeting.

GP20/355 **To receive the report of Borough Councillors**

The Chairman invited Councillor Fordham to address the Committee.

Councillor Fordham advised the Committee that following a public consultation, the Borough Council had (at its last meeting) approved its Corporate Business Plan 2021-24. The vote had been 22 in favour to 0, but with 17 abstentions. All Borough Independent Councillors abstained on the vote due to concerns that the Plan had failed to mention the second phase development on Westbridge Park. Reassurances have been given that the project remains in the plans.

Councillor Fordham advised the Committee that Stafford Borough Council (at the same meeting) had agreed a 1.9% rise in the tax residents will pay for Borough Council services in the year 2021-22.

Councillor Fordham reported on an initiative led by Stone Borough Councillors in response to concerns about recent crime levels in the town.

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The three ward councillors for St Michael's and Stonefield have been meeting with the local Police Commander and his deputy since the autumn to discuss crime levels in Stone. The purpose of the meetings was to understand and support the police response and help with intelligence gathering and dissemination of information. The liaison meetings, which have been productive for both Councillors and Police, are now being expanded to a town wide initiative by including the ward Councillors for Walton.

Town Councillors have also been asked to nominate a representative from their number for each of the four town wards. Residents will now be represented by their elected member, maximising the possibility of productive dialogue with the Police and a positive change to the levels of crime in the town.

Councillor Fordham advised the Committee that, notwithstanding its resource constraints, Staffordshire Police had been very active and increasingly successful in apprehending offenders and bringing them before the courts.

GP20/356 Representations from Members of the Public

The Town Clerk reminded the Committee that the Town Council's Public Participation Scheme was now suspended until after the by-election for the Stonefield and Christchurch Ward.

GP20/357 Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 2 February 2021 (Minute No's GP20/328 – GP20/346), be approved as a correct record.

GP20/358 Minutes of Sub-Committees

There were no minutes for consideration.

GP20/359 Heritage Centre

The Committee considered the membership of a working group to consider the internal layout, fittings and use of the Heritage Centre.

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor Kenney, Councillor Mrs J. Hood and Councillor Leason to the Heritage Centre Working Group. These representatives will identify and invite further members with appropriate skills and knowledge to join the Group, subject to the approval of the General Purposes Committee.

GP20/360 Planning Application Validation Criteria Consultation

The Committee considered a Stafford Borough Council consultation seeking views on its Planning Application Validation Criteria setting out the information needed to assess planning applications.

An email from Stafford Borough Council had been attached to the agenda for the meeting and a copy of the Local Validation Requirements had been attached to the electronic version of the agenda.

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The Chairman invited the Chairman of the Planning Consultative Committee, Councillor J. Davies, to lead the item.

Councillor Davies informed the Committee that he welcomed the intentions of the consultation, believing it to provide useful guidance to planning applicants, but that it could be more user friendly.

Councillor Davies said the steps comprising the planning process are not explained and should be set out clearly, perhaps in the form of a flow chart, giving easy reference to the appropriate details that will guide prospective applicants. He suggested the decision making process (how and when) be made clear and the circumstances where the Borough Council's Planning Committee become involved. Information should also be included about the ward Member who may call the application in.

Councillor Davies expressed the view that it was both disappointing and worrying that the role of town and parish councils was not mentioned in the document which he considered was further evidence of the local planning authority's disdain for the opinion that local councils represent. He said Town Councillors had been mystified by the Borough Council's decision to reject the call to amend its constitution to give parishes an absolute right to speak at planning committee meetings. The reason for declining to do so was unconvincing and the Borough Council remain out of alignment with the practices of over 90% of other district level councils in England.

Councillor Davies advised the Committee that there was no formal reference or acknowledgement in the Planning Application Validation Criteria to neighbourhood plans. Made and adopted neighbourhood plans should form part of the statutory Development Plan along with Part 1 and Part 2 of the adopted Local Plan.

Councillor Davies informed the Committee that Barlaston Parish Council was unhappy that the adopted Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan had been disregarded by the Borough Council. He called for Stafford Borough Council to be asked to explain the reason they are ignoring neighbourhood plans.

He thanked the Parish Clerk at Barlaston for sharing the views of the parish council's planning consultant, Urban Vision, who had also given the Town Council highly valuable services in the preparation of its own neighbourhood plan.

Councillor Davies questioned the reason the Borough Council is unwilling to engage with local communities and made reference to non compliance with its own 'Statement of Community Involvement' policy.

The Committee were invited to add additional comments and Councillor Fordham suggested that the timescales for the planning application validation and consultation processes are also included as useful information for applicants.

RESOLVED: That a response to the Planning Application Validation Criteria Consultation is compiled (before the close date of 14 April 2021) by the Town Clerk in consultation with Councillor J. Davies, Councillor R. Kenney and Councillor I. Fordham.

GP20/361 Non-Cheque Payments

RESOLVED: To note the list* of non-cheque payments made by the Council during the period 1 to 31 January 2021.

GP20/362 Update from Working Groups:

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Councillor Kenney confirmed that there was no update as the Town Council await the Stone Neighbourhood Plan referendum in May.

Stone Area Parish Liaison Group

Councillor Davies, advised the Committee that the notes for the meeting in January had been circulated. He said they illustrated the value of the discussion taking place and a lot of good work with the Police. The next meeting will be in April.

Traffic Management in Stone Working Group

Councillor Kenney advised the Committee that no meeting had taken place.

Promotion of Stone Working Group

Councillor Powell advised the Committee that there had been three productive meetings of the Working Group this year.

The trader representatives had reported that the Christmas period had been quiet but the feedback was very positive in respect of the free parking provision. There was a positive attitude to 2021 and all believe the economic bounce back will be speedy.

Councillor Powell reported that the Working Group was midway, looking at promotions to help the town through lockdown and post lockdown with continued restrictions. It was focusing on local businesses and residents and how best to put the plans into action.

He said that a 'No Place Like Stone' promotion was being formulated along with other promotions, although moving forward with ongoing uncertainty was challenging. He said that all members of the Group were focussed on the future.

Councillor Powell advised the Committee that the Working Group was building a plan for marketing its ideas and was getting closer to putting them into action. With that in mind the group will be asking for a fund to cover promotional and marketing needs.

GP20/363 To receive reports from Town Councillors on attendance at meetings of local organisations and outside bodies as a representative of the Town Council

Stone ATC

Councillor Davies advised the Committee that no meeting had taken place.

Age Concern Stone & District

Councillor Thornicroft advised the Committee that no meeting had taken place.

Stafford & Stone Access Group

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Councillor T. Kelt advised the Committee that no meeting had taken place and the next meeting would be in April.

Stone Common Plot Trustees

Councillor Kenney confirmed that no meeting had taken place.

Stone Community Hub Liaison Group

Councillor Kenney confirmed that no meeting had taken place.

SPCA Executive Committee

Councillor Green advised the Committee that for personal reasons he had been unable to attend the meeting held last night.

GP20/364 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

To resolve, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting whilst the next items of business are 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 next item of business.

The meeting was suspended at this point to enable the Planning Committee meeting and confidential section of the Town Council meeting to take place.

The General Purposes Committee meeting was then reconvened for the confidential item on the agenda.

GP20/365 **Confidential Minutes**

RESOLVED:

- a) That the Confidential Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 2 February 2021 (Minute Numbers GP20/328 and GP20/346), be approved as a correct record.

CHAIRMAN

Stone Town Council – Planning Consultative Committee

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Councillors: A. Best, Mrs A. Burgess, Mrs K. Dawson, Mrs L. Davies, I. Fordham,
M. Green, T. Kelt, R. Kenney, P. Leason, J. Powell, C. Thornicroft and R. Townsend

ABSENT: Councillors: K. Argyle, M. Hatton, J. Hickling and Mrs J. Hood

P20/145 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: K. Argyle and Mrs J. Hood

P20/146 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

Councillor J. Davies declared a personal interest in planning application 21/33666/HOU.

P20/147 Representations from Members of the Public

The Town Clerk reminded the Committee that the Town Council's Public Participation Scheme was now suspended until after the by-election for the Stonefield and Christchurch Ward.

P20/148 Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 2 February 2021 (Minute Numbers P20/139 – P20/144), be approved as a correct record.

P20/149 Planning Applications

Application Number – 20/33452/LBC

Applicant – Mr A. Howells (BHG Developments)

Location – Land at St Johns Church, Granville Terrace, Stone

Development – Minor internal works to listed building and repositioning of roof lights approved by listed building consent APP/Y3425/Y/16/3164144

Observations: No objections

Application Number – 21/33653/HOU

Applicant – Mr G. Wilcox & Ms K. Archer

Location – 106 The Fillybrooks, Stone

Development – Extension to side to form carport with bedroom with en-suite above and internal alterations

Observations: No objections

Application Number – 20/33574/FUL

Applicant – Mr M. Dibbs

Location – 1 Albert Street and 40 Old Road, Stone

Development – Internal alterations to convert two flats into four whilst providing alternative access into the building, and two new windows to front elevation

Observations: No objections

Application Number – 21/33850/COU

Applicant – Mr H. Kadhar

Location – 13 High Street, Stone

Development – Minor material amendment to application 20/33313/COU (internal/external alteration of extraction)

Observations: No objections

Application Number – 20/33497/HOU

Applicant – Mr and Mrs D. Bell

Location – 38 St Chads Close, Stone

Development – alterations and extensions

Observations: No objections

The Chairman invited the Vice Chairman, Mrs A. Burgess, to take the chair for consideration of the following planning application:

Application Number – 21/33666/HOU

Applicant – Mr & Mrs J. Pinfold

Location – 3 Mill Farm Barns, Mill Street, Stone

Development – Single storey rear extension and internal alterations to existing dwelling

Observations: No objections

P20/150

To note the following items considered under delegated powers where no objections were forwarded to Stafford Borough Council due to no Member asking for the item to be considered by a special meeting of the Committee.

None

CHAIRMAN