

Stone Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting held in St Michael's Suite at the Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone, on Tuesday 4 April 2023

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

Officers: L. Trigg, R. Mincher, Ms L. Thorley and Mrs T. Williams

ABSENT: Councillors: A. Best, Mrs A. Burgess, M. Hatton, J. Hickling and P. Leason

Before the meeting began Reverend Prebendary Cardinal led prayers.

C23/105 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: A. Best and P. Leason.

C23/106 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

None received.

C23/107 Representations from Members of the Public

Due to this meeting taking place in the pre-election period for Town Council elections, the Town Council's Scheme of Public Participation had been suspended.

C23/108 Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 7 March 2023 (Minute Numbers C23/096 – C23/104), be approved as a correct record.

C23/109 Committee Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 7 March 2023 (Minute Numbers GP23/172 – GP23/192), were noted.

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- b) The minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 7 March 2023 (Minute Numbers PC23/061 – PC23/066), were noted.

C23/110 Civic Announcements

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

Councillor Mrs Hood drew Members attention to Stone Gangshow which was taking place from Wednesday 12 to Saturday 15 April 2023. She said that the Scouts, Cubs, Explorers and Beavers movement would be very grateful for the support.

C23/111 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 Council's attention to the ATC Cadet's Induction evening where he had found it most pleasing to see so many young people from Stone joining up to a wonderful organisation. They also handed over the Officer Commanding baton to the next person in charge.

The Town Mayor said that the Church Service at St Michael & St Wulfad's Church commemorating the bicentenary of the death of the Earl St Vincent had been a poignant event. To experience an afternoon remembering one of Stone's most favourite sons and having the opportunity to go into the crypt was an interesting and honourable experience.

The meeting was temporarily suspended and then reconvened after the public session of the General Purposes Committee, and the Planning Consultative Committee meetings had taken place.

C23/112 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.

C23/113 Confidential Committee Minutes

- a) The confidential Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 7 March 2023 (Minute Numbers GP23/172, GP23/190, GP23/191 and GP23/192) were noted.

TOWN MAYOR

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