

# Stone Town Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 5 December 2023

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

Officers: L. Trigg and T. Williams

**ABSENT:** Councillors: A. Burgess, K. Dawson and A. Mottershead

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### **Prayers**

Before the meeting began Reverend Jim Cartlidge led prayers.

### **C24/072 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: A. Burgess, K. Dawson and  
A. Mottershead

### **C24/073 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

None received.

### **C24/074 Representations from Members of the Public**

None

### **C24/075 Minutes**

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 7  
November 2023 (Minute Numbers C24/062 – C24/071), be approved as a  
correct record.

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

**C24/076 Committee Minutes**

RESOLVED:

- a) The draft minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 7 November 2023 (Minute Numbers GP24/118 – GP24/134), were noted.
- b) The draft minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 7 November 2023 (Minute Numbers PC24/037 – PC24/042), were noted.

**C24/077 Civic Announcements**

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

The Town Mayor drew the Council's attention to the Civic Carol Service on Sunday 10 December 2023 at St Michael & St Wulfad's Church.

The Town Mayor informed the Council that Stone Choral Society and Cantiamo Chamber Choir would be performing at Christ Church on 20 December 2023.

**C24/078 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 informed the Council that he had attended the funeral of David Cumming, who had been the town's highly respected parade marshal over many years. The funeral had gone extremely well and was taken by Councillor Mrs Davies in her capacity as Lay Reader of the Church of England. A Grenadier Guard Bandsman had travelled up from London to sound the Last Post which was a fitting goodbye to David and much appreciated by his family.

The Town Mayor highlighted the fantastic turnout to the Remembrance Sunday commemoration despite the terrible weather which was a tremendous token to the spirit and strength of the community. Thanks were given to the Royal British Legion and Town Council staff for their support with the arrangements for the day.

**TOWN MAYOR**

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