

SOUTH STOKE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th June 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
in the Parish Hall

Present: Mr. G. Davis (Clerk)
Mr. P. Dawson
Mr. A. Done
Mrs. S. Dustin

Mrs. J. John
Mr. D. Sixsmith
Mr. C. Winpenny (Chair)

Also Present: Steve & Fiona Gourley, Dominic Brooks, Ralph Wynne-Griffiths, Colin Webb, Ward Cllr. Neil Butters

- 1. 096 Apologies for Absence – None.**
- 2. 097 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – None**
- 3. 098 Confidential Matters – None**
- 4. 099 Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting** held on 21st May 2018 – Approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 5. Planning Matters - Sulis Down Planning Application Ref 17-02588-EFUL and Master Plan**
 - 100** The Chair summarised the proceedings and outcome of the Development Management Committee meeting on June 6th at which the application was discussed and determined. He considered that the main topic of concern to the DMC members was traffic congestion. Approval was granted on a vote of 6 in favour and 4 against. The matter was discussed in open forum with all those present. The Clerk was asked to confirm exactly when the 6 week period in which a judicial review can be made commences. The Parish Council undertook to confirm the advice already received from counsel that it began at the issue of the decision notice after the section 106 agreements had been agreed (this was subsequently confirmed).
The Chair asked Robert Hellard to give an overview of the current position. He confirmed that the application approved was just the Phase 1 development and that although the Masterplan was considered inadequate in itself, the DMC did not see this as a barrier to the approval of Phase 1. He indicated that a number of electors considered that if there was scope for a judicial review they would be willing to support such a challenge. Were such a judicial review to be successful then the Planning Application would have to be re-considered by B&NES Development Management Committee.
Counsel has advised the Parish Council that once the DMC meeting minutes are available he can advise on whether there are good prospects of a successful legal challenge to the DMC decision.
The clerk briefed the Parish Council on what they may and may not do in respect of such process.
Having considered all the discussions:-
 - 101 The Parish Council resolves** to instruct counsel to review the approach taken and whether there are sufficient prospects to seek judicial review of the decision, for a fee of £600. The resolution was carried unanimously.
 - 102 Section 106 agreements** – The Parish Council is concerned about its lack of involvement in the determining of the ongoing maintenance and management of the Open Space and Facilities of this development, and other aspects of the 106 agreement, given that it is wholly within the Parish. The Parish Council considers it highly appropriate that it should be involved given its duty to protect and promote the interest and well-being of its electors.
Ward Councillor Neil Butters agreed to raise this matter with B&NES Planning officers. The clerk was instructed to write to HFT/Bloor and B&NES Planning Department to raise this concern and to express the very strong interest of the Parish Council in managing the Open Space and Facilities after completion of the development.
 - 103 Contact with the Parish Council** – The clerk asked those present to suggest to any other member of the public to e-mail him at SouthStokeClerk@hotmail.com if they would like to be added to the list of electors and other members of the public who receive regular updates on this matter going forward.
- 6. 104 Dates for Future Meetings** – The following dates for meetings for the coming year were agreed.
Parish Council Meetings: July 16th, September 17th, November 19th, January 14th 2019, March 11th 2019
Annual Parish Meeting: April 15th 2019
Annual Parish Council Meeting: May 20th 2019

The meeting closed at 20:28

Approved and signed 16th July 2018

Chairman