

SOUTH STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th November 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Present: Mr. G. Davis (Clerk)

Mr. M. Devenish (Chairman)

Mrs. S. Dustin

Mr. T. Geake

Mr. T. Haines

Mrs. R. Harvey

Mr. R. Hellard (Vice Chair)

Mrs. J. John

Also Present: Cllr Neil Butters, for part of the meeting.

Janet Cross, for item 436

- 1. 424 Apologies for Absence** – There were no apologies for absence..
- 2. 425 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** held on 12th September 2011 – were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 3. 426 Minutes of Planning Meeting** held on 10th October 2011 – were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 4. 427 Record of Public Meeting** held on 12th October 2011 – it was noted that this public meeting had taken place and actions agreed.
- 5. Clerk's Report** – The Clerk presented his report. Each item presented was discussed under the agenda items below.
- 6. Parish Council Matters**
 - 428 Fire Proof Storage** – The clerk is waiting for the matter to be discussed and agreed at the Village Hall management committee. He will then proceed as previously instructed.
 - 429 Allotments** – It was reported that all allotments were now let. The council instructed the clerk to write to the tenants of the plots which remain uncultivated and give them 3 months notice of termination of their tenancy.

The clerk reported that the agreement leasing the allotments to the Parish Council did not prohibit tenants from outside of the parish. Jenny John was asked to reply to the Clerk of Combe Hay parish council and inform him that South Stoke could let plots to residents of Combe Hay, when one becomes available, but will always offer them to South Stoke residents first.
- 7. General Parish Matters**
 - 430 Churchyard** – The clerk presented bids from three of the suppliers invited to tender. Upon consideration of these the clerk was instructed to accept the bid of English Landscapes and to write to them accordingly.

Footpaths and Open Spaces
 - 431 Village Green Grass Cutting and Footpath Vegetation Clearance Contract** – The English Landscapes bid was also accepted for this work
 - 432 Wansdyke Interpretation Board – Funding and Progress Report** – Jenny John reported that funding from the ward councillors initiative was available, and Cllr Butters identified other sources of funding that may be available. Jenny John will progress this further with meetings with all the interested parties and resolve the issues of planning, permissions, location, design and content.
 - 433 Footpaths Report** – Jenny John reported that breach in the Wansdyke was being followed up. It was also reported that the Cotswold Wardens will close the gap in the fence near Brantwood and will clear vegetation at the Millennium seat.
 - 434 Village Green – Replacement Tree for Village Green** – The clerk reported that the new tree had been planted and all donations received and payments made. The Parish Council expressed their thanks to the donor and the working party who planted the tree.

Further improvements – The clerk was asked to obtain a quotation for the removal of the Forsythia bush. Consideration will be given to the appropriate pruning of the other shrubbery. A working party will be organised in early spring to re-paint the white railings.
 - 435 Millennium Wood** – Tom Geake reported that the Woodland Trust would only consider a wooden seat and he is still progressing this matter.

8. Planning Matters

436 11/04422/FUL Clearbrook Farm, Midford Hill, Hinton Charterhouse, Bath

- Use of agricultural land as a natural burial ground (revised submission).

The applicant addressed the meeting prior to consideration by the Council. The council OBJECTS IN PRINCIPLE and were unanimous in this resolution. Whilst the Council recognised the work the applicant had done to address the objections of the Planning Authority and the Parish Council these did not address the issues of location or traffic. The development remains by definition inappropriate for Green Belt and there is insufficient evidence for very special circumstances needed to permit.

437 Core Strategy – Local Development Framework – Examination process – The Examination in Public has been delay until 9th January 2012. The Chairman and one other councillor will attend the Pre-Hearing Meeting on 18th November.

Tom Geake proposed a motion to request that Cllr. Butters, at the next B&NES full council meeting, raise as a matter arising from the minutes, the inaccuracies contained in officers reports to the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael Devenish and carried unanimously.

438 Neighbourhood Planning Protocol - The council has responded to the consultation on the Neighbourhood Planning Protocol highlighting the concerns discussed and agreed at the public meeting on 12th October 2011. We have been invited by B&NES Council to a 'Briefing Meeting for Town and Parish Councils' to introduce the Neighbourhood Planning Protocol at 6:30p.m. on Monday 12th December. The Chairman and Vice Chairman will attend.

439 Conservation Area Appraisal - No further progress to report.

440 Applications Received

Clearbrook Farm Midford Hill Hinton Charterhouse Bath - 11/04422/FUL - Use of agricultural land as a natural burial ground (revised resubmission).

Clearbrook Farm Midford Hill Hinton Charterhouse Bath - 11/04423/AR - Display of a pair of simple name boards on posts at the entrance to the burial ground.

441 Planning Decisions by B&NES - None

442 Decisions Pending

Chestnut Cottage Packhorse Lane South Stoke - 11/01724/FUL Following a difference in volume calculations between the Applicant and Officer new plans are to be submitted.

Wych Elm House, Packhorse Lane, South Stoke, Bath BA2 7DJ - 11/02090/FUL – This awaits the result of the ecology survey.

The Poplars, 160 Midford Road, South Stoke, Bath - 11/03860/FUL

Church View Packhorse Lane South Stoke - 11/04123/FUL

443 Enforcement Update

Church View Packhorse Lane South Stoke - 11/01939/FUL - The appeal has been dismissed and Enforcement awaits the determination of 11/04123/FUL above.

444 Other Planning Matters to Report - None

9. Highway Matters

445 South Stoke area gas mains replacement works – A programme of works will take place between 9th January and 16th March 2012. Traffic arrangements have yet to be finalised and a delay in the works on South Stoke Lane is now expected. The Parish Council will liaise with B&NES Highways and the Contractors in order to keep residents appropriately informed.

446 Winter Maintenance Pilot Scheme - The Parish has been invited to take part in the Pilot Scheme which will be restricted to 15 parishes / areas. The Clerk will apply to take part stressing the issues we face that make us a priority for consideration.

447 Removal of Verge on Packhorse Lane – B&NES responded by stating that the works were of an acceptable and safe standard and that they had no budget for re-instatement. The Parish Council will research ways of improving its appearance and road safety.

448 Road Safety Issues – The chairman is in discussion about height restriction signage in Hinton Charterhouse to alleviate the problem of lorries in Midford.

10. B&NES Matters

449 Parish Liaison Meeting – The clerk reported details from the meeting of the Core Strategy, Neighbourhood Planning Protocol, and Planning Enforcement.

11. Other Matters to Report

450 CPRE – The clerk reported the cancellation of the general meeting.

451 ALCA Progress Report – The clerk reported that a progress report had been received from ALCA highlighting improvements made, but still not providing any accounts.

12. Correspondence Received

452 Boundary Commission Consultation on 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies – The Parish Council only wishes to comment that South Stoke should remain a rural parish.

453 Midsomer Norton Dial a Ride Request for Grant – The Council do not consider this appropriate.

454 Queens Diamond Jubilee Beacons Invitation and guide to taking part – The Parish Council is willing to support this and Sue Dustin will discuss this further with the WI and the Village Hall committee.

455 Benefice of Combe Down with South Stoke and Monkton Combe – A letter of thanks was received from Paul Kenchington for the welcome and gift.

13. Financial Matters

456 RFO Report – Received and Noted. The Audited Interim Accounts and letter confirming these were accurate and good order were received from Derek Satow. The council thanks Derek for this his work in providing this important service.

457 Payments for Approval

The following payments have been made as standing payments or were approved at the previous meeting.

1118	E.ON Electricity Bill dated 03-9-2011	£23.46
1119	Mr. M. Bambury – Road sweeping 29/8 – 25/9/2011	£131.64
1120	Mr. D. Brown – Road sweeping 29/8 – 25/9/2011	£92.12
1121	Mr. G. Davis – Parish Clerk 29/8 – 25/9/2011	£186.83
1122	HMRC –Quarter 2 PAYE	£258.80
1123	English Landscapes Ltd – Removal of Tree from Village Green	£97.44
1124	Southern Electric Contracting –Lighting Maintenance July-Sept 2011	£76.10
1125	E.ON Electricity Bill dated 03-10-2011	£23.46
1126	The Information Commissioner–Data Protection Registration	£35.00
1127	Mr. G. Davis – Purchase of Tree for Village Green	£75.14
1128	SSPC – Transfer to Deposit Account	£2000.00
1129	Mr. M. Bambury – Road sweeping 26/9 – 30/10/2011	£164.80
1130	Mr. D. Brown – Road sweeping 26/9 – 30/10/2011	£102.90
1131	Mr. G. Davis – Parish Clerk 26/9 – 30/10/2011	£233.64

Approvals requested for expenditure before next meeting.

English Landscapes – Churchyard and Footpaths Upkeep	£628.80
Gift to New Vicar - Book of South Stoke	£20.00

14. Dates for Future Meetings

The dates for future meetings were confirmed:-

9th January 2012

16th April 2012 – Annual Parish Meeting

5th March 2012

14th May 2012 – Annual Parish Council Meeting

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