

STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Unadopted minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2019.

Present

Parish Councillors: Sue Bettney (SB) (Chair), Karen Esposito (KE), Lawrence Flint (LF), Paul Spooner (PS), Reuben Thorpe (RT) and Chris Tsielepi (CT)

Parish Clerk & RFO: Barry Aldridge (BA)

Minute No		Action
	The meeting commenced at 19:05	
12.19-12148	1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE 3 members of the Public.	
12.19-12149	2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Derbyshire County Council Councillor Jason Atkin, PDNPA Councillor Kath Potter and Parish Councillor Colin Hall (CH)	
12.19-12150	3. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS There was no variation in order of business	
12.19-12151	4. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS No Councillors signed the declaration of member's interests' book	
12.19-12152	5. PUBLIC SPEAKING The Chair reminded those assembled that members of the public could voice their views, but that deliberations by councillors could not be interrupted or unduly influenced by public participation. These procedures followed official guidance on the conduct of Council meetings. At the beginning of each agenda item, members of the public, who had expressed an interest, would be invited to speak. No further contributions from the public could be made, unless the Chair invited comment, on points of clarification.	Clerk
12.19-12153	A member of the public advised that he had emailed the PDNPA and Derbyshire Police regarding the reported use of Black Harry Lane by the South Yorkshire Police off-road team. From their responses, which he read out in part, he believed that South Yorkshire Police were using the route without permission. Derbyshire Police had commented on the usage of Jacob's Ladder as part of their response.	
12.19-12154	The clerk to write to James Shirley at Derbyshire Police to advise him that, contrary to their belief, Jacob's Ladder was still being regularly used by motorised vehicles despite the TRO.	
12.19-12155	Two members of the public asked whether SMPC could assist with parking problems in The Nook. Vehicles often blocked the drive to their home. Although Whilst it was confirmed that obstruction was a police matter advice was given on possible signage. They were also informed that a village meeting was planned for	

	early 2020 and this would be a good forum to raise issues and make suggestions to improve village life.	
12.19-12156	6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th NOVEMBER 2019 The minutes of the last meeting on 4 th November 2019 were agreed as a correct record. SB signed the minutes.	
12.19-12157	7. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED There were no items from the agenda which needed to be taken with the public excluded.	
12.19-12158	8. FLOOD WARDEN'S REPORT The clerk reported that Dan Hodgson has been liaising once again with the Environment Agency about replacing some of the trash screens along Dale Brook and ensuring they are all kept clear.	
12.19-12159	LF has looked into the merits of a flood WhatsApp group and will liaise with Dan Hodgson on its administration.	LF
12.19-12160	9. NEW ITEM – RECENT FLOODING The Parish Council thanked Dan Hodgson and other Stoney Middleton residents and business owners for their considerable efforts to keep flooding to a minimum during the extremely wet weather in November	
12.19-12161	In support of the work that Dan is doing SB has corresponded with DCC on a number of issues related to the recent flood issues including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A camera survey of Morewood Sough • Bi-annual clearing of gullies along the A623 • A survey of The Nook area by the Church to ensure that all man hole covers are clear and not tarmacked over • Diverting water running down Jacob's Ladder away from The Nook • The broken pipe under The Nook/Old Hall Gardens 	
12.19-12162	The clerk to contact Chris Large at British Fluorspar to ascertain the company's responsibilities regarding Morewood Sough (a non-designated Heritage asset) and the water courses in Coombs Dale.	Clerk
12.19-12163	RT to draft a letter to landowners along/near to the concessionary footpath to ask if they had observed changes to the water courses in the fields that might be contributing to the problem of flooding on the path/dry trough on the A623.	RT
12.19-12164	The clerk now has access to add recipients to the Dale Brook Telemetry alarm system and, due to an urgent need for additional alarm credits during November, a resolution was passed (proposed by PS seconded by CT), to purchase them. It was agreed that there was no need to increase the number of Telemetry alarms or to relocate the existing one.	
	10. CLERK'S REPORT <i>(Standing Items)</i>	
	(a) JACOB'S LADDER	
12.19-12165	Two 4x4 vehicles were stuck Jacobs Ladder during November and the registration number of one of the vehicles was reported to the Police. The clerk to enquire with PC Hancock on the outcome of this incident.	Clerk
12.19-12166	Cllr Spencer advised that he had forwarded an email from SMPC regarding ongoing concerns about the gathering of vehicles at the foot of Jacobs Ladder to the Chief Constable for his attention and possible action.	

12.19-12167	<p>(b) BATH HOUSE It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by LF) to reimburse CH for costs incurred (materials and labour) to install the window glass.</p>	
12.19-12168	<p>(c) BATH GARDEN WOODS It is likely that the rebuilding of the retaining wall arch above the stream will now be completed early in the new year.</p>	
12.19-12169	<p>(d) VILLAGE CROSS AND STEPS The clerk is waiting to receive/re-sign a revised Land Registry Application form from SMPC's solicitor.</p>	Clerk
12.19-12170 12.19-12171	<p>(e) ALLOTMENTS The Parish Council thanked Martyn Games for turning the water off. It was RESOLVED (proposed by RT and seconded by CT) to increase the allotment rental fees with effect from 1st October 2020. The increase in fees (following 6 months free usage to bring contract renewal to October each year) will be communicated to allotment holders in January.</p>	Clerk
12.19-12172	<p>(f) INSPECTION OF PLAYGROUND & AREA Nothing to report</p>	
12.19-12173	<p>(g) HIGHWAYS ISSUES The clerk to chase DCC about the enquiry made in October on whether it is their responsibility to cut back the vegetation obscuring the 30mph sign coming into the village (from Calver) and to cut back branches obscuring the LED Lighting along the A623.</p>	Clerk
12.19-12174	<p>The clerk has reported the pile of rubble in the Lovers Leap layby to DCC Highways for removal.</p>	
12.19-12175	<p>SB will email the DCC Flood Team to seek clarification on whose responsibility it is to fix the broken pipe in The Nook/Old Hall Gardens.</p>	SB
12.19-12176	<p>Following a positive meeting with Calver Parish Council, it was RESOLVED (proposed by KE and seconded by RT) to form a working party (SB, LF and CT) to produce a case/report, to share with Calver PC, on reducing speed limits throughout the length of the village.</p>	
12.19-12177	<p>(h) COMMUNITY BUILDING SB attended a Village Hall Conference which showcased how other parish councils and community groups had achieved funding for community building projects. Information from the meeting had been circulated to Councillors for information.</p>	
12.19-12178	<p>Following discussions with DALC, the clerk has also circulated details of the process to explore Public Loan and repayment arrangements in respect of funding major projects.</p>	
12.19-12179	<p>It was RESOLVED (proposed by RT and seconded by LF) for the Reading Room Charity trustees to hold an extraordinary meeting in February to look at current funds and whether this should be moved to a high-interest account.</p>	

(Ongoing and Outstanding Items)

(i) PLAYING FIELD

- 12.19-12180 The Coombs Dale wall will now be rebuilt with through-stones early in the New Year.
- 12.19-12181 The clerk to approach Derbyshire Dales Engineering on a quote to install a small gate in Coombs Dale direct to the playground.
- 12.19-12182 SB is waiting to hear from Tarmac when they can deliver approx. 30 'pop stones' for edging the car park.

Clerk

(j) DRAINAGE ISSUES ON LAND ADJACENT TO THE CONCESSIONARY FOOTPATH

- 12.19-12183 The clerk is waiting for a quote on the revised storm drain design.
- 12.19-12184 The clerk to seek three quotes for supplying and delivering 5 x 1 ton bags of limestone for work on the concessionary path

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(k) PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE PLAN & STATEMENT

- 12.19-12185 To fit in with the availability of Adele Metcalf (PDNPA) it was agreed to hold a Village Plan Day on Saturday 29th February 2020 in the Chapel.
- 12.19-12186 It was **RESOLVED** (proposed by SB and seconded by CT) to reimburse 25% of the costs to CH for printing 250 A4 16-page booklets and 250 A4 flyers for the Village Plan day; total cost £200. The PDNPA will fund the other 75%.

CH

(l) VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- 12.19-12187 PS & CH are arranging for Heritage boards/images to be positioned in the two village bus shelters
- 12.19-12188 Following an urgent resolution between the Chair and the clerk on Health & Safety reasons, the path in Grove Gardens was jet-washed clean. The clerk to check on the costs submitted for the work.

PS/CH

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(m) GRIT BINS & SNOW WARDEN SCHEME

- 12.19-12189 PS & LF attended a DCC Snow Warden training event.
- 12.19-12190 Councillors present at the meeting signed the Snow Warden Fit to Participate forms. These will be forwarded to DCC.
- 12.19-12191 Grit Bins have been delivered and sited on Avenue Close and Meadow Close.

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(n) VILLAGE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT TENDER

- 12.19-12192 It was **RESOLVED** (proposed by CT and seconded by SB) for LF to investigate costings for a Wildflower area on the grass verge by Avenue Close.
- 12.19-12193 It was **RESOLVED** (proposed by SB and seconded by KE) for the grass verge in front of Lime Kiln Cottages to be included in the Village Maintenance Contract.
- 12.19-12194 The tender will now be redrafted and circulated to Councillors for agreement before circulating to interested parties and publishing in the Peak Advertiser.

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(o) TELEMETRY ALARM CREDITS

- 12.19-12195 This was discussed under Item 9. Village Flooding

(p) PHONE BOX DECOMMISSION

- 12.19-12196 BT has confirmed that it is not possible to swap the current phone box for a traditional red box. The existing box will be retained to eventually house a defibrillator.

12.19-12197	(q) OTHER ACTIVITY SB is liaising with PDNPA on a 'No Cyclists' sign to be placed on the new gate in the Meadows	SB																
12.19-12198	11. NEW ITEM – PARISH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE Carried forward to the next meeting.																	
12.19-12199	12. NEW ITEM – BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2020-21 It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by RT) to accept the Budget Forecast for 2020/21 and to apply for a 3% increase in the Precept, in line with Inflation.																	
12.19-12200	13. RESOLUTION TO CONFER POWERS ON THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE VICE-CHAIRPERSON TO ACT ON URGENT MATTERS DURING THE WINTER RECESS. It was RESOLVED to confer such powers. (Proposed by LF and seconded by PS)																	
12.19-12201	14. RESOLUTION TO CONFER POWERS ON THE CLERK/RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER TO DEAL WITH URGENT FINANCIAL MATTERS DURING THE WINTER RECESS. It was RESOLVED to confer such powers. (Proposed by PS and seconded by SB)																	
12.19-12202	15. CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence received by the clerk had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.																	
12.19-12203	16. PLANNING APPLICATIONS The clerk reported that appeal to the planning inspectorate in respect of Back Tor Cottage on Mill Lane had been allowed.																	
12.19-12204	17. FINANCE Bank Statements to 15 th November 2019; Current account: £ £100.00 Community Account 1: £ £7,782.82 Community Account 2: £ £10,049.55 Total <u>£ £17,932.37</u>																	
12.19-12205	Payments: It was RESOLVED for the Invoices below to be paid. (Proposed by RT and seconded by CT). Cheques were signed by SB and countersigned by KE.																	
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12.19-12206	1725	B Aldridge Clerk's salary 01.11.19 – 30.11.19 35 hours @ £13.15 Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls – October 2019 Reimbursement for two purchased Grit Bins (2 bins @ £73..43 plus VAT)	£460.25 £22.00 £206.23	£688.48	Clerk
	1726	Hydrologic Services 750 Timeview Telemetry Alarm Credits (250 credits @ £40)		£144.00	
	1727	Colin Hall Reimbursement for costs to create Playing Fields Sign and Heritage Trail Map	£40.30	£40.30	
	1728	Colin Hall Reimbursement for Village Plan material costs at Well Dressing HFE Signs Push Pins	£137.82 £4.20	£142.02	
	1729	John Lloyd Bus Shelter Maintenance – June to November		£60.00	
	1730	National Trust Longshaw Estate – Christmas Tree		£170.00	
	1731	Derbyshire Dales Engineering Sign Frame for Playing Fields		£312.00	
	1732	Rural Action Derbyshire Attendance at Village Hall Conference		£36.00	
12.19-12207	The clerk will query an invoice received for jet washing the path in Grove Gardens.				
12.19-12208	18. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING There was no exchange of Information for the next meeting				
12.19-12209	19. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING; Monday 3 rd February 2020 at the Wesleyan Reform Chapel.				
12.19-12210	The meeting closed at 21:40				