

STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Unadopted minutes of the virtual meeting of Stoney Middleton Parish Council held on Monday 1st June 2020.

Present

Parish Councillors: Sue Bettney (SB) (Chair), Colin Hall (CH), 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 19:02 with the clerk outlining protocol for holding a virtual meeting	
06.20-12428	1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE 3 members of the Public.	
06.20-12429	2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE The clerk received no apologies for absence	
06.20-12430	3. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS It was agreed to bring forward item 14; <i>Use of Playing Fields Car Park - Derbyshire Pennine Club</i> with 11i; <i>Playing Fields</i> .	
06.20-12431	4. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS No Councillors had notified the clerk that they needed to register a declaration in the member's interests' book	
06.20-12432	5. PUBLIC SPEAKING As the meeting was being held virtually, the Chair asked all members of the public attending, to raise any questions at the appropriate agenda item.	
06.20-12433	6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4TH MAY 2020 The minutes of the last meeting held on 4 th May was agreed as a correct record. SB will sign the minutes at the next physical Parish Council Meeting.	SB
06.20-12434	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.	
06.20-12435	9. INTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS The Clerk reported that the annual accounts had been audited and agreed by the internal auditor. The appropriate notice will be posted in June relating to the right of examination by members of the public.	Clerk
06.20-12436 06.20-12437 06.20-12438	8. GOVERNANCE STATEMENT; AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS It was RESOLVED (proposed by CT, seconded by KE) to approve; The Annual Governance Statement 2019-20 which was read out in full The Accounting Statements 2019-20 The Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2019-20 Part 2	

06.20-12439	The Annual Governance Statement and Certificate of Exemption will be signed by the SMPC Chair later in the week.	SB
06.20-12440	10. FLOOD WARDEN'S REPORT In Dan Hodgson's absence, the clerk and SB reported that following further correspondence with DCC and in view of ideal weather conditions, on 19 th May, 2020 it was RESOLVED by email (proposed by SB, seconded by LF and supported by all other Councillors) to commission Jon Ball at a price of £2,800 to undertake construction of a sump/land drain on the Concessionary Footpath.	
06.20-12441	SB reported that drainage issues in the field behind Meadow Close were also being addressed; a substantial drainage pipe had been unblocked and a local contractor had been hired, by DDDC, to dig out the ditch along the boundary of the field to the brook. This work, together with the new sump, should alleviate flood risk on Meadow Close.	
06.20-12442	Derbyshire Caving Association (DCA) and Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation (DCRO) had undertaken a joint inspection of Moorwood Sough. Fortunately, there were no blockages but some roots were starting to penetrate the sough. It was RESOLVED (proposed by RT and seconded by SB to:	
06.20-12443	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a donation to the DCA / DCRO. The clerk to ask Dan Hodgson for contact details 	Clerk/SB
06.20-12444	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask Dan about arranging a meeting (in person or virtual) with interested parties and authorities to consider next steps, 	Clerk/SB
06.20-12445	RT will also liaise with the Historic Mines Association to try to obtain a copy of previous inspections/documents in relation to Moorwood sough.	RT
	11. CLERK'S REPORT <i>(Standing Items)</i>	
	(a) JACOB'S LADDER	
06.20-12446	The clerk had been copied into an email from a parishioner to Derbyshire Police with regards ongoing violation of the TRO on Jacobs Ladder. The clerk had also written to Derbyshire Police seeking confirmation that they were continuing to monitor activity and to also report that the sign at the top of Jacobs Ladder was missing again.	
	(b) BATH HOUSE	
06.20-12447	The grids have been removed from the left-hand side bath. SMPC thanked PS, LF and A Buckley for undertaking this work. A local contractor has agreed to remove the scrap for free.	
06.20-12448	LF will also clean the debris from the water including cans and sticks thrown in through the unglazed side window bars.	LF
06.20-12449	It was agreed that SB and CH will continue to hold the keys for Bath House.	
	(c) BATH GARDEN WOODS	
06.20-12450	SB had liaised with 3 local arborists regarding the need for tree work as identified in Mr Claxon's hand written tree inspection report. Only two contractors quoted for the work. The first contractor had submitted a quote based on Mr Claxon's recommendations. The second contractor identified and only quoted for the removal of two Ash trees, severely affected by dieback and also a pine trunk on the basis that they posed a significant risk of falling. These trees had not been	

	referenced in Mr Claxon's report. The first contractor quoted for the felling of these newly identified trees and expressed his view that the dead Sycamore by the cliff edge, he'd already quoted for, also posed a significant risk of falling. It was RESOLVED (proposed by RT, seconded by KE and supported by PS and CT) to commission Hope Valley Tree Care to fell the 2 Ash trees, Pine trunk and dead Sycamore at a cost of £708.00. This decision was taken on the basis of risk management. The other work, recommended in Mr Claxon's report, and SMPC's future approach to the management of the woodland will be considered at a later date.	
06.20-12451	Hope Valley Tree Care will also be asked for opinion on the Walnut tree in The Grove, which is looking in a poor state.	SB
06.20-12452	LF will contact Western Power regarding the potential hazard of diseased Ash trees in The Meadows growing close to power lines.	LF
06.20-12453	The clerk to contact British Fluorspar to report diseased Ash trees along the footpath along Coombs Dale.	Clerk
06.20-12454	The clerk to contact DDDC regarding diseased trees, identified in Mr Claxon's report, growing in unregistered land and overhanging Dale Mouth.	Clerk
	(d) VILLAGE CROSS AND STEPS	
06.20-12455	Nothing to report	
	(e) ALLOTMENTS	
06.20-12456	CT reported that another skip was not needed at the moment. He also reported leaking taps. CT to enquire whether there are any allotment holders who could fix the leaking taps.	CT
06.20-12457	The clerk reported that there were 10 names on the waiting list for an allotment.	
	(f) INSPECTION OF PLAYGROUND & AREA	
06.20-12458	The clerk reported that the external annual playground inspection by Playsafety took place during May and he was awaiting the report.	
	(g) HIGHWAYS ISSUES	
06.20-12459	An email had been received from DDDC about the unnamed stretch of road running from the A623 Eyam junction to Housley Road, Foolow. It was agreed that this stretch was locally known as Middleton Dale. The clerk to notify DDDC.	Clerk
	(h) COMMUNITY BUILDING	
06.20-12460	Nothing to report	
	<i>(Ongoing and Outstanding Items)</i>	
	(i) PLAYING FIELD	
06.20-12461	To address the issue of vehicles parking in front of the bollards and blocking access onto the playing field it was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by CT) for the clerk to purchase two <i>Keep Clear</i> signs from Amazon for approximately £10.00 each together with U bolts to fix them in place.	Clerk
06.20-12462		
06.20-12463	LF to liaise with the owners of Lennon's Boot Factory to see if they would permit 'Keep Clear- No Parking' signage to be placed on their wall at the junction of Cliff Bottom and The Bank along the section marked by a white line. It was further	LF

06.20-12464	RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by CT) for the clerk to purchase signage if agreed.	Clerk
06.20-12465	It was agreed for consideration of no parking signs in other areas of the village to be placed on the Agenda for July's meeting.	Clerk
06.20-12466	It was agreed for the Derbyshire Pennine Club to have use of the playing field for vehicle parking for their 50 th anniversary event. The clerk to liaise with the organisers.	Clerk
06.20-12466	It was RESOLVED (proposed by CH and seconded by KE) to ask Allen Hodgkinson if he would be willing to give advice and/or install the Defibrillator on the football club hut.	SB
06.20-12467	(j) FLOODING This was discussed under item 10; <i>Flood Warden's Report</i> .	
06.20-12468	(k) DRAINAGE ISSUES ON LAND ADJACENT TO THE CONCESSIONARY FOOTPATH This was discussed under item 10; <i>Flood Warden's Report</i> .	
06.20-12469	(l) PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE PLAN SB to forward the draft A623 report to CT and LF before circulating to other councillors and then Calver Parish Council.	SB
06.20-12470	It was RESOLVED (proposed by KE, seconded by PS and supported by the all other Councillors) for the local Covid-19 Support Group for Stoney Middleton, Calver, Curbar and Froggatt, to become a sub-group of the Parish Council for insurance purposes.	
06.20-12471	(m) VILLAGE MAINTENANCE CH to produce image boards for the two bus shelters and circulate for comment.	CH
06.20-12472	DCC to be contacted again about clearing the two land drains at the top of High Street.	SB
06.20-12473	(n) FIXED ASSETS REGISTER SB has almost completed updating the village assets list and will circulate before the next meeting.	SB
06.20-12474	It was agreed for <i>Re-evaluation of Parish Council Assets</i> to be placed on the Agenda for July's meeting.	Clerk
06.20-12475	12. NEW ITEM – FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE it was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by PS) for John Lloyd to be commissioned to strim and tidy footpath No.6 (top of Goddard's Quarry)	Clerk
06.20-12476	13. NEW ITEM – CLIMATE EMERGENCY – DERBYSHIRE NEXT STEPS? LF agreed to represent the Parish Council at Climate Emergency virtual meetings arranged by DALC. KE will support LF where required.	LF
06.20-12477	14. NEW ITEM – USE OF PLAYING FIELDS CAR PARK – DERBYSHIRE PENNINE CLUB This was discussed under item 11i; <i>Flood Warden's Report</i> .	

06.20-12478	15. WESLEYAN REFORM CHAPEL It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by RT) for SMPC to make a donation of £105 to the Wesleyan Reform Chapel, in the absence of meetings being held there, to support the Chapel's finances during this difficult time.	Clerk																																								
06.20-12479	16. CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence received by the Clerk was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.																																									
06.20-12480	17. PLANNING APPLICATIONS NP/DDD/0320/0292; Highfields Barn, Middleton Lane – Councillors unanimously agreed to support the concerns raised by a resident on the siting of the sewage system.	Clerk																																								
06.20-12481	18. FINANCE Bank Statements to 15 th May 2020; Current account: £ 100.00 Community Account 1: £ 12,343.49 Community Account 2: £ 10,059.57 Total £ <u>£22,503.06</u>																																									
06.20-12482	Payments: It was RESOLVED for the Invoices below to be paid. (Proposed by LF and seconded by CH). Cheques were pre-signed by SB and KE.	Clerk																																								
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06.20-12483 06.20-12484	19. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING It was agreed for <i>Village Asset Leads</i> to be placed on the Agenda for July's meeting. The clerk asked for any pictures of the village to be sent to him for the website.	Clerk ALL
06.20-12485	20. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING; Monday 6 th July 2020 which will be a virtual meeting using Zoom video conference software	
	The meeting closed at 21:05	