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26 October 2022

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** will be held at the **Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone**, on **TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2022 at 7:00pm** for consideration of the matters itemised in the following agenda.

Les Trigg  
Town Clerk

**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 4 October 2022, Minute Numbers C23/056 – C23/065 (attached)**
5. **To receive the draft minutes and decisions of the under mentioned Committees:**
  - a) General Purposes Committee meeting held on 4 October 2022, Minute Numbers GP23/083 – GP23/099 (attached)

- b) Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 4 October 2022, Minute Numbers PC23/031 – PC23/036 (attached)

**6. Local Government Transparency Code 2015  
Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014**

Information for Quarter ending 30 September (attached).

- 7. To receive the forthcoming Civic Announcements** (attached).
- 8. To receive the Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Reports of Engagements** (attached).
- 9. 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.**

**10. To receive the draft Confidential Minutes and decisions of the undermentioned Committees:**

- a) General Purposes Committee meeting held on 4 October 2022, Minute Numbers GP23/083, GP23/098 and GP23/099 (attached).

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.

# Stone Town Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held in St Michael's Suite at the Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone, on Tuesday 4 October 2022

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

Officers: L. Trigg and Mrs T. Williams

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

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Before the meeting began Reverend Prebendary Cardinal led prayers.

**C23/056     Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: K. Argyle, Mrs L. Davies,  
Mrs K. Dawson, M. Green, J. Hickling, R. Kenney and P. Leason.

**C23/057     Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

None received

**C23/058     Representations from Members of the Public**

None

**C23/059     Minutes**

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 6  
September 2022 (Minute Numbers C23/046 – C23/055, be approved as a  
correct record.

**C23/060     Committee Minutes**

RESOLVED:

- a) The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 6  
September 2022 (Minute Numbers GP23/064 – GP23/082), were noted.

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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 6 September 2022 (Minute Numbers PC23/025 – PC23/030), were noted.

**C23/061     Conclusion of Audit 2021-22**

RESOLVED:

The Town Council noted the External Auditor's Report\* and Certificate\* for the year ending 31 March 2022.

**C23/062     Civic Announcements**

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

**C23/063     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 advised the Council of his observations in the town following the sad death of Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II. Councillor Powell said that during the period of mourning he had been heartened to see local people pulling together in response to the loss of their monarch, demonstrating the strength and supportive nature of the Stone community.

**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.**

**C23/064     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.

**C23/065     Confidential Committee Minutes**

- a) The confidential Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 6 September 2022, Minute Numbers GP23/064, GP23/081 and GP23/082 were noted.

**TOWN MAYOR**

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# Stone Town Council – General Purposes Committee

## Minutes of the meeting held at the Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone, on Tuesday 4 October 2022

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

Officers: L. Trigg and Mrs T. Williams

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

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**GP23/083     Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: K. Argyle, Mrs L. Davies, Mrs K. Dawson,  
M. Green, J. Hickling, R. Kenney and P. Leason

**GP23/084     Declarations of Interests**

None

**GP23/085     Requests for Dispensations**

None

**GP23/086     To receive the report of the County Councillors**

**County Councillor Mrs J. Hood**

The Chairman invited Councillor Mrs Hood to address the Committee.

Councillor Mrs Hood informed the Committee that she had succeeded in getting  
the graffiti removed from the crossroads at Aston Lodge which encompassed a  
message requesting a repair to a pothole. She asked that residents refrain from  
drawing attention to road defects in this way.

**County Councillor I. Parry**

Councillor Parry was not in attendance at the meeting.

**GP23/087     To receive the report of Borough Councillors**

The Chairman advised the Committee that Councillor Kenney was absent from the  
meeting (this evening) as he was attending a meeting of the Borough Council's  
Scrutiny Committee which was considering the Local Plan. He anticipated that  
Councillor Kenney would report back on its content in due course.

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**GP23/088     Representations from Members of the Public**

None

**GP23/089     Minutes**

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 6 September 2022 (Minute Numbers GP23/064 – GP23/082), be approved as a correct record.

**GP23/090     Minutes of Sub-Committees**

There were no Minutes of Sub-Committees

**GP23/091     Co-option to Sub-Committee**

The Committee considered the co-option of Jon Cook to the Tourism & Town Promotion Sub-Committee.

Mr Cook runs 'A Little Bit of Stone' which is considered Stone's leading social media outlet, providing valuable knowledge, experience and insights into the views of residents and businesses locally.

The Chairman confirmed that Mr Cook if appointed, would attend meetings and speak as a Member of the Sub-Committee but would not have a vote (and would therefore not form part of a quorum). He would be bound by the Town Council's Code of Conduct.

RESOLVED: To appoint Mr Jon Cook as a co-opted member of the Tourism & Town Promotion Sub-Committee.

**GP23/092     Resident Engagement Events**

The Chairman invited Councillor Walley to provide a verbal report on the outcome of the Resident Engagement Event trial period.

Councillor Walley advised the Committee that he had worked with the Town Clerk and Chairman of the General Purposes Committee to develop the format for the engagement events, and it had been agreed that two events would be held, one during the weekend and one midweek.

He reported that the events had not been very well attended by residents with three attending the midweek session and no one attending the weekend one.

Councillor Walley informed the Committee that the conclusion had been drawn that arranging a third event would not be a good use of Councillors' time; although Councillors had connected with a group of residents to identify some issues that were currently being worked through.

Councillor Walley thanked Councillors for their support with the trial initiative.

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**GP23/093      Nominations for SPCA Executive and AGM arrangements**

The Committee considered an invitation to nominate a representative to stand for election to Staffordshire Parish Councils Association's Executive. It was noted that the election will take place at the Association's AGM on the evening of 5 December 2022.

As Councillor Mark Green was a current representative of the SPCA Executive the Committee did not wish to make any new nominations.

**GP23/094      Town Council Payments**

RESOLVED: To note the list\* of Town Council payments made during the period 1 to 31 August 2022.

**GP23/095      Update from Working Groups:**

**Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

Councillor Mrs Hood reported that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had not met.

**Stone Heritage Centre Steering Group**

Councillor Mrs Hood advised the Committee that no meeting had taken place.

**Engagement with Young People**

Councillor Mrs Dawson and Councillor Mrs Davies were not available to give a report.

**GP23/096      To receive reports from Town Councillors on attendance at meetings of local organisations and outside bodies as a representative of the Town Council**

**Stone Area Parish Liaison Group**

Councillor Davies advised the Committee that the next meeting of the Liaison Group would be on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022. He invited Councillors to put forward items they might like the Group to discuss and extended an invitation to attend the meeting.

**Stone ATC**

Councillor Davies informed the Committee that a meeting had taken place on Tuesday 20 September 2022, and all was going well. The ATC Committee is expanding and working hard with a focus on recruitment.

**Age Concern Stone & District**

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

**Stafford & Stone Access Group**

Councillor Kelt reported that a meeting had taken place on 26 September 2022, but he was away on holiday and hadn't yet had the opportunity to read the minutes.

**Stone Common Plot Trustees**

Councillor Kelt reported that no meeting had taken place.

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### **Stone Community Hub Liaison Group**

Councillor Mrs Hood advised the Committee that no meeting of the Liaison Group had taken place.

### **SPCA Executive Committee**

Councillor Green was not present at the meeting to give a report.

**The meeting was adjourned and then reconvened after the Planning Consultative Committee meeting and the closed session of the Town Council meeting had taken place.**

#### **GP23/097     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 items of business

#### **GP23/098     Confidential Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Confidential Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 6 September 2022, Minute Numbers GP23/064, GP23/081 and GP23/082 be approved.

#### **GP23/099     Heritage Centre**

The Committee considered an update on the Stone Heritage Centre building works tendering process and the appointment of a main contractor for this work.

**CHAIRMAN**

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# Stone Town Council – Planning Consultative Committee

## Minutes of the meeting held in St Michael's Suite at the Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone, on Tuesday 4 October 2022

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

Officers: L. Trigg and Mrs T. Williams

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

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**PC23/031      Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: K. Argyle, Mrs L. Davies,  
Mrs K. Dawson, M. Green, J. Hickling, R. Kenney and P. Leason

**PC23/032      Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

Councillor Mrs Hood confirmed that, as a member of Stafford Borough Council's  
Planning Committee, she would not speak or vote on the planning applications  
listed on the agenda.

**PC23/033      Representations from Members of the Public**

None received

**PC23/034      Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 6  
September 2022 (Minute Numbers PC23/025 – PC23/030), be approved as a  
correct record.

**PC23/035      Planning Applications**

**Application Number** – 22/36231/OUT

**Applicant** – Hitachi Energy UK Limited

**Location** – Stonefield Works, Oulton Road, Stone

**Development** – Outline application for the demolition of existing buildings and  
redevelopment of the site for residential development of up to 130 dwellings,  
public open space and associated works (all matters reserved except for access).

**Observations:** The Town Council raises the following points in respect of this  
development proposal:

- The Borough Council is asked to carefully consider whether or not advertisement of the site has been proven to meet planning requirements and is satisfied that the developer has done enough marketing to justify a change of use from business to housing land.
- The existing flood risk on Oulton Road is high and a housing development of this size will put further strain on drainage in the area.
- Although not listed, the buildings have special architectural and historic value and are held dear to the people of the town. The Town Council would like to see the site developed sympathetically with retention of the character buildings, incorporating them into a mix of property types rather than demolition in favour of new build homes that are the same as others in the town.
- Despite the planning application being outline in nature, a large number of residents have expressed concerns about the negative impacts of the proposal. The loss of employment, damage to residential amenity, impact on character and appearance of the area, impact on highways and traffic and increased flood risk have all been cited. These reserved matters should be noted by the Borough Council for future consideration.
- Concern was expressed that a further significant number of additional houses now under consideration had not been included in the Local Plan for the Borough, as Stone cannot be expected to continue accepting windfall sites of 130 homes and similar, with no provision for appropriate infrastructure.

**Application Number** – 22/36072/FUL

**Applicant** – Shell UK Oil Products Limited

**Location** – Shell Stone, Eccleshall Road, Stone

**Development** – Variation of Condition 2 (plans) on 21/34711/FUL

**Observations:** No objections

**Application Number** – 22/35866/HOU

**Applicant** – Mr & Mrs C. Moss

**Location** – 1 Blundell Drive, Stone

**Development** – Single storey side extension

**Observations:** No objections

**Application Number** – 22/35857/HOU

**Applicant** – Mr & Mrs S. Nicholls

**Location** – 4 Kings Avenue, Stone

**Development** – Replacement front window

**Observations:** No objections

**Application Number** – 22/35530/FUL (amended plans)

**Applicant** – Mr R. Douglas (Leons properties Limited)

**Location** – Land Adjacent Units A1-A5 Douglas Park, Stone Business Park, Opal Way, Stone

**Development** – Commercial Development comprising of a single B2/B8 industrial unit and 4 light industrial units to rear of existing business park

**Amendments** – The most significant amendment is that units D1-4 are now one building joined at their corner, rather than two. This has resulted in changes to floor plan, elevation, landscaping and layout of the site

**Observations:** No objections

**Application Number** – 21/35171/LBC (amended plans)

**Applicant** – Mr A. Howells (BHG Developments Ltd)

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

**Development** – Retention of unauthorised works to include the repositioning of roof lights approved by listed building consent APP/Y3425/Y/16/3164144 and internal works to include the removal of a staircase, removal of internal walls within units 1 & 2 and other minor alterations.

**Amendments** – Administrative changes to align/make consistent the details on the documents for all three planning applications including: revised location and site plan, amendments to applicant name, drawings to correspond on the positions of roof lights – eight of which have been moved slightly, floor plan alignment, additional supporting and structural information with repair work.

**Observations:** No objections

**Application Number** – 21/35049/FUL (amended plans)

**Applicant** – Mr A. Howells (BHG Developments Ltd)

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

**Development** – Variation of Condition 2 (plans) on planning application 16/23671/FUL

**Amendments** – Administrative changes to align/make consistent the details on the documents for all three planning applications including: revised location and site plan, amendments to applicant name, drawings to correspond on the positions of roof lights – eight of which have been moved slightly, floor plan alignment, additional supporting and structural information with repair work.

**Observations:** No objections

**Application Number** – 21/35101/LBC (amended plans)

**Applicant** – Mr A. Howells (BHG Stone Ltd)

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

**Development** – Retention of unauthorised works to the church and erection of a two storey rear extension (following demolition of existing single storey extension) to convert the building into five residential units.

**Amendments** – Administrative changes to align/make consistent the details on the documents for all three planning applications including: revised location and site plan, amendments to applicant name, drawings to correspond on the positions of roof lights – eight of which have been moved slightly, floor plan alignment, additional supporting and structural information with repair work.

**Observations:** No objections

**Application Number** – 22/35917/HOU

**Applicant** – Mr & Mrs T & H Brocklebank

**Location** – The Rectory, 56 Lichfield Road, Stone

**Development** – Single storey rear extension

**Observations:** No objections

**Application Number** – 22/36002/HOU

**Applicant** – Mr & Mrs Sweeney

**Location** – 7 Northesk Street, Stone

**Development** – Single storey rear extension

**Observations:** Application not yet received from the Borough Council

**Application Number** – 22/35978/HOU

**Applicant** – Mr A. Balderson

**Location** – 12 St Michael's Mount, Stone

**Development** – New porch with canopy over to front elevation, conversion of garage two storey rear extension internal re-modelling and alterations

**Observations:** Application not yet received from the Borough Council

**Application Number** – 22/36316/HOU

**Applicant** – Mr & Mrs R. & J. Holmes

**Location** – 1 The Crest, Manor Rise, Stone

**Development** – Two storey extension to side to form bedroom with wet room and lift for disabled facilities

**Observations:** Application not yet received from the Borough Council

**PC23/036**

**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**

## **Local Government Transparency Code 2015**

### **Procurement Information**

**1. Invitations to Tender for Contracts Exceeding £5,000**

Tender for building works at the Former Fire Station, Stone, to prepare building for use as Heritage Centre.

**2. Contracted Agreements Exceeding £5,000**

None

### **Payment Information**

The attached appendix sets out all Council payments for the period over £250, excluding salary and related payments, payments from the Mayor's Charity and transfers between the Council's bank accounts.

## **Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014**

Decisions that would otherwise have been taken by the Town Council or one of its Committees that have been delegated to an officer:

1. Under a specific express authorisation; or
2. Under a general authorisation to officers to take such decisions and, the effect of the decision is to:
  - a. grant a permission or licence;
  - b. affect the rights of an individual; or
  - c. award a contract or incur expenditure which, in either case, materially affects the Town Council's financial position.

None

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## Stone Town Council - Payments over £250

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The table below lists payments over £250 made by the Council in the period identified.

The table includes payments by cheque, direct debit, PayPal, payment card, telephone banking and online banking. It excludes salary and related payments, payments from the Mayor's Charity, and transfers between the Council's bank accounts. All amounts exclude VAT.

Payment Date From : 01/07/2022

Payment Date To : 30/09/2022

<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount (£)</u>
04/07/2022	Rates July 22	Stafford Borough Council	FJC Rates - July 22	434.00
05/07/2022	2	J & S Security Services	Security for Jubilee Event	540.00
07/07/2022	INV-0729	Current Electrical & Property Services	Marquees set up - june 22	1,190.00
08/07/2022	44516	Panda Press (Stone) Ltd	Order of Service - Civic Dinner 10/07/22	254.00
11/07/2022	Inv1231	The Secret Kitchen	Civic Sunday Catering 10/7/22 x 90 buffet and 2 staff	790.00
15/07/2022	49	MJ Plant	Fitting of new noticeboard including underground	569.41
15/07/2022	46	MJ Plant	Grounds Maint amphi, CM, MR, Abbey St, old bridge	1,600.00
15/07/2022	7070290581	Stafford Borough Council	Install & removal of High Street bollards Apr to Jun 2022	406.88
15/07/2022	45	MJ Plant	Grounds Maint amphi, CM, MR, Abbey St, old bridge	1,600.00
18/07/2022	Grant July 22	Oak Tree Farm Rural Project	Grant to Oak Tree Farm Rural Project	500.00
18/07/2022	Grant July 22	Stone Scouts & Guides Brass Band	Grant to Stone Scouts & Guides Brass Band	500.00
18/07/2022	Grant July 22	Royal British Legion	Grant to RBL	500.00
22/07/2022	114278	B Hygienic Ltd	Air Sanizer Rental Jul 22 to Jun 23	286.00
25/07/2022	SI-796	Net and Cover Services	Replace velcro fastenings on 7 x rear marquee panels	312.00
25/07/2022	160032	Prism Solutions	Prism IT Service Charge August 2022	851.73
26/07/2022	Grant July 22	Alzheimers Club	Grant to Alzheimers Club	300.00
28/07/2022	VEO1096611	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	Delivery and removal of waste bins at Westbridge Park -	420.00
29/07/2022	13329	All Print Equipment Ltd	Ricoh MPC3003 Copier, Document Feeder and Full Size	900.00

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<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount (£)</u>
01/08/2022	INV15098269	Sage UK Ltd	Sage Payroll Subscription extended to August 2022	399.52
03/08/2022	SBC Rates	Stafford Borough Council	FJC Rates Aug 2022	434.00
05/08/2022	5475	Byatt Oliver Associates	Prep of preliminary docs for tender submission and	1,180.00
16/08/2022	INV15098269	Sage UK Ltd	Sage Payroll Subscription extended to August 2022	399.52
16/08/2022	Brass Band Event	WM Morrisons Supermarket Ltd	Food for Concert in Stonefield Park 14/08/22	299.00
25/08/2022	161519	Prism Solutions	Prism IT Support Augg 2022	861.74
31/08/2022	INV-0746	Current Electrical & Property Services	Marquees set up July 2022	1,040.00
01/09/2022	54	MJ Plant	Clean and maint of benches - Crown Meadow	486.00
01/09/2022	55	MJ Plant	Cleaning and maint of benches - amphitheatre	406.00
05/09/2022	SBC Rates	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates FJC Sep 2022	434.00
06/09/2022	INV-0750	Current Electrical & Property Services	Marquees set up - Aug 22	1,020.00
06/09/2022	11036	CAM-TEC LTD	FJC CCTV Maint Contract 20/9/22 to 19/9/23	380.00
09/09/2022	115252	B Hygienic Ltd	FJC Hygiene Service Contract Sep 22 to Aug 23	854.50
20/09/2022	50and51	MJ Plant	July & Aug Ground Maint amphi, CM, MR Allot, Abbey	3,200.00
23/09/2022	5486	Byatt Oliver Associates	6 x Site visits with tendering contractors	600.00
26/09/2022	162885	Prism Solutions	IT Support Services - Sep 2022	867.08
27/09/2022	7070291021	Stafford Borough Council	Install / remove bollards 01/7/22 to 30/9/22	416.32
29/09/2022	2073033	Mazars LLP	Fee for Limited Assurance Review 2021/22	1,000.00
29/09/2022	7907	Origin Studios (SOT) Ltd	Update Town Map artwork and print new maps, events	1,307.00
29/09/2022	5813476/CE/30810	The Arch Rent Collectors	Station Rental 29/09/22 to 24/12/22	1,184.25
				<u>28,722.95</u>

**STONE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**1 NOVEMBER 2022**

**CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Town Mayor**

Saturday 12 November	Below Decks Pickle Night
Sunday 13 November	Remembrance Sunday in Stone
Tuesday 15 November	Cannock Chase chairman's Turkish Themed Charity Evening
Thursday 17 November	Stone Christmas Lights Switch On
Friday 18 November	Uttoxeter Town Christmas Lights Switch On
Saturday 19 November	Girlguiding Staffordshire Annual Review
Saturday 19 November	Cheadle Town Christmas Lights Event
Sunday 20 November	ABF The Soldiers' Charity Curry Lunch
Saturday 26 November	Organ Concert at St Michael & St Wulfad's Church
Sunday 27 November	Crown Wharf Brewery Tap's Turkey Trot
Thursday 1 December	First Advent Window Opening at Christ Church Window openings will take place every day at 11am up to 24 December, at different locations in the town.
Sunday 4 December	Stone Outward Division Girlguiding Christmas Celebration at Sandon Hall
Sunday 4 December	Staffordshire Moorlands District Council Chairman's Christmas Carol Service



**Deputy Mayor**

Friday 11 November

Armistice Day Service in Granville Square

Thursday 1 December

First Advent Window Opening at Christ Church  
Window openings will take place every day at 11am up to 24  
December, at different locations in the town.

**TOWN MAYOR**

## **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT – to 31 October 2022**

### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Mayor's Charity Quiz**

A great evening was had with guests from the local community and civic leaders who joined us for an evening of fun and games and quizzing. It was a night of laughter with a great amount money raised for my charities. In excess of £200.

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – Girlguiding Stone Outward Division, Bon Voyage Service**

I was honoured to join the Girl Guides from around Stone on their official leaving service at Christchurch. The hard work they had put into raising the funds to go out to Kenya to help refurb the buildings and school they had help build in previous visits, was amazing. For most it was going to be the first trip to Kenya and the memories they will make will last them a lifetime. The guests were entertained with songs, stories and videos of past trips and the expectations and hopes for this year's visit. I was honoured to present them with their ruck sacks for the trip and I had a great time talking to the proud parents and families of the young ladies. The pride in their faces was easy to read. The Girl Guides really are a credit to the community that the people of Stone should be very proud of.

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Eccleshall Parish Council Civic Sunday**

The Mayoress and I joined other civic leaders at the lovely church in Broughton to pay respect to the chairman of Eccleshall Parish Council. The unusual church was full of interest and a number of the guests stayed behind to look at the history and interesting items within.

### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Staffordshire County Council Chairman's Ball**

The Mayoress and I joined the civic leaders from the local region in an enjoyable evening. Meeting old and new friends. A large amount of money was raised from a raffle and auction for the Chairman's charities.

### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October - HMS St Vincent Association's Annual Dinner**

The Mayoress and I were again very honoured to be invited to the St Vincent Association's annual dinner in Portsmouth. Keeping the close ties of the association with the people of Stone. It is lovely to meet the president and chairman again and to talk to all the association's members. The MC was his entertaining self and the food and company were, as ever wonderful. The highlight of the evening was the room serenading the Mayoress with a sea shanty.

## **DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT – to 23 October 2022**

### **Sunday 2nd October – Ashbourne Town Mayor's Thanksgiving Service**

The Deputy Mayor attended Ashbourne Civic Sunday. There was a good turn out to the event by other councils. The Ashbourne Brass Band played particularly well in church. A lovely service for all. Thank you for the invite.

#### **Thursday 6th October – Alzheimer's Drop in Club 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

The Deputy Mayor attended the Alzheimer's club at Christchurch Centre. It was a wonderful event for the club's 16th birthday. Sandie and her team of volunteers do a marvellous job at giving Alzheimer's sufferers and their carers a break for two hours on a Thursday. Today was the group's 16th birthday and it was celebrated with cake donated from Morrisons. There was a singer who sang all the old-time favourites and everyone who could got up and danced. Sandie explained about the work she does to give the suffers entertainment and simulation which is what they need. It's a great club and one we should be very proud to have helping residents of Stone. Thank you.