

## **SOUTH STOKE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall**

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

**Also present for part of the meeting:** B&NES Ward Councillor Neil Butters.

#### **1. 952 Conservation Area Appraisal for South Stoke.**

Vice Chairman Robert Hellard gave a report on the progress towards the adoption of the Conservation Area Appraisal. He highlighted that it would have planning weight as soon as it was approved by the relevant Bath and North East Somerset Council Cabinet member. It now only requires the agreement of a schedule of amendments drawn up by the Planning Officer. These were discussed and it was agreed that Councillors Jenny John and Christopher Winpenny would review and agree these amendments, confirming these to Robert Hellard by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Robert Hellard will then write to the Planning Officer and ask him to proceed with the agreed final draft of the amendments and procure approval of the Conservation Area Appraisal by the Cabinet member by no later than 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

#### **2. 953 Amendments to B&NES Core Strategy (November 2013).**

Vice Chairman Robert Hellard provided an update on the arrangements and working relationship with the Environmental Dimension Partnership (EDP). Robert Hellard had asked EDP to consider how they might best be able to help the Parish Council to prepare and present arguments at the forthcoming Examination in Public (EiP). To this end a meeting between EDP, South Stoke Parish Council and Bath Preservation Trust was convened, a strategy agreed, and this was explained to the Council.

The Parish Council thus resolved to employ EDP consultants to act on their behalf, to advise and assist in preparing and presenting arguments at the EiP hearings in March and April of this year, at an anticipated cost of £1750 plus expenses and VAT. The resolution was carried unanimously.

The Statements of Common Ground, as published by Bath and North East Somerset Council were discussed. As the statement by English Heritage concerning the Wansdyke buffer zone was thought to be ill-considered, the Parish Council agreed to ask Dr. Helen Geake if she would be willing to advise the Parish Council on related Archaeological matters. The Council are seeking an evaluation of the English Heritage statement and an archaeological assessment in respect of the Wansdyke in order that these might be presented at the EiP hearings. The Parish Council resolved to engage Dr. Helen Geake, if she was willing to assist, and to meet the costs of such work. The resolution was carried unanimously, with the exception of Councillor Tom Geake who declared an interest as he is a relative of Dr. Helen Geake.

The EiP Programme for Hearings was then discussed identifying where South Stoke Parish Council was scheduled as a participant and where it was not but should be. It was confirmed that the Council is scheduled as a participant on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Housing and Employment Distribution, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Housing Requirement and Delivery, and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Strategic Site Allocation, Odd Down.

Other Days when the Council wishes to participate are Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Placemaking Plan and general Green Belt Issues, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Alternative Green Belt Sites, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Affordable Housing. Among these issues the date for the discussion of the alternative Strategic Site of Cranleigh will be sought

Robert Hellard will discuss these hearing dates with the EiP Programme Officer and agree the participation of South Stoke Parish Council as necessary.

The meeting closed at 8:10 p.m.

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