

Stone Town Council – General Purposes Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 17 October 2023

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

Officers: L. Trigg and T. Williams

ABSENT: Councillors: P. Leason, A. Mottershead and R. Townsend

GP24/110 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: P. Leason, A. Mottershead and
R. Townsend

Where a reason for absence is given, this reason was approved for the purposes of
Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

GP24/111 Declarations of Interests

None

GP24/112 Requests for Dispensations

None

GP24/113 Representations from Members of the Public

None

**The meeting was temporarily suspended and reconvened after the Tourism &
Town Promotion Sub-Committee and the Estates Sub-Committee meetings had
taken place.**

GP24/114 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.

GP24/115 Waiver of Standing Orders

RESOLVED: To waive Standing Order 8.1 to enable consideration of the next item
on the agenda.

* Items marked with an asterisk refer to reports or papers circulated with the agenda or distributed at the meeting. They are attached as an appendix to the signed copy of the Council minutes.

GP24/116 **High Street Christmas Trees**

The Committee re-considered the provision of High Street Christmas trees following its earlier decision at its meeting on 5 September 2023 (Minute GP24/093) not to outsource the putting up and removal of Christmas trees throughout the town.

GP24/117 **Staffing Matter**

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk which had been enclosed with the agenda for the meeting.

RESOLVED: To re-appoint to the post of Deputy Town Clerk following the resignation of the current postholder, on the basis of the job description and person specification enclosed in the Town Clerk's report.

CHAIRMAN