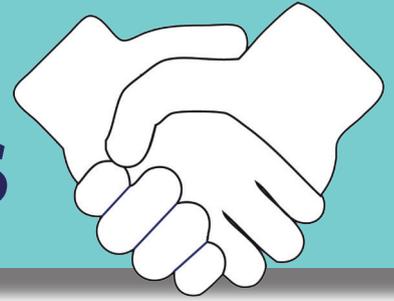


Keep National Politics out of Local Elections

on May 6th vote

Stone Independents



Who we are

- ▶ **Local residents** from business, public and voluntary sector backgrounds committed to working for the benefit of the Town and its residents.
- ▶ We believe residents are best represented by **independent-minded individuals** from the community rather than mainstream political parties whose loyalties often lie elsewhere.
- ▶ We are determined to keep national politics out of **local decision making**.

Our vision for Stone

- ▶ We want Stone to be a **thriving town** that offers a good quality of life and a strong sense of community.
- ▶ We want Stone to be a well-known **leisure destination** admired for its festivals, markets and events, and recognized for its parks and its canal and river setting.
- ▶ We want Stone to be a **preferred location** for investment from both private and public sectors.

Did you know?

- ▶ Until we controlled the Town Council there was no attempt to develop a **Neighbourhood Plan** to help protect the Town from over-development. We have completed the Plan and residents can now vote on 6th May for it to be adopted.
- ▶ Until we controlled the Town Council there was no **Town Centre Strategy**. This has now been adopted and has helped ensure a town centre occupancy rate of 96.7% one of the highest in the Midlands. Covid has impacted this but by supporting local businesses we hope for a strong recovery.

- ▶ We have pushed hard for **improved leisure and play facilities** to enhance the wellbeing of residents of all ages. Despite significant delays on Phase 2 of Westbridge Park, Stafford Borough Council should be bringing these to fruition.
- ▶ We are ensuring protection of our **local green spaces** through designation in the Neighbourhood Plan.
- ▶ We have ensured that Stone Town Council now has **climate and single use plastics strategies**.
- ▶ We continue to support and/or develop the **festivals and events** that are so important to the future vibrancy of the Town.
- ▶ We are supporting the **Crown Wharf** development with its brewery Taphouse, theatre, cinema and heritage centre which will bring additional life to our town centre.
- ▶ We have ensured that that Town Council tax receipts are **invested** in the Town to benefit the community rather than sitting in the bank
- ▶ We have completed important **projects** such as refurbishment of the Frank Jordan Community Centre to ensure that improved facilities are available to the community post Pandemic.
- ▶ We have instigated regular liaison meetings between **Police and Councillors** and others to focus on crime levels and ensure an effective 2-way flow of intelligence.
- ▶ At the start of the Pandemic, we instigated and funded the **Stone Helpline** that supported by A Little Bit of Stone, has helped residents in need - and we have also ensured that Stone Community Hub had access to additional space to support its much expanded **Food Bank**.
- ▶ We opposed overnight charges on local SBC run **car parks** and instigated free off street parking to encourage support for our high street businesses.

Stone Neighbourhood Plan Referendum 6th May

For several years, Stone Independents have been developing the Stone Neighbourhood Plan with the help of many of our residents. Once adopted, The Plan will have legal force and will help shape the future development of the town and help protect our green spaces. The Plan has not been embraced by other parties - but we believe that it is essential to our future quality of life.

We ask you to vote for its adoption in the referendum on 6th May

You have one vote on May 6th

Use it to vote for Amber, your Stone Independent candidate



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Local residents working
for Stone