

SOUTH STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 9th November 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
in the Parish Hall**

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

Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from Patrick Dawson.

1. 913 Conservation Area Appraisal for South Stoke.

Progress towards the adoption of the Conservation Area Appraisal was discussed together with the potential for procuring an early outcome of this process. The joint funding with B&NES Council, of an expedited process provided under section 137 provisions was discussed as means of achieving this. The following motion was then proposed by Tom Geake, seconded by Sue Dustin and carried unanimously.

South Stoke Parish Council should contribute up to our Section 137 limit, towards the cost of completion of the process of adoption of the South Stoke Conservation Area Appraisal (draft May 2011), on condition that this process is completed by the middle of February 2014.

2. 914 Amendments to B&NES Core Strategy (November 2013).

The best way for the Parish Council's to respond to the public consultation on the latest amendments to the Core Strategy was discussed. Robert Hellard outlined the proposal from EDP, The Environmental Dimension Partnership, Planning and Environmental Consultants, to challenge the proposed amendments to the Green Belt boundary around South Stoke. The council agreed with this approach and the following motion was then proposed by Michael Devenish, seconded by Sue Dustin and carried unanimously.

South stoke Parish Council should engage The Environmental Dimension Partnership, to the sum of £1,995 plus reasonable expenses, exclusive of VAT, to provide legal and planning advice to support the Parish Council's response to the current public consultation by Bath and North East Somerset Council on the Core Strategy Amendments (Nov. 2013).

It was further agreed that a further newsletter (No 49) should be produced to inform the electors of progress, the need to respond, and to emphasize the importance of the rural setting of the South Stoke Conservation Area. The clerk was asked to e-mail this newsletter to the attendees of the recent public meeting, and to place it, and the conservation area appraisal on the Parish Council website.

The meeting closed at 8:15 p.m.

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