SOUTH STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd July 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
in the Parish Hall

Present: Mr. G. Davis (Clerk) **Mr. T. Geake**
Mr. M. Devenish (Chairman) **Mr. R. Hellard (Vice Chair)**
Mrs. J. John

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

1. 586 Apologies for Absence – Mr. T. Haines, Mrs. S. Dustin sent apologies as they were unable to attend due to work and other commitments.

2. 587 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 14th May 2012 – Approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. 588 Minutes of Planning Meeting held on 18th June 2012 – Approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Clerk's Report – The Clerk presented his report. Each item was discussed under the agenda items below.

5. Parish Council Matters

589 Allotments – The large tree at the end of plot 7B was discussed. Jenny John agreed to discuss it with Michael Harris whose family had planted it many years ago.
It was reported that the Parish Council wheelbarrow has been returned to the allotments.

590 Parish Sweepers – Hours of Work The possibility of the Midford Sweeper sweeping the road to Clearbrook Farm was discussed. However, it was reported that the sweeper did not wish to take on this extra work. The Clerk will enquire of the South Stoke sweeper to see if he would be interested.

6. General Parish Matters

591 Village Hall Improvements – It was reported that the Village Hall Management Committee had asked if the Parish Council is willing to pay for the curtain tracks and playground fencing. Tom Geake proposed that the council should agree to this and it was approved unanimously.

592 Parish Council Website – It was agreed that the council should proceed with its own official website. The chairman will progress this with the original contractor.

Footpaths and Open Spaces

593 Wansdyke Interpretation Board – Funding and Progress Report – The clerk was authorised to obtain the necessary letters or payment from the Ward Councillors Initiative Funds, and then raise an order for these.

594 Village Green – Further improvements – The working party has now completed the re-painting of the railings. The removal of the forsythia bush will be arranged as soon as practical.

595 Request for Reserved / Disabled Parking Space outside Churchyard. The clerk was asked to discuss with parking services how the appearance of the bay might be revised to be more in keeping with the historic setting.

596 Millennium Wood – Tom Geake was asked to research several styles of seat and bring these to the next meeting.

597 Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and Beacons – The Parish Council noted the very successful event and wish to express their thanks on behalf of the village to all those who worked to organise it, and to Mr. and Mrs. Hignett for the use of the barn and the site for the beacon.

7. Planning Matters

598 12/02548/REG04 - St Gregory's Catholic College, Combe Hay Lane, Odd Down, Bath, BA2 8PA - Erection of a sixth form building linked to St Gregory's Catholic College with associated highway works and landscaping at Combe Hay Lane. The Council Objects in Principle to this application because of the location within the Green Belt and the World Heritage Setting.

599 Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations Development Plan Document – Preferred Options consultation paper and Call for Sites. Consultation Response. The Chairman attended the exhibition and QA session on behalf of the Council. The council supports the need to address this issue but notes the requirement that such development should not take place in the Greenbelt or AONB. The clerk was asked to respond to the consultation questionnaire to express these points.

600 Conservation Area Appraisal – The clerk was asked to write to Tony Crouch to seek reassurance that there is progress towards adoption in August / September 2012.

601 Core Strategy – Local Development Framework – Examination process – Robert Hellard questioned whether the inspector had reported as this was now due.

602 Planning Decisions by B&NES
South Stoke Parish Council - 12/01392/AR – Wansdyke, Combe Hay Lane, Odd Down, Bath - Display of 3no. A1 vertical information boards. - **CONSENT**

603 Decisions Pending
12/02248/VAR – Longthorne, Old Midford Road, Midford, Bath Variation of condition 8 (plans list) of application 10/04185/FUL (Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling (Resubmission))
The Council **Objects in Principle** to this application.

604 Enforcement Update
Fullers Earth Site – B&NES have advised the Parish Council that Enforcement action has now been taken, but that 18 months has been allowed for compliance.

605 Other Planning Matters To Report

- **12/01520/COND - Clearbrook Farm, Midford Hill, Hinton Charterhouse, Bath** - Discharge of conditions 2 and 9 of application 11/04422/FUL (Use of agricultural land as a natural burial ground (revised resubmission)). **CONDITION DISCHARGED**.
  The Burial site has been brought into use before the parking area has been constructed. Condition 9 expressly prohibited this.
- **Packhorse Public House** – No works have been commenced, and no applications made either for Planning or Listed Building consent.
- **Little Barrow at the foot of Miles Grove** – Ground Works and request for Tree Preservation Order. The Parish Council has referred the matter of the damaged tree to B&NES Parks Arboreal Officer. A Tree Preservation Order is deemed inappropriate as it is not close enough to a public access.
- **Draft City of Bath World Heritage Site Setting Supplementary Planning Document Consultation** – Robert Hellard will consult with the Bath Preservation Trust to determine the best response.
- **Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Site Allocations Local Plan Consultation on Schedules and Modifications** – The council has no comment to make.

8. Highway Matters

606 Midford Footway – The chairman has responded to all comments received about the planned works and modifications have been agreed to take account of these.

607 Road Safety Issues – It was reported that the police are now actively pursuing offending lorries that ignore the height restrictions through Midford.

9. B&NES Matters

608 Bath Preservation Trust – Robert Hellard has been re-elected as a trustee at the recent AGM. The trust has organised a meeting with B&NES to discuss the implementation of planning decisions on 20th July.

10. Other Matters to Report

609 Report on Parishes Liaison Meeting – The clerk reported on the issues discussed. Those not covered already were:-

- The Evolving Standards Regime and the New Code of Conduct required from 1st July.
  The council is awaiting advice and exemplar documents from B&NES and will prepare and adopt a New Code of Conduct at the next meeting.
- Rural Broadband in B&NES
- B&NES Council Website and its Navigation
- Hydraulic Fracturing (Fracking) and the possible implications for Bath Hot springs.

610 Forthcoming Tenders for Supported Bus Services - The council is of the view that it is essential to retain services as at the present level.

11. 611 Correspondence Received

Nominations for B&NES Chairman's Community Awards
B&NES Fundraising Opportunity – Food Waste Bags

12. Financial Matters

612 RFO Report – Received and Noted.

613 Payments for Approval

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

1177	KBT Ltd. – Material for Parish Hall Curtains	£511.63
1178	CPRE – Membership Renewal	£29.00
1179	Mr. M. Bambury – Road sweeping 29/4 – 26/5/2012	£131.64
1180	Mr. D. Brown – Road sweeping 29/4 – 26/5/2012	£82.32
1181	Mr. G. Davis – Parish Clerk 29/4 – 26/5/2012	£186.83
1182	E.ON Electricity Bill dated 31-5-2012	£23.91
1183	SSE Contracting Ltd. Lighting Maintenance Jan –Mar 2012	£76.10
1184	Mr. M. Bambury – Road sweeping 27/5 – 30/6/2012	£164.60
1185	Mr. D. Brown – Road sweeping 27/5 – 30/6/2012	£102.90
1186	Mr. G. Davis – Parish Clerk 27/5 – 30/6/2012	£233.64
1187	HMRC – Quarter 4 PAYE	£258.80

Approvals requested for expenditure before next meeting.
None

13. Dates for Future Meetings

The dates for future meetings were confirmed:-
17th September 2012, 19th November 2012, 14th January 2013, 11th March 2013
15th April 2013 – Annual Parish Meeting, 6th May 2013 – Annual Parish Council Meeting

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