

Minutes – subject to acceptance as a correct record at the next meeting of the Regeneration & Environment Committee to be held on 23rd January 2012

MINUTES OF THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2012 IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE

Present: Councillors Mrs S Latchford (Convenor of Committee)
C Brine (Chair of Town Council)
S Lewis (Vice Chair of Town Council)
Mrs C Sheridan
R Govier

In Attendance: Councillor J Callinan
R A Lacey (Town Clerk)

Apologies: Councillor D Drew

H2/49 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are reminded of their obligation within the Adopted Model Code of Conduct to declare any personal or prejudicial interests where applicable.

There were no requests received for declarations of interest to be recorded.

H2/50 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17TH OCTOBER 2011

The Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 17TH October 2011 need to be considered for approval.

Following consideration Members present approved the Minutes as recorded.

H2/51 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PANEL REPORT

Members of the Development Control Panel will advise the Committee of the result of their deliberations prior to this meeting.

Members present discussed the format for reporting from the Panel to the full Committee. It was agreed that only contentious items from the Panel meeting should be raised at full Committee but copies of the Minutes from that meeting should be circulated to all Committee members.

H2/52 PLANNING RESULTS (Received from Stroud District Council)

11/1491/HHOLD 5 Pheasant Mead
Erection of two storey extension and erection of porch. (Revised plans)
PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED (OBJ)

11/1554/HHOLD 14 Oak Way
Erection of a two storey extension and replacement garage.
PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED (N.O.)

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H2/52 Planning Results (continued)

11/1630/FUL	Units A, B, C, D and E, Oldend Industrial Estate, Stonedale Road Retrospective application for the erection of a new perimeter security fence and gates. PLANNING PERMISSION REFUSED	(N.O.)
11/1646/ADV	19A High Street Retrospective application for the erection of signage. PLANNING PERMISSION REFUSED	(OBJ)
11/1690/FUL	Land adjacent to 8 Midland Road Erection of dwelling and alteration to access. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(OBJ)
11/1693/HHOLD	Fairview, 7 Ebley Road Erection of two storey and single storey extensions to side and rear, alterations to existing rear extension and erection of a timber cabin. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(N.O.)
11/1711/DISCON	Land adjacent to Spa Inn, Oldend Lane Discharge of Conditions 2 and 5 from planning permission 10/1547/FUL. PERMISSION GRANTED	(N.O.)
11/1739/HHOLD	11 Anderson Drive Erection of a two storey side extension, single storey porch and rear extension. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(OBJ)
11/1810/FUL	12 Festival Road Proposed bay window. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(N.O.)

H2/53 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Progress Check on Previously Agreed Committee Actions

The progress check list agreed at the last Committee meeting is attached.

Members present examined the current Committee Work in Progress list and amended it accordingly.

b) High Street Working Group

The Town Clerk recently met with Mr Glen Dooley (County Highways) to discuss in detail the bill of works for Phase I of the High Street Vision. Mr John Morris, who has been assisting the Town Council with this matter, was also in attendance. The Town Clerk will report to the Committee on the discussions that took place.

The Town Clerk / RFO advised Members present that a preliminary review of the costings for the contract works had been discussed at the meeting with Mr Dooley and as a consequence some adjustment had been made in respect of the contribution required from the Town Council. However, there were still some issues that needed to be quantified prior to a final report being made to the Committee upon which its Recommendations to full Town Council would be based.

H2/53 Update of Matters Arising (continued)

b) High Street Working Group (cont'd)

One Councillor asked about defects liability periods on the surfaces as he had already noticed that there were some uneven surfaces on the contract works area outside the Co-op and former Police Station.

There were also issues raised regarding parking including the area outside Co-op Funeral Care where there was indiscriminate parking due to the lack of restriction signs. The Town Clerk advised that he was currently communicating with County Highways highlighting several locations where planned parking signs had not been erected.

Members present felt that there should be a meeting between the County and Town Councils and the High Street Working Group to finalise details. The Town Clerk was asked to write to the bodies concerned and arrange this.

c) Gloucestershire County Council – Waste Core Strategy

Re: Minute Nos. H2/46(d) of 17.10.11; H2/33(d) of 30.8.11; H2/19(b) of 11.7.11.

(i) Following the presentation by Mrs Sue Oppenheimer at the full Town Council meeting held on 14th November 2011 Members may wish to continue with their consideration of this matter including the possibility of holding a public meeting.

Members present noted Mrs Oppenheimer's comments at full Town Council regarding the next stage of the campaign against the incinerator proposal and were advised by Councillor Brine (Chair of Town Council and Ward Member for Stroud District Council in Stonehouse) that the District Council had been considering a motion regarding opposition to the proposal. As a result of that consideration the District Council would now not support any planning application in that respect. Members present asked the Town Clerk to write supporting the District Council stance in this respect.

(ii) Budgetary consideration – provision of funds for legal challenge.

At the last Town Council meeting, following the presentation by Mrs Sue Oppenheimer, Members were asked to consider whether a sum could be ring-fenced for a "fighting fund" in respect of the incinerator at Javelin Park development.

Members present reiterated that the Town Council had agreed to support GlosVAIN's continued efforts and discussed the possibility of creating a reserve for this purpose. This discussion would continue at the final Finance & Strategy budget setting meeting.

d) Town Centre Signage

Re: Minute Nos. H2/46(e) of 17.10.11; H2/33(f) of 30.8.11; H2/21 of 11.7.11.

The Town Clerk will advise Members regarding the County Council's current attitude towards town centre signage.

Members present felt that the County Council reluctance to issue definitive signs for the Shared Space scheme was not helping to clarify the situation relating to priorities and responsibilities in this area. One Member pointed out that the County Council had produced drawings relating to the Shared Space and as such appropriate signage should be in evidence.

H2/53 Update of Matters Arising (continued)

d) Town Centre Signage (cont'd)

The Town Clerk was encouraged to continue to press for such signage and also separate signs on the A419 to highlight the Town Centre and scope of facilities therein.

e) Gloucestershire County Council – Big Community Offer:Highways-Your Way

Re: Minute No. H2/47 of 17.10.11.

Members may wish to consider a new date for discussion with neighbouring parishes and the County Council.

Members present were keen to continue to arrange this meeting and provisionally booked the next Regeneration & Environment Committee meeting at 7:00pm on 23rd January 2012 for this purpose. Neighbouring Councils would be invited to attend

H2/54 CORE PLANNING STRATEGY

At the last full Town Council meeting Members considered whether to invite Parish Councillors from Standish, Eastington and Whitminster to meet with Stonehouse to consider implications of Core Planning Strategy in the Stonehouse area. Members may wish to discuss.

Members noted that preliminary decisions had been made by Stroud District Council and as such this meeting would not now be appropriate. Formal consultation would now begin and the Town Hall would be one of the venues for the process.

H2/55 OLDEND LANE – PARKING RESTRICTION CONSULTATION

Gloucestershire County Council have advised that they are going out to consultation regarding permanent no parking in Oldend Lane. Members may wish to discuss.

Members present were interested to view the results of the public consultation process in this respect. It was regarded that Stroud District Council's views were also very relevant as they would become involved in enforcement of any restrictions. The Committee would therefore await results with interest.

H2/56 STAFF OBJECTIVE SETTING

At the last full Town Council the Chair advised Members that he would place an item on each Committee schedule for them to consider objective setting for staff for inclusion within the Appraisal strategy.

Members present were advised that this item related to setting Council objectives and delivery for the coming year. Councillor Brine (Chair of Town Council) said that the Town Council should set objectives and give the implementation role to its Officers whilst setting time and stage scales in which to comply. Visions and ambitions should drive the objectives.

Members present felt that desired objectives could be:

- Reducing Town Council CO2 by 10%
- Cutting printing costs
- Reducing budget headings
- Sale of Stagholt Pavillion
- Creating a service centre for GL10

Members present felt that Members who suggested objectives should have input into planning (e.g. expertise in that field)

H2/57 BUDGET 2012/13

In view of the full Town Council requests to the Committee to consider additional budgetary items for the financial year 2012/13 Members will wish to revisit their current proposals prior to Recommendation to the Finance & Strategy Committee. Members will be aware that their current budget includes £5000 for solar energy and £5000 for street furniture.

Members present were content with the budget as stated above and Resolved to Recommend this to the Finance & Strategy Committee for consideration. Any proposed funding to support GlosVAIN's legal challenge could be financed through Reserves. Similarly, any funding required to purchase signage could also be sourced through the Transport Management Reserve.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:40pm.
