

SOUTH STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th March 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Present: Mr. G. Davis (Clerk)
Cllr. Patrick Dawson
Cllr. Sue Dawson
Cllr. Sue Dustin

Cllr. Roy Hayward
Cllr. Jenny John
Cllr. Chris Winpenny (Chair)

1. **590 Apologies for Absence** – Cllr. Mags Stroud.
2. **591 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations** – None
3. **592 Confidential Matters** – None
4. **593 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** held on 13th January 2020 – Approved and signed by the Chairman.
5. **593 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** held on 17th February 2020 – Approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. Financial Matters

594 RFO Report – Received and noted.

595 Balance per Bank Statements as at 01/03/2020

Current Account HSBC	9,823.42
Deposit Account Bath Building Society	9,133.10

596 Receipts since meeting on 13th January 2020. None

597 Payments approved as standing payments or at meeting on 13th January which have now been made.

17:13:45	SSE Contracting	Street Lighting Maintenance Oct 19	25.37
17:16:19	SSE Contracting	Street Lighting Maintenance Nov & Dec 19	50.74
17:21:33	IdVerde	Grounds Maint - Churchyard	867.84
17:21:34	IdVerde	Grounds Maint - Footpaths	461.76
DD266-JAN	EON	Electricity Bill Dated 01/01/20	48.58
15:53:21	Grant Davis	Village Sweeper 29/12 to 1/2/20	406.50
15:55:20	Mr. G. Davis	Parish Clerk January 2020	290.35
15:57:10	HMRC	Month 10 Paye	135.60
DD266-FEB	EON	Electricity Bill Dated 01/02/20	48.58
15:14:39	Mr. G. Davis	Exps Office 365 Home Licence	16.00
14:23:03	Grant Davis	Village Sweeper 2/02 to 29/02/20	331.20
14:21:17	Mr. G. Davis	Parish Clerk February 2020	290.35
14:59:05	Sstoke Parish Hall	Hall Hire 2019-20	216.00
14:24:37	HMRC	Month 11 Paye	117.00

598 Payments for approval which have been made since 1st March 2020 or are yet to be made.

NONE

599 The clerk reported that payment for the Village Hall Hire for Parish Council meetings had been made, and that a confirmatory invoice was awaited.

600 The clerk also reported that HSBC were conducting their Safeguarding process on the account. A procedure that had not gone well at Monkton Combe Parish Council.

601 Christmas Tree Lights Electricity – The tenant of the Gatehouse has made a generous gift of this to the village and does not wish to receive payment for it.

602 Asset Register and Risk Assessment Review for Asset Insurance Values – The new Asset Register for Approval remains outstanding, the clerk not having found sufficient time to add acquisition dates to the items.

7. Parish Council Matters

603 Street Lighting Maintenance – Revised Contract with SSE Contracting – A revised contract was received from SSE Contracting, however that has now been withdrawn and they have said there will be a new one agreed for 1st April 2020. We have not received that revised contract yet.

The clerk is in communication with other Parishes similarly affected by such contract negotiations with SSE, and with Mandy Bishop, Director of Environment, Bath & North East Somerset Council who have agreed a new contract with Volker Highways. The clerk is in the process of trying to agree a new contract with Volker but B&NES have yet to initiate contact.

604 Allotments – Renewal of Rents is due on Lady Day 21st March. Some have been received already.

8. General Parish Matters

605 Broadband Provision in South Stoke and Midford – Work is in progress by TrueSpeed in South Stoke, with connections scheduled. Progress in Midford is unknown.

606 Midford Telephone Box – A meeting is scheduled for 19th March and we are planning move for this summer
Village Hall – Nothing to report

- 607 Police liaison and suggested Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – The Police liaison meeting took place on 24th February. It was confirmed that there are enough people (8) for a Neighbourhood watch scheme. The meeting reported on local crime, and that the Road Safety Grant applied for.
- Footpaths and Open Spaces**
- Footpaths**
- 608 Combe Path Lawn BA22/7-8 Diversion and Crossing** – B&NES Highways have confirmed that the issues with the splash point and crossing point and signage are scheduled. This should be achieved this (financial) year. The clerk will follow up shortly.
- 609 Village Green** – Drainage issues, and Re-painting Railings In progress and awaiting summer
- Churchyard** – Nothing to report.
- 9. Planning Matters**
- 610 Sulis Down Planning Application Ref 17-02588-EFUL and Master Plan**
Full details of the current position on all these matters are published in the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 17th February.
- Applications Received** - None to consider at this meeting.
- 611 Decisions Pending**
- 20/00247/FUL - The Old Post Office, Old School Hill, South Stoke, Bath, BA2 7DU-** Conversion of The Old Post Office and Slipway to 1 no. dwelling including the erection of a two storey and single storey extension to the rear following the demolition of existing extensions.
- 20/00422/FUL - Malvern House, 152 Midford Road, South Stoke, Bath, BA2 5SE-** Erection of extension to rear and side of the property and render all exterior walls white.
- 19/05556/OUT - The Granary, Southstoke Lane, South Stoke, Bath -** Outline application for B1 commercial development (All matters except access reserved).
- 19/03358/FUL - Parcel 3131, Tucking Mill Lane, Midford, Bath -** Provision of hard surface with associated drainage for access (Retrospective) - The Parish Council Re-affirms its previous Objection.
- 19/03227/CLPU - Parcel 3131, Tucking Mill Lane, Midford, Bath -** Installation of a moveable polytunnel measuring 4.27m x 13.72m (Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Use).
- 19/03415/FUL - Midford Castle, Access Road To Midford Castle, Midford, Bath BA2 7BU-** Erection of agricultural building and associated landscaping and land modelling works (part retrospective). Revised Application
- 612 Planning Decisions by B&NES**
- 19/05066/FUL - Paddock Opposite Laura Cottages Combe Hay Lane Midford -** Erection of a two-storey garage/workshop, following demolition of existing garage/workshop. **REFUSED**
- Planning Appeals - NONE**
- 613 Enforcement Update**
- 20/00068/NONCOM - Turnpike Cottage Midford Road Midford Bath -** Non-compliance with approved plans
- 19/00243/UNDEV - Parcel 3131 Tucking Mill Lane Midford Bath -** Creation of hardstanding area and Retrospective Planning Application 19/03358/FUL still pending, to which Parish Council has objected.
- Access created through hedgerow - Old Midford Road South Stoke** – The Enforcement Officer has been informed that the building is now constructed, and will investigate to monitor compliance with 18/00889/CLPU
- Other Planning Matters to Report - None**
- 10. Highway Matters**
- 614 Village Parking Issues** – It was reported that the Village Sweeper had cleared and cut back the vegetation around the turning area which is used as a parking bay.
- 615 Southstoke Lane and Village Road Safety Measures** - We have received a written response from B&NES confirming that the scheme of a 30 m.p.h. limit for South Stoke Lane, and 20 m.p.h. limit for South Stoke Village has been through the Scheme Assessment and Prioritisation (SAP) process and is well placed to be included in the Transport Improvement Programme for 2020/21. This is based upon a contribution towards the cost being made by the Parish Council. To date nothing more has been heard.
The clerk has made an application for Grant Funding of £5,000 to the Avon and Somerset Police Road Safety Fund.
- 616 Cllr. Jenny John will ask Ward Cllr. Neil Butters about the timing for clerk to Apply for Ward Councillors Community Empowerment Funding.**
- 617 Midford Road/Village – road safety issues** – It was reported that there have been two further accidents at Midford Castle bends
- 618 Drainage at the Church lychgate** – It was reported that this is in progress and that the drain has been cleared.

11. B&NES Matters

619 The next meeting are:-

Parish Liaison Tuesday 31st March 2020

B&NES ALCA Thursday 11th June 2020 at Saltford Hall 7.30pm

Parish Liaison Thursday 16th July 2020

B&NES ALCA Thursday 3rd September 2020 at Saltford Hall

Parish Liaison Thursday 22nd October 2020

620 Bath Preservation Trust – It was reported that Caroline Kay, the chief Executive is retiring.

CPRE Meeting - Nothing to report

12. Other Matters to Report

621 Celebration of VE day 75 (8th – 10th May 2020) – Nothing further to report at present.

622 Midford Notice board – Following the collision by a large lorry with the Notice Board the clerk was asked to make claim for a like for like replacement, and to obtain a quote and send to the company.

623 Declaration of a Climate Emergency - Climate Emergency Action Days – The clerk drew this to the attention of the Parish Council. The Parish Council supports B&NES Climate Emergency agenda.

13. Correspondence Received

624 Consultation – WECA Bus Strategy – Cllr. Patrick Dawson will review and respond.

625 Somerset Village of the Year - Competition Entry Invitation – The Parish Council considers it has too much to do currently to consider taking this on.

14. 626 Dates for Future Meetings – The following dates agreed:-

Annual Parish Meeting: Monday April 20th 2020, Annual Parish Council Meeting: May 4th 2020

The meeting closed at 20:28