



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN TOWN COUNCIL HELD  
IN THE COURTROOM OF THE CORONER'S SERVICE, CIVIC CENTRE,  
STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN  
AT 7.00 P.M. ON TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

**PRESENT:**                      The Town Mayor              (Councillor Mrs V M Higgs) (In the Chair)  
   Councillors                      Mrs J Bennett  
                                        C J Brewer  
                                        M C Freeman  
                                        K Henderson  
                                        Mrs L Henderson  
                                        J Holden  
                                        D Little  
                                        R Lloyd  
                                        M A Salter  
                                        D Sheppard  
                                        Mrs J Sheppard  
                                        Mrs G M Smith  
                                        H Williams

41.    **PRAYERS**

Council said the Lord's Prayer.

42.    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors: Mrs N Martin, C Rogers, J Shaw and N Thomas.

43.    **MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

44.    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor R Lloyd declared an interest in Agenda Item No.6 (g) as the applicant was a personal friend and a fellow trustee of Areley Kings Village Hall.  
Councillor C Brewer declared an interest in Agenda Item No.6 (g) as the applicant was a personal friend and a fellow trustee of Areley Kings Village Hall.

45.    **MAYORS COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor's engagements were circulated and noted.



#### 46. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Consideration was given to consultations by the District Council on the following applications for planning permission, and it was RESOLVED that the District Council be informed of the Town Council response to each consultation, as set out below:-

- a. **WF.0472/FULL** – Two storey rear, single storey front extensions to existing garage to rear at 48 Ribbesford Drive, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 8TG for Mr & Mrs Southall.

Recommend Approval.

- b. **WF.0486/S73** - Removal of condition 10 of Planning permission 16/0090/FULL to allow highway works to be carried out by County Council rather than developer at Land at Mitton Street, Mitton Street, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 9AG for HB Villages Developments Limited.

Deferred for further information.

- c. **WF.2051/CR** – Conditions 13 and 15 of Planning Permission 16/0040/EIA at Land adjacent Lickhill Quarry, Bewdley Road North, Stourport-on-Severn for Severn Trent Water. **(FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

Deferred for further information.

- d. **WF.0516/FULL** – Change of use of existing detached community centre to 7No. Residential apartments. New Community facility at St Wulstans Church, 32 Vale Road, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 8YL for St Wulstans Church.

Deferred for further information.

- e. **WF.0519/FULL** – First floor extension over existing to replace existing roof dormer at 11 The Ridgeway, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 8XT for Mr S Morgan.

Recommend Approval.

- f. **WF.0520/FULL** – Proposed replacement garage to include rear W/C and store at 6 Church Walk, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 0AL for Mr Ray

Recommend Approval.

- g. **WF.0526/FULL** – Conversion of Areley Centre to form 3No. Two Bedroom Units at Areley Centre, Abberley Avenue, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 0LH for Mr R Bean.

Recommend Approval.

- h. **WF.0532/CERT** – Single Storey rear extension at 34 Loweswater Road, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 8LP for Mr P Beddow. **(FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

Noted.



**47. ARISING FROM CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

Noted.

**48. DECISIONS ON PAST PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members had been circulated with a list of the decisions of the District Council in respect of past planning applications and, it was **RESOLVED** that the list be noted.

**49. UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR C BREWER ON SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Councillor Brewer provided an update. No meetings with PC Wallace in July and August. Reports of ongoing boy racers on Riverside car parks. Two arrests for a robbery in Areley Common newsagents. No arrests for an armed robbery at Londis Areley Common following an unsuccessful police chase into Birmingham. A new Inspector in Stourport will be Jake Wright and the next meeting scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017. No further attendance at Town Council meetings, Councillors Brewer and Martin will meet with PC Andy Wallace on an ongoing basis. PACT meetings to be promoted on the Neighbourhood Watch website and in the Kidderminster Shuttle.

**50. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE DATED 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2017**

The minutes of the Finance Committee dated 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017 were approved.

**51. MINUTES OF GRANTS COMMITTEE DATED 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

The minutes of the Grants Committee dated 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were approved.

**52. UPDATE FROM THE TOWN CLERK ON POLICE RELOCATING TO THE CIVIC CENTRE**

The Clerk updated Council on a proposed move by the Police from County Buildings to the Civic Centre. Plans are at an advanced stage and business case reports are expected to be submitted to the Police & Crime Commissioner Board and Worcestershire County Council Property Board by November. If approved, the works will commence before Christmas 2017.

**53. WORKS AT MEMORIAL PARK UPDATE BY A MEMBER OF THE PARK COMMITTEE**

The Clerk updated Council on the play equipment scheme in the War Memorial Park. The contracts for natural play and green gym equipment were awarded to Wicksteed Play Equipment Ltd. The equipment is in production and works are expected to commence on site in October. Once a site mobilisation date is agreed, the scheme will be promoted using social media and the Council website.



**54. EMPTY SHOPS IN STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN**

Cllr Williams raised concerns regarding the negative visual impact of empty shops in the town. The Clerk to discuss with Peter Michael, Wyre Forest District Council Town Manager opportunities for temporary uses or shop front enhancements. The matter to be discussed at the next meeting of the Town Centre Working Party

**55. STOURPORT SKATEBOARD PARK**

Cllr Higgs proposed a memorial for Derek Fradgley at the skateboard park in the riverside meadow to be titled the Derek Fradgley Skateboard Park. On a show of hands, there were 9 in favour and the proposal was carried subject to the approval of Wyre Forest District Council.

**56. ACCOUNTS**

The Town Clerk reported that Accounts for July & August totalling £67,305.71 had been paid since the last meeting and it was RESOLVED that the report be noted and approved. A Schedule of the Accounts paid was appended at the end of these Minutes, in the Council's Minute Book, and was available for general inspection.

Town Mayor

The Meeting was closed at 7.33pm.