SOUTH STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That the Annual Parish Council Meeting of SOUTH STOKE PARISH COUNCIL Will be held on TUESDAY May 12th 2026 at 7.00 p.m. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Public Participation - A 15 minute session is available for members of the public to exercise their right to address the council in order to indicate interests in the agenda items and/or put questions to Council that may be answered at a later date or become an agenda item at the next meeting.

Agenda – Annual Parish Council Meeting – 12h May 2026

1. **Election of Officers – Chairman and Vice Chairman**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
   To receive any notices of absence
   To approve any reason for absence.
3. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**
   To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
   To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary and other interests (if any)
   To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate
4. **Confidential Matters**
   To agree any items for which publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest, and to resolve to exclude the public and the press for these items.
5. **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** held on 31st March 2026
6. **Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting** held on 14th April 2026
7. **Annual Return**
   - Accounts for year ending 31st March 2026
   - Auditors Report and Approval of Invoice
   - Review and Adoption of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Risk assessment, Asset Register
   - Parish Council Insurance – To agree Quotations and Approve Renewal
   - Annual Return – Completion and Approval of The Annual Governance Statement 2025/26
   - Annual Return – Approval of The Accounting Statements 2025/26
8. **General Power of Competence -** The Parish Council resolves from 12th May 2026, until the next relevant Annual Meeting of the Council, that having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence)(Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, to adopt the General Power of Competence.
9. **Financial Matters**
   Section 137 Subscriptions
   - Avon Wildlife Trust Annual Membership £48.00
   - CPRE – Annual Membership £60.00
   - Bath preservation Trust £40.00

   RFO Report
   - Payments for Approval
   - Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funds – Review of Report and allocated expenditure.

   The Parish Council resolves to continue to make the following Payments by Direct Debit:-
   - N-Power – Monthly Electricity Bill Approx.£20.00 monthly
   - Avon Wildlife Trust Annual Membership £48.00
   - CPRE – Annual Membership £60.00
   - Bath preservation Trust £40.00
   - Information Commissioner - Data Protection Registration £43.00

   The Parish Council resolves to approve all Standard payroll payments for the year 2026/27 unless there are any exceptional payments to any individual.

10. **Parish Council Matters**
    - **Parish Councillor Responsibilities –** To Review
11. **General Parish Matters**
    - **Matters Arising from Annual Parish Meeting**
    - **South Stoke Ambulance Access –** Issues with Ambulance and Emergency Vehicles in South Stoke Village.
    - **South Stoke Church Fete** – Request for Parish Council support to the South Stoke Church Fete.

- **HSE Complaint against VISTRY** - Children's playground at Sulis Down lacking Safety Certificate. This issue is being taken forward under the direction of – Ms Elizabeth Heggett – Chair of the Sulis Down Residents Association in conjunction with: Cllr Gorley, Cllr McCabe, HSE and B&NES Planning Enforcement.
  - Village Hall – Future Utilisation for Parish Council Office.
  - Allotments - Report
  - Police liaison and Neighbourhood Watch
  - Churchyard, Churchyard Fund and replacement England flag
  - Noticeboard for Sulis Down - Update
  - Telecoms Infrastructure – Behind Victoria Cottages -Update

Footpaths and Open Spaces

- **Millenium Viewpoint –** Report – completed.
- **Signage (Boundary Stone) for the Cotswold National Landscape** – The Boundary Stone has now been installed.

12. Planning Matters

Planning Update

- **Update on the Sulis Down Development –** Cllr Ned Garnett
- **B&NES Local Plan** Update
- **Local Plan 2025-2043 Settlement Boundary Review**

Applications Received:

- **26/01238/EOUT Address: Parcel 4234, Combe Hay Lane - Sulis Down Phase 3 & 4** Outline application
- **26/01192/M6A Allotments application** - Response to B&NES

- **26/01538/FUL - Barn and Orchard East Of Upper Midford Farm Combe Hay Lane Midford BA2 7EJ**
  Conversion of barn to a residential dwelling (C3 Use Class) and associated works.

- **The Old Vicarage Old School Hill South Stoke BA2 7DU** - Norway Maple T1 - reduce by 2 metres in height and spread all round. Holly T2 - remove the stem closest to the road.

13. Highway Matters –

- Southstoke Lane and Village
- Midford Road/Village
  - RADAR Speed Signs progress report
  - B3110 Road Speed limits

14. B&NES Matters

Parishes Liaison Meeting – Next Meeting Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Bath Preservation Trust

15. Correspondence Received - WECA – Bus Plan Engagement.

16. Other Matters to Report

17. Dates for Future Meetings – To agree dates for coming year

Signed 6th May 2026

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