

# Stone Town Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held in St Michael's Suite at the Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone, on Tuesday 7 June 2022

**PRESENT:** Councillor J. Powell in the Chair and  
Councillors: A. Best, J. Davies, Mrs K. Dawson, M. Green, M. Hatton, I. Fordham,  
Mrs J. Hood, T. Kelt, C. Thornicroft, R. Townsend and S. Walley

Officers: R. Mincher & Mrs T. Williams

**ABSENT:** Councillors: K. Argyle, Mrs A. Burgess, Mrs L. Davies, J. Hickling, R. Kenney and  
P. Leason

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Before the meeting began Councillor Mrs Hood led prayers.

### **Presentation of the Mayor's Charity Collection for 2021-22**

The Town Mayor, Councillor Jonathan Powell, awarded £658.00 to each of his charities, collected by Mrs Jane Harding on behalf of Stone Community Hub and Mrs Sharon Hodson and Mrs Sara Christie on behalf of Chuckle productions.

The total value of £1,316.00 had been raised by Councillor Powell during his 2021 to 2022 Mayoral term of office.

Mrs Harding, Mrs Hodson and Mrs Christie expressed their gratitude to Councillor Powell and the Town Council on behalf of their charity/organisation and trustees, for the monies received.

### **C23/013 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs A. Burgess, Mrs L. Davies, J. Hickling, R. Kenney and P. Leason.

The Town Clerk also apologised for being unable to attend the meeting.

### **C23/014 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

None received

### **C23/015 Representations from Members of the Public**

None

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**C23/016** Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the meeting of the Annual Meeting held on 10 May 2022 (Minute Numbers C23/001 – C23/012), be approved as a correct record.

**C23/017** Committee Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 17 May 2022 (Minute Numbers GP23/001 – GP23/017), were noted.
- b) The minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 17 May 2022 (Minute Numbers PC23/001 – PC23/006), were noted.

**C23/018** Internal Auditor's Report 2021-22

In the absence of the Town Clerk, the Council's consideration of the Internal Audit Report for submission to the External Auditor (which had been enclosed with the agenda for the meeting) was deferred to the next meeting of the Town Council.

**C23/019** Annual Governance Statement 2021-22

In the absence of the Town Clerk, the Council's consideration of the Annual Governance Statement for submission to the External Auditor (which had been enclosed with the agenda for the meeting) was deferred to the next meeting of the Town Council.

**C23/020** Council Accounts 2021-22

In the absence of the Town Clerk, the Council's consideration of the report of the Town Clerk and accounting statement for submission to the External Auditor (which had been enclosed with the agenda for the meeting) was deferred to the next meeting of the Town Council.

**C23/021** 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 31 March 2022.

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**C23/022 Civic Announcements**

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

**C23/023 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 gave a special mention to the St George's Day celebrations in Stone which had attracted a bigger crowd this year. Everyone, particularly the children, had appeared to have a thoroughly enjoyable time.

The Town Mayor informed the Council about his visit to Chuckle Productions where he and the Mayoress had met a phenomenal group of children and staff. The children had showed their larger-than-life characters and Councillor and Mrs Powell had been blown away by their achievements and accomplishments.

**TOWN MAYOR**

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