

STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Unadopted minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th May 2018.

Present

Parish Councillors: Sue Bettney (SB) (Chair), Martyn Games (MG), Reuben Thorpe (RT), Joy Fox (JF), Beth Ely (BE) & Karen Esposito (KE),

Parish Clerk & RFO: Barry Aldridge (BA)

Minute No		Action
	Prior to the meeting Councillor Flitter from DDDC presented Dan Hodgson with a Community Award for his unwavering work as the volunteer flood warden for Stoney Middleton. Dan was nominated for the award by SMPC.	
05.18-11011	The meeting commenced at 19:20.	
05.18-11012	1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE Chris Tsielepi, SMILE; Dan Hodgson, Flood Warden and six members of the public.	
05.18-11013	2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillor John Tibenham (DDDC), Councillor Jason Atkin (DCC), Councillor Kath Potter (PDNPA), PC Linda Hancock and PCSO Anthony Boswell (Bakewell Safer Neighbourhood Team).	
05.18-11014	3. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS FOR 2018-19 The following Parish Councillors were elected a) Chair - Sue Bettney (proposed by JF, seconded by RT). b) Vice Chair – Reuben Thorpe (proposed by KE, seconded by JF) c) Allotment Manager - Joy Fox (proposed by MG, seconded by BE) d) Quarry Liason co-ordinator – It was agreed not to appoint for 2018-19. e) Appointment of Internal Auditor for Financial Year 2018/19 – Brian Wood (proposed by KE, seconded by RT).	
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05.18-11019	SB thanked MG for his work, contribution and service as Vice Chair of the Parish Council.	
05.18-11020	4. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS There was no variation in order of Business.	
05.18-11021	5. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS There was no declaration of Member's interests.	
05.18-11022	6. PUBLIC SPEAKING The Chair reminded those assembled that members of the public could voice their views, which were warmly welcomed, but that deliberations by councillors could not be interrupted or unduly influenced by public	

	<p>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 interested, would be invited to speak. No further contributions from the public could be made, unless the Chair invited comment, on points of clarification.</p>	
05.18-11023	<p>Following a question/complaint from a member of the public it was clarified that dogs are allowed on the playing field, as long as they are on a lead and that householders are normally reminded that grit in grit bins is for use on the highway and public footpaths only, via a November newsletter. However, this was not the case last year.</p>	
05.18-11024	<p>Dan Hodgson reported that Chris Rodgers from the DCC flood team now had a full complement of staff and he was in a position to start looking at some of the issues raised over the last few months. Dan also reported that the EA was beginning to act on the recommendations made by Professor Gunn in his report including the possibility of dredging some areas of Dale Brook.</p>	
05.18-11025	<p>As an allotment holder Dan Hodgson reported that the grass pathway by his allotment had not been cut to its full width. He asked if pathways could be cut or strimmed to their edges. MG also reported that the top section of the central grass pathway needed to be cut further.</p>	
05.18-11026	<p>MG to inform the Clerk of what exactly needs to be done to enable him to liaise with the contractor.</p>	MG Clerk
05.18-11027	<p>In the absence of PC Hancock, the Clerk reported that during April one person had been caught speeding through the village and there had been a report of a domestic incident. There had also been one call for safety and one report of a suspicious male (under the influence).</p>	
05.18-11028	<p>7. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 9TH APRIL 2018 The minutes of the last meeting on 9th April 2018 were agreed as a correct record. SB signed the minutes.</p>	
05.18-11029	<p>8. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED There were no items from Part 1 of the agenda which needed to be taken with the public excluded.</p>	
05.18-11030	<p>9. COUNCILLORS WILLING TO CONTINUE AS TRUSTEES OF THE READING ROOM CHARITY SB, JF, KE, BE, MG and RT were all willing to be trustees of the Reading Room Charity and a meeting after October's Parish Council to be arranged.</p>	
05.18-11031	<p>10. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND SUBSEQUENT SUB-COMMITTEES No committees or sub-committees are required.</p>	
05.18-11032	<p>11. FLOOD WARDEN'S REPORT This item was covered under item 6, Public Speaking.</p>	

05.18-11033	12. SMILE Chris Tsielepi reported that SMILE continued to organise fund-raising events with the latest one happening on 16 th May to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Dambusters Raid.	
	13. CLERK'S REPORT	
	<i>(Standing Items)</i>	
	(a) JACOBS LADDER	
05.18-11034	The consultation is expected to be published on 17 th May. It will be publicised in the Sheffield Star and Derbyshire Times. Notices will also be placed in Calver and Eyam Post Offices and on the village noticeboard.	
05.18-11035	RT to produce a letter for circulation to all residents encouraging participation in the consultation. SB suggested that Barry Nottage might be willing to assist with distribution.	RT
	(b) BATH HOUSE	
05.18-11036	Consideration of replacement grids to be discussed at the next meeting.	
05.18-11037	There were no objections to the Well Dressing Committee producing a leaflet on the Bath House for use during open weekends.	
	(c) BATH GARDEN WOODS	
05.18-11038	Richard Claxon's annual inspection report highlighted that 2 trees (Ash & Beech) needed to be felled.	
05.18-11039	It was RESOLVED (proposed by MG, seconded by RT) to use sections of the report to obtain quotes from interested contractors to do the work.	RT
05.18-11040	The report also commented on the high standard of maintenance work that had been undertaken. An email of thanks to be sent to Barry Nottage to pass to the Village Volunteers who had undertaken the work.	Clerk
	(d) VILLAGE CROSS AND STEPS	
05.18-11041	SB to provide the Clerk with an email received from PDNPA suggesting that the Parish Council had assumed responsibility for the Village Cross from 1894 when Parish Councils were introduced. This to be forwarded to John Outram as evidence of Parish Council ownership.	SB Clerk
	(e) ALLOTMENTS	
05.18-11042	Grass cutting of Allotments was covered under item 6, Public Speaking.	
05.18-11043	The Clerk reported that a skip was provided over the May Bank Holiday.	
05.18-11044	There are currently 6 people on the list waiting for allotments.	
	(f) INSPECTION OF PLAYGROUND & AREA	
05.18-11045	BE reported no issues have been identified.	
	<i>(Ongoing and Outstanding Items)</i>	
	(g) PARKING / OBSTRUCTION PROBLEMS; HIGH STREET AND CAVENDISH MILL ROAD.	
05.18-11046	The Clerk will contact DCC for progress on the requested new white line in front of the Church gates.	Clerk

05.18-11047	KE reported ongoing problems with parking on The Nook and suggested that the existing white lines needed extending. KE to provide the Clerk with details to enable consultation with DCC.	KE
	(h) COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH	
05.18-11048	No further volunteers have come forward or been identified.	
05.18-11049	The clerk to liaise with DCC on cutting back foliage partially blocking the 30mph sign on The Avenue.	Clerk
	(i) CONCESSIONARY PATH FENCE	
05.18-11050	The Clerk to contact Chris Roome on progress/timescales for completion and inform him of the 'Dial before you Dig' website which may help to locate the gas pipe.	Clerk
	(j) EYAM DALE BRIDLEWAY	
05.18-11051	The Clerk to contact DCC for progress on repairs.	Clerk
	(k) MEADOW FOOTPATH	
05.18-11052	The Clerk is awaiting a response from Sue Smith (PDNPA) regarding the fixing of a new wicket gate at the entrance to The Meadows.	
	(l) MISSING SIGN AT VIEWING PLATFORM, DARLTON QUARRY	
05.18-11053	The Clerk to contact PDNPA on progress.	Clerk
	(m) BOOT & SHOW MAKERS PARADE	
05.18-11054	The event was a great success. BE reported that some of the proceeds are being donated to Community Transport.	
	(n) COOMBS DALE	
05.18-11055	An email and photo had been received from a resident about the damaged wooden bridge over the brook. This had been reported to Sue Smith (PDNPA) for urgent action.	
05.18-11056	The Clerk is also waiting for a response from Sue Smith on the gate to Coombs Dale.	
	(o) PLAYING FIELD	
05.18-11057	SB to coordinate a site visit with parish councillors and SMILE to discuss the increasing problem of dog owners allowing their dogs to run on the playing field without leads and motor homes parking overnight.	SB
	(p) PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (PROW) AND DEFINITIVE MAP	
05.18-11058	The Clerk to send David Thorpe an email thanking him for identifying footpaths which need including on the definitive map to safeguard them as rights of way.	Clerk
05.18-11059	The Clerk to enquire about the procedure for adding paths to the definitive map.	Clerk

	(q) DRAINAGE ISSUES ON LAND ADJACENT TO THE CONCESSIONARY FOOTPATH	
05.18-11060	KE to advise the concerned resident to contact Denman Estates about this matter.	KE
05.18-11061	The Clerk to check with Dan Hodgson about the work required to the land drain on the concessionary footpath by Avenue Close.	Clerk
	(r) WEBSITE	
05.18-11062	Isobelle Rodgers had produced four designs for a Parish Council logo based on the village cross. It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB, seconded by BE) to adopt one of these designs. The Clerk to inform Isobelle and check on the progress of the new website.	Clerk
	(s) VILLAGE WHATSAPP GROUP	
05.18-11063	This is an initiative, supported by the Parish Council, to inform residents of suspicious activity in the village. KE said that an email address was available and she would forward a brief article about the group to RT to include in the forthcoming village circular stressing that the Police should always be informed first.	KE
	(New Items)	
	(t) INSURANCE RENEWAL FROM PARISH COUNCIL	
05.18-11064	It was RESOLVED (proposed by JF, seconded by SB) to renew the Parish Council insurance on a year by year basis.	
	(u) FLOODING OLD HALL GARDENS	
05.18-11065	RT will arrange to meet Alan Bettney w/c 28 th May and report back at the next meeting on recommendations to address the issue.	RT
	(v) ROYAL WEDDING COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL FOR SCHOOLS AND COUNCILS	
05.18-11066	It was unanimously agreed not to pursue this offer.	
	(w) NATIONAL RURAL CRIME SURVEY	
05.18-11067	It was agreed to place this survey on the website.	Clerk
	(x) NATIONAL SALARY AWARD	
05.18-11068	It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB, seconded by RT) to increase the Clerk's salary in line with the National Salary Award together with an incremental rise to spinal column point 27 on the pay scale from 01 April, 2018.	
05.18-11069	The Clerk to adjust his claims to cover the pay rise.	Clerk
	(y) OTHER ACTIVITY	
05.18-11070	John Lloyd has completed repairs to the Jubilee bench on Meadow Close.	
05.18-11071	A letter has been sent to Debbie Bates thanking the Community Payback Team for their recent work on Grove Gardens with a response from Seamus Carroll at DCC to say positive feedback was useful when looking at funding such projects.	

05.18-11072	A maintenance report has been received from Hydrologic on Dale Brook monitoring system.																									
05.18-11073	The grass cutting contractor will look at cutting both sides of Grove Gardens.																									
05.18-11074	14. CORRESPONDENCE DALC Circular 06/2018 – GDPR: The Clerk to seek DALC guidance on email contacts held on village and Allotments databases.	Clerk																								
05.18-11075	Model Standing Order: The Clerk to seek guidance from DALC on adopting the Standing Orders.	Clerk																								
05.18-11076	DCC 50 Ways Campaign – The Clerk to add to the Website	Clerk																								
05.18-11077	15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS None received.																									
05.18-11078	16. GOVERNANCE STATEMENT; AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB, seconded by JF) to approve both the annual accounts and the annual governance statement 2017-18, which was read out in full. The Annual Governance Statement and Certificate of Exemption was signed by the Parish Council Chair.	Clerk																								
05.18-11079	17. INTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS The Clerk reported that the annual accounts had been audited and agreed by the internal auditor. The appropriate notice would be posted in June relating to the right of examination by members of the public.	Clerk																								
05.18-11080	18. FINANCE Bank Statements to 15 th March 2018; Current account: £ 100.00 Community Account 1: £ 5,476.21 Community Account 2: £ 10,025.26 Total <u>£ 15,601.47</u>																									
05.18-11081	Payments: It was RESOLVED for all Invoices to be paid. (Proposed by SB and seconded by JF). Cheques were signed by SB and countersigned by KE	Clerk																								
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	636	John Lloyd Repair to Jubilee Seat – Meadow Close	£85.00	£85.00	
	637	Brian Wood Internal Audit of Parish Council Accounts	£50.00	£50.00	
	638	Came and Company Parish Council Insurance		£835.75	
	639	Richard Claxon Annual Report Bath Garden Woods		£166.25	
05.18-11082	19. PARISH COUNCIL SIGNATORIES The Clerk reported that KE has now been added as a signatory to the Parish Council account.				
05.18-11083	20. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING There was no exchange of information or item proposed for the next meeting.				
05.18-11084	21. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING; Monday 4 th June 2018 at the Wesleyan Reform Chapel				
05.18-11085	22. PART II: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION No Confidential information was discussed.				
05.18-11086	The meeting closed at 21:15				