

Stone Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 2 September 2025

PRESENT: Councillor J. Metters in the Chair and
Councillors: A. Burgess, J. Davies, K. Dawson, J. Hood, R. Kenney, P. Leason,
J. Powell, N. Powell and R. Townsend

Officers: R. Edwards and T. Williams

ABSENT: Councillors: J. Battrick, L. Davies, I. Fordham, T. Kelt, B. Kenney, A. Mottershead
and C. Thornicroft

Prayers

Before the meeting began, Reverend Paul Kingman, led prayers.

C26/035 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: J. Battrick, L. Davies, I. Fordham,
T. Kelt, B. Kenney, A. Mottershead and C. Thornicroft

C26/036 Declarations of Interest

None made.

C26/037 Requests for Dispensations

None received.

C26/038 Representations from Members of the Public

None

C26/039 Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 1 July 2025
(Minute Numbers C26/024 – C26/034), be approved as a correct record.

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

C26/040 Committee Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) The draft minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 1 July 2025 (Minute Numbers GP26/033 – GP26/047), were noted.
- b) The draft minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 1 July 2025 (Minute Numbers PC26/013 – PC26/018), were noted.

C26/041 To Thank the Outgoing Mayor's Cadets for their Services during 2024-25

The Town Mayor invited Past Town Mayor, Councillor Philip Leason, to come forward to thank his Cadets for their conscientious service through the now completed mayoral year 2024-25, and to award certificates of appreciation in acknowledgement of their duty and support.

Sergeant James Haycock served as Mayor's Air Cadet, representing 2352 (Stone) Squadron Air Training Corps, and Corporal Madison Twigg served as Mayor's Army Cadet, representing Stone Detachment (Mercian Regiment) Army Cadets.

After photographs had been taken and Councillor Leason had wished them well in their future careers, the Mayor's Cadets returned to their seats in the public gallery.

The meeting was suspended at this point to enable the past Town Mayor to make a presentation to Stone Community First Responders.

The Past Town Mayor, Councillor Philip Leason, awarded £2,500 of his Mayor's Charity appeal 2024-25, to Mr Steve Fisher, CFR Coordinator, and his colleagues from Stone Community First Responders.

Mr Fisher, gave thanks to Councillor Leason and the Town Council on behalf of the charity and trustees for the monies received.

A total value of £3,766.57 had been raised by Councillor Leason during his mayoral term and representatives of his other charities, Stone & District Stroke Club and Stone Alzheimer's Club, would receive their awards during separate meetings of their respective clubs.

The meeting was reconvened at this point.

**C26/042 Local Government Transparency Code 2015
Openness of Public Bodies Regulations 2014**

The Information* for Quarter ending 30 June 2025 was noted.

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C26/043 Civic Announcements

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

C26/044 To receive the 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 previously been circulated, were noted.

The Town Mayor and the Deputy Town Mayor provided the Town Council with additional verbal reports on the details of their engagements.

TOWN MAYOR

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