

SOUTH STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Special Parish Council Meeting held on 7th October 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
in the Parish Hall**

Present: Mr. M. Devenish (Chairman)	Mr. T. Geake
Mr. G. Davis (Clerk)	Mr. R. Hellard
Mrs. S. Dustin	Mr. C. Winpenny

Also present: Beryl Murray

Apologies for Absence: Mr. P. Dawson, Mrs. J. John

- 1. Draft Core Strategy – Outcomes from the Inspectors hearing and to agree next actions.**
The progress of the Core Strategy and the outcome of the most recent hearings were discussed, together with the implications for and of the Place Making Plan. There was a discussion about the implications and costs of mounting legal challenges to the Core Strategy. It was reported and noted that the Protect Bath organisation was prepared to consider financial assistance on the basis of matched funding for this purpose.
It was further noted that all the further proposed changes to the Core Strategy are due to be published on November 11th 2013 for consultation between November 11th and December 21st 2013. It was confirmed that the Parish Council will respond. Also, as these changes are scheduled to be brought before the B&NES Council meeting on 14th November, the clerk was instructed to request a slot for the Parish Council to address the B&NES Council on this matter.
- 2. Place Making Plan - Response to Parishes Engagement programme**
 - Character, Landscape, and Green Infrastructure Assessments
The Parish Council will carry out these assessments, and the Parish was divided into five main areas and councillors were delegated the task of completing the assessments for these:-
South Stoke Conservation Area – Robert Hellard & Chris Winpenny
Midford Core – Michael Devenish & Patrick Dawson
Plateau Land – Robert Hellard & Chris Winpenny
Area Bounded by Midford Road, South Stoke Lane, Packhorse Lane – Clerk & Jenny John
Open Agricultural Land – Tom Geake & Sue Dustin
The Parish Council will hold a

**PUBLIC MEETING on MONDAY 25th NOVEMBER at 7:00 p.m.
in the VILLAGE HALL**

To present the assessments, to obtain pledges of funding for legal challenges, and to provide guidance in making comments on the final changes to the Core Strategy.

The Parish Council considers that it cannot do any site assessments as the Inspector has requested that the Green Belt boundaries are re-assessed as part of the Core Strategy. Until such time that the Green Belt is revised, we cannot assess the ability to build houses in any area that is within the existing Green Belt area.

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