

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

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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- 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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