

SOUTH STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Parish Council Meeting held on 24^h April 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Present: Mr. M. Devenish (Chairman) Mr. R. Hellard
 Mr. G. Davis (Clerk) Mrs. J. John
 Mr. P. Dawson Mr. C. Winpenny
 Mrs. S. Dustin

1. 763 Apologies for Absence

Tom Geake sent apologies as it was necessary for him to attend the meeting with the new Police and Crime Commissioner.

As Tom Geake was carrying out important Parish Council duties his absence was approved by council.

2. 764 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Michael Devenish declared an Interest in item 4, Turnpike Cottage, Midford Road, Midford as he is an immediate neighbour, and submitted a written request for dispensation.

The council considered there was no pecuniary interest and granted the dispensation to speak on this matter and if necessary to vote.

3. 765 Confidential Matters

There were no matters considered confidential and requiring the exclusion of the public.

4. 766 13/01070/FUL – Turnpike Cottage, Midford Road, Midford, Bath - Erection of single storey front and a two storey rear extension.

The Parish Council OBJECTS IN PRINCIPLE to this proposal. Although the scale of the extension is not excessive, the materials, construction, and finishing do not respect the historic nature of this building. In particular the proposed use of Stone Faced Blocks, new Roof Tiles, and the addition of a Balcony.

5. 767 13/01428/REN – Summerdale, Packhorse Lane, South Stoke, Bath

Renewal of application 10/00487/REN (Renewal of application 03/02999/FUL (Conversion of building to dwelling as amended by letter and plans received 17 September 2004 (outbuilding adjacent to Summerdale))

The Parish Council has NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE, but considers that the conditions applied in the previous application should remain as each condition was reasonable then and is so now. The Council would prefer the windows to be of a similar style to the existing windows (small pane, timber framed).

6. 768 Core Strategy Amendments Consultation Response.

The Council will respond highlighting the key items:-

AONB – The overriding local and national issues for violating the AONB are not addressed in the Core Strategy. It was also noted that the Cotswold Conservation Board will object to building anywhere in the AONB.

Green Belt – To note that Green Belt is designated for specific purposes. No case has been made for the loss of openness and for the need to avoid coalescence.

The Wansdyke – The Parish Council will seek to obtain expert archaeological advice in respect of this Scheduled Ancient Monument. Jenny John was asked to progress this matter.

Bats and Wildlife – Avon Wildlife Trust will be consulted on the planning and ecological issues relating to the plateau. Sue Dustin and the Clerk were asked to progress this matter and to explore the possible commissioning of an ecological survey prior to the Examination in Public.

Robert Hellard will produce the detailed submission next week for circulation to council prior to submission.

Robert Hellard will also contact CPRE with regard to their submission , and Chris Winpenny will produce an edited version of the Council's submission for inclusion in the CPRE submission.

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