

**SOUTH STOKE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013 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. R. Hellard (Vice Chair)  
Mrs. J. John  
Mr. C. Winpenny

1. **814 Apologies for Absence** – Mr. P. Dawson. As Mr. Dawson had given notice that he was unavailable on this date when the meeting dates were agreed, the council approved his absence.
  2. **815 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations** – None
  3. **816 Confidential Matters** – None
  4. **817 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2013 – Approved and signed by the Chairman.
  5. **Parish Council Matters**
    - 818 **Allotments** – Nothing further to report.
    - 819 **Parish Sweepers duties** – The clerk reported that David Brown had resigned his 2 hours of extra duties in Midford for Hinton Charterhouse Parish Council. However, Martin Bambury has now taken this on, making one two hour visit each month.
  6. **General Parish Matters**
    - 820 **Village Hall** – It was reported that all the electrical refurbishment was complete, payment made, and safety certificates filed in the fire proof cabinet. The clerk reported that an invoice for Parish Council use of the Hall for the year 2012-13 had been received and was listed as a payment for approval in the RFO report.

**Footpaths and Open Spaces**

    - 821 **Footpaths** – The scheduled footpath report is almost complete and will be reported at the next meeting.
    - 822 **Millennium Wood – Installation of Bench Seat** – Tom Geake was asked to assemble the seat, whereupon Robert Hellard and Mick Devenish will install it.
  7. **Planning Matters**
    - 823 **Assets Of Community Value**

The Packhorse Public House – There was nothing further to report, however the possible availability of a grant was discussed under Item 10 - Other Matters.

South Stoke Village Hall and the Village Green – The clerk is proceeding with these in a non-urgent manner.

Millennium Wood – Tom Geake has researched the issues of taking ownership. However, in the light of the likely difficulties with this process it was agreed that this asset should be left with the Woodland Trust.
- Planning Update**
- 824 **Conservation Area Appraisal** – It was agreed that there appears to be no reasonable way to compel B&NES Council to take this forward. Robert Hellard will be meeting with the other Parishes and will discuss how they might move this forward together.
  - 825 **Core Strategy** – The consultation on the Amendments to the Core Strategy closed on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013 and the submissions published on the B&NES Website. The Inspector has issued note ID/32 indicating that the revised Core Strategy is not compliant with the NPPF as it does not take into consideration the housing requirement in neighbouring authorities. A date for the Examination in Public has not been set, and B&NES Council has requested a hearing on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September (B&NES ID-41) to discuss these issues with the Inspector. Resumption of the Examination in Public or the withdrawal of the Core Strategy are the two possible outcomes of that meeting.

Tom Geake reported on his summary of the representations highlighting the comments from the Bath Preservation Trust, the Duchy of Cornwall and the Portable Antiquities as being well argued and referenced. It was agreed that each councillor should build a case file of relevant matters in anticipation of a resumption of the hearings. It was also agreed to seek a meeting with the local Member of Parliament to discuss the issues relating to the South Stoke plateau.
  - 826 **South of Bath Alliance** – The Parish Council supports the intentions and aims of this organisation, but agreed that it should retain its independent voice and represent its electors. The council will ask if parish councillors might attend their meetings in order to act as a liaison between us.
  - 827 **Place-Making Plan** – There were no further actions to report at this time.

- 828 Applications Received –**  
**13/02070/COND - Castle Farm Barn, Midford Road, Midford** - Discharge of conditions 6, 9 and 10 attached to planning permission 12/00707/FUL allowed on appeal 13th February 2013 (Erection of a temporary agricultural dwelling and an extension to cattle shed) (Resubmission of 13/00972/COND). **CONDITIONS HAVE NOT BEEN MET.**  
**13/02141/CLEU - Fosseway Environment Park, Fosseway, Englishcombe, BA2 8PD** - General Industrial (B2) Use for the whole application site with the exception of one building which has a lawful use for Storage and Distribution (B8). (Certificate of Lawfulness for an Existing Use). **OBJECT IN PRINCIPLE.**
- 829 Planning Decisions by B&NES**  
**13/00782/FUL – St James's Church Packhorse Lane South Stoke Bath** - Erection of a single storey extension to the east side of the existing vestry, providing a compliant disabled WC and path alterations. **PERMIT**  
**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))). **PERMIT**
- 830 Decisions Pending**  
**13/01070/FUL – Turnpike Cottage, Midford Road, Midford, Bath** - Erection of single storey front and a two storey rear extension. **OBJECT IN PRINCIPLE**
- 831 Planning Appeals**  
**APP/F0114/C/13/2195018 & 5019 – The Old Fuller Earth Works, The Firs, Combe Hay, BATH, BA2 8PD,** Waste Recycling at Bath Ltd - C/Enforcement Appeal Without planning permission, the change of use of the land from agriculture and general industrial use (B2) to the mixed use of the land. This is the new appeal replacing that withdrawn by Gazelle Properties. The Applicant has also made the application **13/02141/CLEU** above.
- 832 Enforcement Update**  
**13/00098/UNDEV - Parcel 1685 Combe Hay Lane Midford Bath** – Erection of encampment on private land. Further reports have been received that the encampment has been re-established as at 16<sup>th</sup> June 2013. The clerk was instructed to raise the matter with B&NES Planning Enforcement.
- 833 Other Planning Matters To Report - None.**
- 8. Highway Matters**
- 834 Variable Message Sign on A36 at Hinton Charterhouse** – The matter was raised again at the Parishes Liaison Meeting by both South Stoke and Hinton Charterhouse. The location appears now to be determined, however, the council could request reminders of the Height and Weight limits applying beyond Branch Road. The clerk will pursue this matter.
- 835 Maintenance Update** – B&NES Highways agreed that the wall at Midford Castle was the responsibility of B&NES Council. However, it is the responsibility of the Structures department and so far they have been unresponsive.
- 836 Road Safety Issues** – Nothing to report.
- 9. B&NES Matters**
- 837 Bath Preservation Trust** – Robert Hellard reported that the Trust have been occupied with the Fullers Earth Enquiry and the Core Strategy and so beyond these there is nothing further to report. The forthcoming Environs of Bath sub-committee meeting will be attended by Chris Winpenny and Mick Devenish on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 838 Parishes Liaison Meeting** – The clerk reported the main issues from this meeting. The matter of the Paperless Parish Councils will give rise to no further printed plans being sent out after 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The Clerk was instructed to purchase a suitable data projector so that documents may be adequately reviewed at meetings.
- 10. Other Matters to Report**
- 839 Two Tunnels cycle path** – Anti-social behaviour at Tucking Mill – Mick Devenish chaired a meeting of residents, Monkton Combe Parish Councillors, Wessex Water and Sustrans called to discuss the issues and agree actions.
- 840 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Closure of the Somerset & Dorset Railway** – Mick Devenish will circulate information about this event to residents and groups in Midford.
- 841 Arts Development Grants** – B&NES Arts Development – Sue Dustin will forward this invitation to the South Stoke Art Club.
- 842 Grants available to help communities save local buildings** – The clerk was instructed to follow this matter up, in order to ascertain what would be required to be eligible for a capital grant sufficient to purchase to the Packhorse.
- 11. Correspondence Received - None**

## **12. Financial Matters**

**843 RFO Report** – Received and noted. It was also noted that the Bank Reconciliation was due to be checked by a councillor and that Patrick Dawson had previously agreed to carry this out.

### **844 Payments for Approval**

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

1265	Bath Preservation Trust – Membership 2013-14	£15.00
1266	E.ON Electricity Bill dated 01-5-2013	£22.34
1267	Mr. G. Davis – Expenses – Postage Stamps & Envelopes	£51.29
1268	Mr. M. Bambury – Parish Sweeper 28/4 – 25/5/2013	£134.40
1269	Mr. D. Brown – Parish Sweeper 28/4 – 25/5/2013	£97.00
1270	Mr. G. Davis – Parish Clerk 28/4 – 25/5/2013	£244.25
1271	Avon Wildlife Trust - Membership Renewal	£48.00
1272	JCE Contracting Ltd. – Village Hall Electrics Final Payment	£636.80
1273	CPRE – Membership Renewal 2013-14	£29.00
1274	E.ON Electricity Bill dated 01-6-2013	£23.09
1275	HMRC – PAYE Payment Qtr 1	£223.20
1276	Mr. M. Bambury – Parish Sweeper 28/4 – 25/5/2013	£166.30
1277	Mr. D. Brown – Parish Sweeper 28/4 – 25/5/2013	£112.81
1278	Mr. G. Davis – Parish Clerk 28/4 – 25/5/2013	£269.40

The following items were approved for payment.

South Stoke Parish Hall – Hire for Parish Council Meetings 16/4/12 – 6/5/13	£280.00
SLCC Enterprises Ltd. – Local Council Administration 9 <sup>th</sup> Edition	£63.00
Mr. G. Davis – Expenses Refreshments for PC meeting	£5.40

## **13. 845 Dates for Future Meetings** – The following dates were confirmed-

**16<sup>th</sup> September 2013, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014**  
**7<sup>th</sup> April 2014 – Annual Parish Meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 – Annual Parish Council Meeting**