

STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Unadopted minutes of the virtual meeting of Stoney Middleton Parish Council held on Monday 1st March 2021.

Present

Parish Councillors: Sue Bettney (SB) (Chair), Colin Hall (CH), Lawrence Flint (LF), Paul Spooner (PS)
Chris Tsielepi (CT) and Reuben Thorpe (RT)

Parish Clerk & RFO: Barry Aldridge (BA)

Minute No		Action
	The meeting commenced at 18:03.	
03.21-12875	1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE Dan Hodgson, Flood Warden and three members of the public.	
03.21-12876	2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Accepted from DDDC Councillor Helen Froggatt, Parish Councillor Karen Esposito (KE) and PDNPA Councillor Kath Potter.	
03.21-12877	3. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS It was agreed to combine item 19 - Flooding on Stoney Middleton Allotments with item 8 - Flood Issues	
03.21-12878	4. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS As an allotment holder, CT declared an interest in item 8 - improvements to the allotments and, as a school governor, item 22 - Proposal to federate the Woodland Federation and Stoney Middleton C of E Primary School.	
03.21-12879	5. PUBLIC SPEAKING As the meeting was being held virtually, the Chair asked members of the public in attendance to raise any questions at the appropriate agenda item.	
03.21-12880	6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1ST FEBRUARY 2021. The minutes of the last meeting held on 1 st February were agreed as a correct record. SB will sign the minutes at the next physical meeting of the Parish Council or sooner, if possible.	SB
03.21-12881	7. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED There were no items that needed to be taken with the public excluded.	
03.21-12882	8. FLOOD ISSUES SB had received a response from DCC on the report regarding the unresolved flood issues throughout the parish. Dan Hodgson agreed that some of the responses were vague and needed further clarification, especially around timescales for remedial works on Meadow Close, The Nook and Jacob's Ladder. Clarification was also needed on the schedule of cleaning of gullies along the A623 from Housley to Calver. SB to email DCC again for clarification on these points.	SB

03.21-12883	SB reported that Dan Hodgson, LF and herself had communicated with the residents of property on Old Hall Gardens regarding DCC's reluctance to repair a broken pipe under the road beyond The Roman Baths. Water from the pipe was causing flood damage to their boundary wall and posing a health and safety issue. The issue was a matter between the residents and DCC. However, as a temporary measure, it was agreed that LF should erect a sign in the Bath Gardens explaining that water was being diverted from its usual course of flowing into the pipe via the trough, to avoid further damage. Dan Hodgson agreed to put a statement on the SM Flood Group Facebook page. SB will include this issue in her email to DCC.	LF SB
03.21-12884	Chris Large, British Fluorspar (BF) had confirmed that the company was carrying out weekly checks of the watercourses along Coombs Dale and clearing any blockages. PS agreed to investigate a possible blocked pipe and provide photographs if needed to send to BF.	PS/Clerk
03.21-12885	CT reported on a letter received from an allotment holder about flood damage to the allotments and possible solutions. A member of the public said flooding was not an unusual occurrence at the allotments and all fields had been particularly waterlogged. Dan Hodgson confirmed that a manhole had been discovered by DCC engineers, by the allotments, when they were investigating the remedial works required to alleviate flooding on Meadow Close. It was agreed that a start to finding a solution for the allotments would be to scrape back the grass verge between the wall bordering the A623 and the car park/footpath to allow water to drain into the manhole and away. CH to approach a local contractor for advice on the possibility of using an earth-moving vehicle for the job.	CH
03.21-12886	The clerk reported that the PDNPA's Woodland's Inspector will be asked to consider extending the fencing around the old tip in Coombs Dale to stop the wash down of broken glass and pottery onto the road during periods of heavy rainfall.	
03.21-12887	9. ALLOTMENTS Discussed under Item 8	
03.21-12888	10. BATH HOUSE & WOODS The clerk to pursue the PDNPA's Tree Inspectors for a response in respect of providing a quote for a 12 or 15 monthly woodland management survey.	Clerk
03.21-12889	11. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES To enable LF to progress the planting of wildflowers on the grass verge by Avenue Close, the Clerk will ask the village contractor to bring forward the scheduled mowing of this area. He will also be asked whether he can scarify the area. If not, it was RESOLVED (Proposed by SB and seconded by CT) to also ask for LF to hire a scarifying machine.	Clerk / LF
03.21-12890	12. GROVE GARDENS The village contractor has provided an early spring clean of Grove Gardens to remove the silt deposited during the recent flooding.	

03.21-12891	13. PLAYGROUND The playground installation has been put back, by the company, to 24 th March. PS and Andrew Buckley were thanked for removing the old equipment.	
03.21-12892	The clerk has secured funding from DDDC's Local Project Fund for a new composite bench in the playground. It was agreed to purchase a multi-coloured bench to match the playground environment.	Clerk
03.21-12893	The clerk to also obtain prices for an additional composite bench to replace the one at the top of the playing field.	Clerk
03.21-12894	14 PLAYING FIELD RT reported that the copings on a section of wall needed re-bedding.	
03.21-12895	The clerk to progress the order of chain harrows as previously agreed.	Clerk
03.21-12896	Playing field cuts to remain at 16 with further cuts to be agreed as & when.	
03.21-12897	15. OLD TENNIS COURT Nothing to report	
03.21-12898	16 VILLAGE PLAN CH will pursue PDNPA who have offered support to progress the village plan.	CH
03.21-12899	CT reported that SMILE had submitted a funding application for £241K from the National Lottery's Reaching Communities programme.	CT
	<u>17. CLERKS REPORT</u>	
	<i>Standing Items</i>	
03.21-12900	a) Jacob's Ladder Nothing to report.	
03.21-12901	b) Village Cross and Steps The solicitor acting on behalf of the Parish Council is pursuing the Land Registry for an update on progress.	
03.21-12902	c) Highways Issues SB had reported the poor state of Mill Lane to DCC Highways and asked if they could co-ordinate the work with Severn Trent who intend to do some drain repairs.	
03.21-12903	All Councillors agreed with DDDC's plan for new street signs on Meadow Close/Edge View. SB to pass on contact details for residents living in homes near to where the new signs will be sited to DDDC.	SB
03.21-12904	The clerk to contact Chris Large at Cavendish Mill on cleaning of the carriageway.	Clerk
03.21-12905	Thanks again were expressed to David Hall who, together with an Eyam resident and DDDC workers, have been litter picking along The Dale.	
03.21-12906	SB reported that over 250 people had signed the Speed Reduction Petition. This should prompt a full investigation by DCC.	
	Ongoing and Outstanding Items	
03.21-12907	d) Village Maintenance CH will liaise with Jon Dudgeon for advice and assessment on the dangerous tree on the Concessionary Path.	CH
03.21-12908	e) Dalton Quarry Filming Planning permission has been given for Libra to film at Dalton Quarry subject to several conditions.	

03.21-12909	f) Defibrillator The new defibrillator has been purchased and RT will swap it with the one on loan from The Defib Store.	RT
03.21-12910	The clerk to enquire with EMAS whether they would undertake an on-site demonstration of how to effectively test the defibrillators and to answer any questions.	Clerk
03.21-12911	RT will perform weekly checks on both defibrillators until further guidance from EMAS can be obtained.	RT
03.21-12912	CT to enquire with the landlord of the Moon Inn whether he would be willing for the defibrillator and cabinet at the bottom of High Street to be relocated onto a more shaded wall on his premises.	CT
03.21-12913	LF to submit an FOI request to EMAS for figures on Defibrillator failures, particularly the model that the parish council has replaced.	LF
	g) Community Resilience	
03.21-12914	The clerk to contact DCC's Emergency Planning team to enquire whether Stoney Middleton Primary School and St Martin's Church are listed as emergency disaster centres.	Clerk
03.21-12915	Ideas to be discussed at the next meeting on how to progress a Community Resilience plan and identify key contacts with specific skills.	All
	18. PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2021- 22	
03.21-12916	NALC guidance has confirmed that, as Government legislation will not be extended, face-to-face Parish Council meetings should resume from 7 th May. It was voted unanimously to follow DALC guidance and lobby the local MP to extend permission for meetings to be held via Zoom.	SB
03.21-12917	The 2021-22 Parish Council Meeting dates will be as follows; 12 th April (inc. the Annual Parish Meeting), 10 th May (inc. the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council), 7 th June, 5 th July, 6 th September, 4 th October, 1 st November, 6 th December, 7 th February 2022 and 7 th March.	
03.21-12918	It was RESOLVED (Proposed by SB and seconded by LF) to renew the Parish Council Zoom Licence	Clerk
	19. FLOODING AT STONEY MIDDLETON ALLOTMENTS	
03.21-12919	Discussed under item 8; <i>Flood Issues</i>	
	20. PEAK DISTRICT CHALLENGE JULY 2021	
03.21-12920	Concerns had been raised about the scheduled event taking place/using the playing field as a rest station. It was agreed to monitor the Government's Covid guidance and to liaise with the organisers accordingly.	Clerk
	21. DERBYSHIRE DALES WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW	
03.21-12921	The Boundary Commission is consulting on proposed changes to Wards in the Derbyshire Dales area. The proposal moves Stoney Middleton from the Calver Ward to the Hathersage Ward, with the boundary running along Coombs Dale. SB to contact DDDC Councillor Helen Froggatt outlining the following objections to the proposal: - The topography and built environment along the A623 naturally align the village with Calver. - Stoney Middleton and Calver parishes have shared issues, for instance, the volume and speed of traffic using the A623. It's advantageous to communicate with one representative covering both communities.	SB

03.21-12922	- Coombs Dale is inexplicably linked to Stoney Middleton and is a significant part of village life and yet it would be in a different ward.	
03.21-12923	Another concern is that the review may be due to the increasing number of second homes in the Derbyshire Dales area reducing the number of constituents.	Clerk
03.21-12924	The clerk to notify residents of the public consultation via the email circulation list. CT to also circulate via the Community Facebook page	CT
03.21-12925	22. PROPOSAL TO FEDERATE THE WOODLAND FEDERATION AND STONEY MIDDLETON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL. SB felt that it would secure the future of the village school and hopefully encourage more village children to be placed on the roll.	
03.21-12926	LF said that a resident had expressed concern to him that the school would be a 'site' and not an individual school.	
03.21-12927	CT confirmed that the three schools in the federation would be run as separate schools. They would benefit from sharing resources and initiatives and sometimes joining together for shared lessons and experiences.	
03.21-12928	All councillors (excluding CT) voted in support of the proposal.	
03.21-12929	23. DALC RENEWAL 2021-22 It was RESOLVED (Proposed by SB and seconded by LF) to renew the DALC Membership with the enhanced Group 1 Training subscription at £352.33	Clerk
03.21-12930	24. 20's PLENTY FOR DERBYSHIRE SB to contact the organiser of the 20's Plenty for Derbyshire initiative to facilitate further discussion at the next meeting.	SB
03.21-12931	25. LICENSING ACT 2003; REVIEW OF ALCOHOL, ENTERTAINMENT AND LATE-NIGHT REFRESHMENT LICENSING POLICY Councillors had no comments in respect of this review.	
03.21-12932	26. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY SB and CT to attend Social Media training arranged by DALC on 17 th March.	Clerk
03.21-12933	The creation of a Parish Council Facebook page to be discussed at the next Meeting.	Clerk
03.21-12933	27. CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence received by the Clerk was circulated to Councillors before the meeting.	
03.21-12934	A Parishioner had expressed disappointment that the rationale for the vote against continuing with the PSPO for dogs to be kept on leads on the playing fields, hadn't been recorded in the February minutes. The parishioner felt that not to do so contravened democratic and transparent decision making. SB explained that the decision had been taken and this would not change. However, DALC guidance was that, in this instance, including the rationale added value to the deliberations.	
03.21-12935	SB summarised the rationale as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There was a sense that DDDC wished to reduce the number of PSPOs. There are currently 3 covering the playing field. - Retaining the 2 PSPOs in respect of banning dogs from the play area and from fouling on the playing field, provided appropriate legal intervention to protect the rights of children and all other groups using the playing field, - The PSPO for dogs to be kept on leads discriminated against responsible dog owners. 	

	also agreed to allocate 5 hours per month to the role of RFO and for the current Clerk's contract to be changed to reflect the revised role.	
03.21-12944	24. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING; Monday 12 th April. The meeting will be held virtually using the video conferencing software 'Zoom' and follow the Annual Parish Meeting	
03.21-12945	The meeting closed at 20:43	