

CLERK'S REPORT – 17th September 2018

Financial Matters – Agenda Item 5

Financial Support for Church Roof Repairs - The Local Government Act 1894 prohibits the spending of Parish Council money on maintenance or improvement of any property relating to the affairs of the church. It is also argued that Parish Councils do have the power to make grants for such purposes under Section 137 of the Local government Act 1972, and under the General Power of Competence of the Localism Act 2011. If you wish to make such a grant then it will need to be done with a very careful and precise resolution so that it is clear (to any auditor) the legal basis on which you are making the grant.

Parish Council Matters – Agenda Item 6

Progress on Audit Matters - Councillors details and security arrangements

The clerk has progressed the security arrangements with improved and separate backups for each Parish Council. In order to provide details of access arrangements it is necessary to create a separate Primary User for the Internet Banking. The forms for signing are brought to the meeting. The arrangements will be completed for the next meeting once this separation has been achieved.

All Councillors have yet to move to a SouthStokePC.org.uk e-mail and the clerk was awaiting progress on this before updating and publishing contact details.

GDPR Compliance and Data Privacy Policy – Agenda Item 6.

Councillors use of SouthStokePC.org.uk e-mails as above is one component of these. The Data Privacy Policy is work in progress and awaits completion of the e-mail addresses.

General Parish Matters – Agenda Item 7

Parking in the Village – Any further progress to report.

Southstoke Lane and Village Road Safety – The Clerk has provided the CPRE Guide to the Quiet Lane Scheme which details the actions to take such a proposal forward.

Midford Road/Village – road safety issues

- Midford Village - Any further progress to report.
- Castle Bend – Proposals have been received from B&NES Highways to which the parish Council has responded.
- Combe Path Lawn BA22/7-8 Diversion and Crossing – Still no response from B&NES PROW.
- Dog waste Bins – B&NES Council have No Funding for any additional bins.

Broadband Provision in South Stoke and Midford – A B&NES and North Somerset Broadband Briefing note has been received.

Midford Phone Box - The Parish Council has received a quote for repainting the box totalling nearly £1,000 (£580 external only). Some consideration is to be given to its location and possible re-siting.

Police Liaison – PCSO Meeting Place The first such meeting has been arranged for Monday 24th September at 11:00 a.m. in the Packhorse Pub.

Footpaths and Open Spaces – Agenda Item 8

Footpaths – The Footpath Report is complete and presented to the meeting.

Highway Matters – Maintenance Update and Road Safety Issues - Agenda Item 10

It is thought unlikely that there will be anything further to report beyond those matters arising above.

B&NES Matters – Agenda Item 11

BathAvon South Forum – 2nd August Agenda – Report

Correspondence Received – Agenda Item 13

New Polling Stations - Cllr Neil Butters has notified us of the intended review of Polling Stations.

Road Names and Signage – A resident has requested consideration is given to signage at the Old Midford Road / Packhorse Lane junction.

Children's Nursery – A resident has written seeking your views and support for a Children's Nursery at Castle Farm.

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Dates for Future Meetings – Agenda Item 22

Dates for future meetings for the coming year need to be agreed, the following suggestions are made:-

Monday 19th November 2018

Monday 14th January 2019

Monday 11th March 2019

Annual Parish Meeting: Monday April 15th 2019

Annual Parish Council Meeting: May 20th 2019