

Stone Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 5 October 2021

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

ABSENT: Councillors: M. Green, M. Hatton and J. Hickling

Before the meeting began Councillor Mrs Lin Davies led prayers.

C22/044 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: M. Green and J. Hickling

C22/045 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

None received

C22/046 Representations from Members of the Public

None

C22/047 Allotment Awards

The Town Mayor invited the Town Clerk to share information about the inspection and judging process for the Allotment Competition 2021 which had been provided by Martin Robinson who had unfortunately been unable to attend the meeting.

The Town Clerk informed the Town Council that the judging criteria this year had been increased with an additional section taking into account environmental impact, sustainability and amenity value.

The Town Clerk advised the Town Council that Mr Robinson had found the judging process at Newcastle Road difficult as there had been so many superb plots on the site. He said it had been a pleasure to see such a haven of horticultural activity and the quality and quantity of produce had been inspirational.

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Mr Robinson had found the Mount Road allotment site a pleasure to visit as there were many varied plots with a wide variety of produce being cultivated. In addition to vegetables: soft fruit, apples, pears, artichokes, asparagus and some impressive flowers were noted.

The Town Mayor awarded prizes to the following allotment winners and congratulated each of them on their achievements:

Best Kept Allotment Winner Mount Road – Miss D. Rushton
Best Kept Allotment Winner Newcastle Road – Mr A. Adams
Best Kept Allotment Highly Commended Mount Road – Mrs C. Payne
Best Kept Allotment Highly Commended Newcastle Road –
Mr & Mrs A. Hollinshead

C22/048 **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 7 September 2021 (Minute Numbers C22/035 – C22/043), be approved as a correct record.

C22/049 **Draft Committee Minutes**

RESOLVED:

- a) The minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 7 September 2021 (Minute Numbers GP22/056 – GP22/078), were noted.
- b) The minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 7 September 2021 (Minute Numbers PC22/013 – PC22/018), were noted.

C22/050 **Conclusion of Audit 2020-21**

RESOLVED:

The Town Council noted the External Auditor's Report* and Certificate* for the year ending 31 March 2021.

C22/051 **Civic Announcements**

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

The Town Mayor advised the Town Council that he, the Mayoress and Deputy Mayor were looking forward to attending their respective civic events which included the HMS St Vincent Association AGM and Reunion Dinner and Civic Services at Biddulph, Leek and Eccleshall.

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C22/052 Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Reports of Engagements

The Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's reports of engagements, which had been previously circulated, were noted.

TOWN MAYOR

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