

Stone Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting held in St Michael's Suite at the Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone, on Tuesday 1 November 2022

PRESENT: Councillor J. Powell in the Chair and
Councillors: K. Argyle, A. Best, J. Davies, Mrs K. Dawson, M. Green, I. Fordham,
J. Hickling, Mrs J. Hood, T. Kelt, R. Kenney, P. Leason, C. Thornicroft and S. Walley

Officers: L. Trigg and Mrs T. Williams

ABSENT: Councillors: Mrs A. Burgess, Mrs L. Davies, M. Hatton and R. Townsend

Before the meeting began Reverend Prebendary Cardinal led prayers.

C23/066 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: Mrs L. Davies and R. Townsend.

C23/067 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

None received

C23/068 Representations from Members of the Public

None

C23/069 Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 4 October 2022 (Minute Numbers C23/056 – C23/065, be approved as a correct record.

C23/070 Committee Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 4 October 2022 (Minute Numbers GP23/083 – GP23/099), were noted.
- b) The minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 4 October 2022 (Minute Numbers PC23/031 – PC23/036), were noted.

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C23/071 **Local government Transparency Code 2015**
Openness of Public Bodies Regulations 2014

The Information* for Quarter ending 30 September 2022 was noted.

C23/072 **Civic Announcements**

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

The Town Mayor advised the Committee that he was looking forward to joining the people of Stone at the upcoming Remembrance Sunday commemoration and the Christmas Lights Switch-On which was one of the highlights of the year.

C23/073 **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 drew the Committee's attention to the Girlguiding Stone Outward Division's 'Bon Voyage' Service at Christchurch where he was very proud to hand out rucksacks to the amazing young ladies who were travelling to Kenya to refurbish a school building that previous girl guides had created.

The Town Mayor said the evening was wonderful with lots of information about the project and an opportunity to chat to parents who were very pleased that their daughters had put words into action to make a difference to the children who study at the school.

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.

C23/074 **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.

C23/075 **Confidential Committee Minutes**

- a) The confidential Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 4 October 2022, Minute Numbers GP23/083, GP23/098 and GP23/099 were noted.

TOWN MAYOR

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