

Stone Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting held in St Michael's Suite at the Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone, on Tuesday 6 September 2022

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

Officers: L. Trigg and R. Mincher

ABSENT: Councillors: Mrs A. Burgess, I. Fordham, M. Green, M. Hatton, J. Hickling,
P. Leason and R. Townsend

Before the meeting began Reverend Prebendary Cardinal led prayers.

C23/046 Apologies

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

C23/047 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

None received

C23/048 Representations from Members of the Public

None

C23/049 Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 2 August 2022 (Minute Numbers C23/036 – C23/045, be approved as a correct record.

C23/050 Committee Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 2 August 2022 (Minute Numbers GP23/047 – GP23/063), were noted.
- b) The minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 2 August 2022 (Minute Numbers PC23/019 – PC23/024), were noted.

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C23/051 **Allotment Awards**

The Town Mayor read out the comments from the judge, Martin Robinson, who had unfortunately been unable to attend the meeting.

Mr Robinson commented that the overall standard was good, bearing in mind the continued dry weather, and congratulated those that had brought previously under cultivated sites back into use. He particularly noted the work of the Council's grounds maintenance contractor, whose diligence and hard work in the background had made this possible.

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

Best Kept Allotment Winner Mount Road – Ms H. Dawson & Mr N Lyons
Best Kept Allotment Winner Newcastle Road – Mr R. Downing
Best Kept Allotment Highly Commended Mount Road – Mr & Mrs J. Simpson
Best Kept Allotment Highly Commended Newcastle Road – Mr & Mrs D. Keeble

C23/052 **Civic Announcements**

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

C23/053 **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 expanded on a number of the engagements, particularly referring to the amazing brass band concert at Stonefield Park, his enjoyment of the Girl Guiding Staffordshire Unity 2022 International Camp, and the extremely successful visit of the Kenyan Girl Guides to the Council Chamber. He said that this latter visit was particularly meaningful to him, as he was born in Nairobi, Kenya.

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.

C23/054 **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.

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C23/055 **Confidential Committee Minutes**

- a) The confidential Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 2 August 2022, Minute Numbers GP23/047, GP23/062 and GP23/063 were noted.

TOWN MAYOR

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