

Stone Town Council – Estates Sub-Committee

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

PRESENT: Councillor J. Powell in the Chair and
Councillors: A. Best, J. Battrick, J. Davies, L. Davies, I. Fordham, J. Hood,
R. Kenney, N. Powell and C. Thornicroft

Officers: L. Trigg and T. Williams

By Chairman's invitation: No Councillors

ABSENT: Councillors: P. Leason and A. Mottershead

EST24/015 **Apologies**

Councillor: P. Leason and A. Mottershead

EST24/016 **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

None received.

EST24/017 **Representations from Members of the Public**

None received.

EST24/018 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

That the minutes of the Estates Sub-Committee meeting held on the 15 August 2023 (Minute Numbers EST24/008 – EST24/014, be approved as a correct record.

EST24/019 **Frank Jordan Centre**

The Sub-Committee considered an update on the Frank Jordan Centre.

The Town Clerk distributed some images of the Stonefield room and the Walton suite showing how they now look after improvement and redecoration prompted by the move of Stone Community Hub to the Christchurch Suite. The work had been undertaken by caretaker, David Littlehales, who has worked hard and done a very good job.

The Town Clerk said he was pleased to report that no hirers had been lost due to

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withdrawal from hire of the Christchurch Suite and new availability on the Walton Suite and Stonefield Room.

He said the Walton Suite was finished and already in use apart from the need to bring the kitchen into use and install LED lighting.

The Stonefield Room (which used to be the Hub's old food bank) also needed LED lighting but would soon be available for hire, enabling the Marketing and Events Co-ordinator to market the facilities.

A pull-down projector screen will be installed in the Stonefield Room which is ideal for meetings of up to eight people. The Town Clerk suggested that pictures of the Stonefield area or Stonefield Park be put up on the walls to remove their bareness.

EST24/020 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

RESOLVED: 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.

EST24/021 **Confidential Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Confidential minutes of the Estates Sub-Committee meeting held on the 15 August 2023 (Minute Numbers EST24/008, EST24/013 and EST24/014), be approved as a correct record.

EST24/022 **Update on Stone Station**

The Town Clerk provided an update on Stone Station in respect of roof repairs and extended use of the lease.

Chairman

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