

Stone Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 3 October 2023

PRESENT: Councillor J. Davies in the Chair and
Councillors: A. Best, A. Burgess, K. Dawson, I. Fordham, J. Hood, T. Kelt,
B. Kenney, R. Kenney, P. Leason, A. Mottershead, J. Powell, N. Powell and
C. Thornicroft

Officers: L. Trigg and T. Williams

ABSENT: Councillors: J. Battrick, L. Davies, J. Metters and R. Townsend

Prayers

Before the meeting began Reverend Jim Cartlidge led prayers.

C24/053 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: J. Battrick, L. Davies, J. Metters and
R. Townsend

C24/054 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

None received.

C24/055 Representations from Members of the Public

None

C24/056 Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 5
September 2023 (Minute Numbers C24/043 – C24/052), be approved as
a correct record.

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They are attached as an appendix to the signed copy of the Council minutes.

C24/057 Committee Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) The draft minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 5 September 2023 (Minute Numbers GP24/075 – GP24/093), were noted.
- b) The draft minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 5 September 2023 (Minute Numbers PC24/025 – PC24/030), were noted.

C24/058 Civic Announcements

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

The Town Mayor drew the Council's attention to the opening of the Covid-19 Commemorative Orchard in Crown Meadow on Tuesday 10 October 2023 which he hoped would be well attended in recognition of the impact of the pandemic on the area, and to reflect on those who worked for others and those who lost their lives.

The Town Mayor also drew the Council's attention to his Trafalgar Dinner at the Mill Restaurant on 28 October 2023. The occasion would remember the important role played by Stone's most esteemed seaman, the Earl St Vincent, John Jervis, in getting the Navy in a fit state so that Lord Nelson could achieve the victory which changed the course of history in the 19th Century.

C24/059 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 said that receiving invitations from the military in the area was significant, particularly the Battle of Britain Dinner, which was a great event and a pleasure for him to attend as a representative of the town.

The Town Mayor informed the Council about the 'Three Mums Walk' which started in Madeley in Shropshire on Friday 22 September 2023, and finished in Sandwich in Kent. The mums were delighted to arrive in Stone to a greeting from Stone Lions and the Town Mayor who were waiting for them at Aston bridge.

The meeting was temporarily adjourned and then reconvened after the public sessions of the General Purposes Committee and the Planning Consultative Committee meeting.

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C24/060 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.

C24/061 Confidential Committee Minutes

- a) The confidential Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 5 September 2023, Minute Numbers GP24/075, GP24/092 and GP24/093 were noted.

TOWN MAYOR

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