

CLERK'S REPORT – 19th November 2018

Financial Matters – Agenda Item 5

Parish Sweeper Scheme – B&NES Transitional Scheme Offer – Please Note 3 of RFO Report. The Council will need to pass a resolution to continue the Sweeper Scheme for at least three years and accept the Transitional Offer from B&NES Council taking account of the potential impact on future precepts.

Parish Council Matters – Agenda Item 6

Resignation of Mr. D. Sixsmith and Parish Councillor Vacancy – A formal written resignation has now been received and the clerk can now advertise the vacancy in the usual way. This should lead to filling the place by co-option, however, next year is an election year so the entire council is to be re-elected in May 2019.

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Progress on Audit Matters - Councillors details and security arrangements

The clerk has completed the security arrangements with complete separation of files and access for each Parish Council, including the Primary User for the Internet Banking. A letter detailing the failsafe arrangements will be passed to the Chair.

All Councillors now have southstokepc.org.uk e-mail addresses, with one councillor remaining to confirm implementation. These e-mails, together with phone numbers can then be published as their contact details.

GDPR Compliance and Data Privacy Policy – Agenda Item 6.

Councillors use of southstokepc.org.uk e-mails is now almost complete. The Data Privacy Policy is almost complete but will be presented to the next meeting for adoption so that councillors will have plenty of time to review it beforehand.

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Snow Warden Scheme – This scheme has been ended by B&NES council due to funding cuts. However, the grit spreader and a barn full of grit salt (about 1 tonne) is retained.

General Parish Matters – Agenda Item 7

Parking in the Village – The Clerk wrote to the appropriate landowner regarding potential use of the site. No response has been received.

Southstoke Lane and Village Road Safety – The Clerk has provided the CPRE Guide to the Quiet Lane Scheme and other details to councillors. It is understood that no progress has been possible on formulating a proposed scheme.

Midford Road/Village – road safety issues

- Midford Village - Any further progress to report.
- Castle Bend – B&NES Highways responses to feedback on their proposals.
- Combe Path Lawn BA22/7-8 Diversion and Crossing – The footpath diversion order is proceeding but without any confirmation of implementation of associated road safety measures.

Broadband Provision in South Stoke and Midford – Giga Clear made a presentation to the Parish Liaison Meeting but it is not apparent what might be done in South Stoke or Midford. TrueSpeed are again active in trying to recruit customers to reach their 30%, but it is not known what area they are applying this 30% to.

Midford Phone Box - The Midford residents met to discuss the relocation of the phone box and any refurbishment will wait until this is done.

Police Liaison – PCSO Meeting Place The meeting has now been arranged for Monday 19th November at 11:00 a.m. in the Packhorse Pub, so should have taken place by the time of our meeting.

Footpaths and Open Spaces – Agenda Item 8

Millennium Viewpoint – Damage from Vandals – The clerk hopes to bring details of any possible insurance claim to the meeting if not beforehand.

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

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

Road Names and Signage – Following a resident requesting consideration of signage at the Old Midford Road / Packhorse Lane junction, the clerk has written to B&NES Council but has yet to received more than an acknowledgement of receipt.

B&NES Matters – Agenda Item 11

Cam Valley (BathAvon South) Forum – The next meeting is Wednesday 21st November – this Wednesday. The agenda has been circulated.

Correspondence Received – Agenda Item 13

A World War 1 Centenary Book has been received from B&NES Council. It has been made available in the Village Hall for people to read.

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 14th January 2019

Monday 11th March 2019

Annual Parish Meeting: Monday April 15th 2019

Annual Parish Council Meeting: May 20th 2019