

Stone Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 2 November 2021

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

Officers: Mr L. Trigg and Mrs T. Williams

ABSENT: Councillors: Mrs K. Dawson (on Mayoral Duty), M. Green, J. Hickling and S. Walley

Before the meeting began Councillor Mrs Lin Davies led prayers.

C22/053 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: Mrs K. Dawson (on Mayoral Duty),
M. Green, J. Hickling and S. Walley

C22/054 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

None received

C22/055 Representations from Members of the Public

None

C22/056 Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 5 October 2021 (Minute Numbers C22/044 – C22/052), be approved as a correct record.

C22/057 Draft Committee Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) The minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 5 October 2021 (Minute Numbers GP22/079 – GP22/100), were noted.

* Items marked with an asterisk refer to reports or papers circulated with the agenda or distributed at the meeting. They are attached as an appendix to the signed copy of the Council minutes.

- b) The minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 5 October 2021 (Minute Numbers PC22/019 – PC22/024), were noted.

C22/058 **Local government Transparency Code 2015**
Openness of Public Bodies Regulations 2014

The report of the Local Government Transparency Code 2015* and Openness of Public Bodies Regulations 2014 were noted for the quarter ending 30 September 2021.

C22/059 **Civic Announcements**

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

The Town Mayor advised the Town Council of his and the Deputy Mayor's civic announcements and upcoming events in Stone which include Remembrance Sunday on 14 November, Christmas Lights Switch-On on 25 November and the Trafalgar 'Below Decks' Evening on 4 December 2021.

C22/060 **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.

The Town Mayor reported on his visits to the Mayor of Cheadle's and the Mayor of Leek's Civic Services. He also reported on his visit to Gosport to attend the HMS St Vincent Association AGM and Reunion Dinner.

The meeting was temporarily suspended and then reconvened after the open session of the General Purposes Committee and the Planning Consultative Committee meetings had taken place.

C22/061 **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.

C22/062 **Confidential Committee Minutes**

RESOLVED:

- a) The draft Confidential Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 5 October 2021 (Minute Numbers GP22/079 and GP22/100), were noted.

TOWN MAYOR

* Items marked with an asterisk refer to reports or papers circulated with the agenda or distributed at the meeting. They are attached as an appendix to the signed copy of the Council minutes.