

SOUTH STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Sulis Down Development Proposals (SDDP) Committee

held on 10th June 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Present: Mr. G. Davis (Clerk)

Cllr. Ms. S. Dawson

Cllr. Mr. R. Hayward

Mr. R. Hellard

Cllr. Mrs. M. Stroud

Mr. C. Webb

Cllr. Mr. C. Winpenny (Chair)

- 1. 380 Apologies for Absence** – None
- 2. 381 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations** – Cllr. Roy Hayward declared himself as an immediate neighbour of the proposed development sites. This was noted and dispensation granted for future reference.
- 3. 382 Confidential Matters** – It was agreed that to maintain confidentiality of contributors and supporters.
- 4. Sulis Down Development Proposals**
 - 383** Mr. Robert Hellard gave an update on the current status of the West of England Joint Spatial Plan (WEJSP).
The Examination in Public (EiP) will begin on 2nd July. Hignett Family Trust (HFT) are seeking to establish the entire WEJSP as unsound, arguing that as the result of a failure to consult with neighbouring district Councils, the Bath Housing Market Area requirement needs to be increased, and that to remedy this the Sulis Down site should be included as a Strategic Site, with 800 dwelling and access at the Cross Keys. Should this challenge be successful, then the whole WEJSP Process would then have to be sent out for re-consultation.
 - 384** HFT also challenged the B&NES Local Plan review through the consultation on its review. This has not been accepted by B&NES Council, and B&NES Council are vigorously supporting the WEJSP and opposing the challenge by HFT.
 - 385** Mr. Colin Webb reported that the South of Bath Alliance (SOBA) has been re-established and the first meeting has been held. They were seeking a representative from Sulis Meadows, and Cllr. Roy hayward agreed to attend.
 - 386** He reported that traffic volume and associated pollution/ clean air levels were identified as potential areas for research.
 - 387** He also reported that Simon DeBeer, Head of B&NES Planning Policy will attend the next meeting of SOBA on 19th June 2019.
 - 388** The clerk gave a brief overview on the current status on funding.
 - 389** The committee approved payment of the Invoice from Nash Partnership for advice on the WEJSP, and agreed that this should be funded from Parish Council resources.
 - 390** It was considered that further membership of the committee was not needed, but to invite individuals to attend in an advisory capacity.

- 391** The committee reviewed the use of suitable Consultants and Legal advisors, highlighting the exploration of various consultants and legal chambers considered on previous occasions. The committee asserted that this process had ensured best value and would continue to do so in future.
- 392** Further action and events would be determined by the outcome of the first sessions of the EiP which would only be known by 4th July at the earliest. The next meeting date to be set accordingly.
- 5. Date of Future Meetings**
- 393** It was agreed that the next committee meeting should be on Tuesday 9th July at 7:00 p.m. to report progress and outcome from the West of England Joint Spatial Plan Examination in Public.

The meeting closed at 21:00

Approved and signed 15th July 2019

Chairman