

STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Unadopted minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 19th July 2021.

Present

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

Parish Clerk Anne Flint (AF) & Responsible Finance Officer: Barry Aldridge (BA)

Minute No		Action
07.21 -13092	<p>1. WELCOME</p> <p>The meeting commenced at 19:00.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED (proposed SB and seconded PS) that councillors/clerks would not be required to wear masks during the meeting if they choose not to. Social distancing and good ventilation would continue to be a requirement during face to face meetings.</p>	
07.21-13093	<p>2. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE</p> <p>Flood Warden Dan Hodgson (DH) and four members of the Public.</p>	
07.21-13094	<p>3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Derbyshire Dales District Councillor Helen Froggatt, Peak District National Park Authority Councillor Kath Potter, PC Linda Hancock, Parish Councillor Chris Tsielepi (CT) and Angie Cottle.</p>	
07.21-13095	<p>4. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS</p> <p>It was agreed to bring forward the following items:</p> <p>Item 13 Flood issues</p> <p>Item 18 (raising financial limit before needing 3 quotes)</p> <p>Item 20 (SMILE car park donations) if the SMILE representative is present. If not, discuss before item 14 Playing Field</p>	
07.21-13096	<p>5. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS</p> <p>No Councillors had notified the Clerk that they needed to register a declaration of interest in the member's interests' book.</p>	
07.21-13097	<p>6. PUBLIC SPEAKING</p> <p>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 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.</p>	

07.21-13098	7. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 12th APRIL 2021 The minutes of the meeting on 7th June 2021 were agreed as a correct record. SB signed the minutes.	SB
07.21-13099	8. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.	
07.21-13100	9. FLOOD ISSUES DH recapped that DCC had conducted a survey of the Meadow Close and Trinkey Lane area to understand the cause of flooding and work required to alleviate it. Inspection of the drains from Trinkey Lane to the field behind Meadow Close needed to be done in dry weather. It was agreed the Parish Council would write to DCC to ask for timescales of the flood alleviation works and advise that the current conditions are ideal for inspection of the drain behind Meadow Close.	SB
07.21-13101	CH reported that following tree felling on The Dale by Chatsworth Forestry and Arboriculture a lot of debris and branches have been left which have or are in danger of falling into the brook and causing a blockage. It was agreed the Parish Council would write to Chatsworth to ask them to clear away the debris and fallen branches.	Clerk
07.21-13102	10. NEW ITEM: MOTION TO CONSIDER RAISING THE FINANCIAL LIMIT FOR WORKS TO BE COMPLETED WITHOUT OBTAINING THREE QUOTES It was RESOLVED (proposed SB and seconded PS) to increase the financial limit for works to be completed without obtaining 3 quotes to £500. RFO to amend SMPC documentation.	RFO
07.21-13103	11. ALLOTMENTS The RFO reported he had been asked to provide another reading of the water meter on the allotments. The RFO agreed to liaise with Martyn Games to provide a reading.	RFO
07.21-13104	12. BATH HOUSE WOOD LF reported an inspection of the trees in the Bath House Wood had taken place on 08/07/2021. The PDNPA inspector will provide a report and will also put forward some ideas on how the wood should be managed going forward.	
07.21-13105	SB reported that Hortisoc plan to tidy the area around the Bath House on 20/07/2021.	
07.21-13106	LF reported the water is still being diverted from the trough to avoid flooding in Old Hall Gardens. LF to contact the resident to enquire if everything has been done to identify where the leak originates.	LF
07.21-13107	13. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES LF reported the wild flowers on Avenue Close are growing but some work is required to weed around them as a lot of grass has grown.	
07.21-13108	LF reported Emma Mortimer from DCC is looking to extend the number of road verges they intend to wildflower next year and have asked parishes to identify suitable verges. It was agreed to discuss in September for possible inclusion in the proposed Newsletter.	
07.21-13109	LF reported a notice had been put up on Coombs Dale to inform of its closure at times during July and August while work is carried out on the trees along the side of the path. Stoney Middleton Parish Council has not been notified in advance of this. It was agreed the clerk should write to the clerk of Calver Parish Council to suggest the Parish Council's work together on issues affecting Coombs Dale as the parish boundary between Calver and Stoney Middleton runs along the centre of Coombs Dale.	Clerk

07.21-13110	14. GROVE GARDENS SB reported the Boot and Shoemakers Plaque unveiling ceremony will take place on Saturday 24 July 2021 and the organiser has asked if a councillor would open the event. It was agreed the clerk would ask Councillor CT, as Chair, if he would be available. If not, RT agreed to open the event.	Clerk
07.21-13111	The clerk reported Will Brindley had tidied the shrubs and cut the grass in advance of the ceremony.	
07.21-13112	15. PLAYGROUND It was RESOLVED (Proposed PS and seconded LF) to accept the quote of £350.00 from John Lloyd to repaint the existing playground equipment and remove the broken bench.	
07.21-13113	PS reported that the following playground parts are in need of replacing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one CRLOG 100 dia 1/2 round log for the ramp and • two CRCSCR m10 x 30 coach screws washers and armour rings to fit the 1/2 round log on the ramp. RFO will order replacement parts.	RFO
07.21-13114	R0SPA Play Safety has provided the inspection report following their visit on 14 th June 2021. The report highlighted a number of issues, including minor issues with the equipment installed by Sovereign. PS reported that the issues have either been resolved or are in progress to resolution and will provide a further update at September's meeting.	
07.21-13115	The RFO confirmed that a cheque would be released to Sovereign as soon as they returned to complete the installation work and remove the metal barriers.	
07.21-13116	The clerk had received an email from a resident to report an incident of vandalism on the playground. A smashed bottle and a swing wrapped around the cross bar. PS investigated and found most of the glass had been collected and the swing unwrapped. It was agreed to monitor the situation for further incidents.	
07.21-13117	16. NEW ITEM: REQUEST FROM SMILE TO RAISE FUNDS FROM VISITOR CAR PARKING ON THE FIELD VIA DONATIONS MADE BY MOBILE PHONE The clerk explained how the system would work and confirmed it wouldn't involve cash transactions and there would be no cost to the parish council. It was RESOLVED (Proposed CH and seconded PS) to agree to SMILE setting up the system.	Clerk
07.21-13118	RT suggested maintenance of the playing field car park be discussed at September's meeting and it was agreed to invite Allen Hodgkinson from SMILE to attend.	Clerk
07.21-13119	17. PLAYING FIELDS It had been reported to the clerk that a section of the boundary wall had started to collapse. It was RESOLVED (Proposed RT and seconded SB) to accept the quote of £175.00 from Max Lloyd to repair the wall.	Clerk
07.21-13120	The clerk to contact the football club to ask if they are intending to use the playing fields for any future matches or training.	Clerk
07.21-13121	The clerk had received an email from a resident advising a bag containing chip shop rubbish had been taken from a vehicle and left by the bin on the playing field. The resident provided a photograph of the bag and subsequently a further	

07.21-13122	<p>photograph was provided by SMPC maintenance contractor showing the contents of the bag had been strewn across the field by wildlife. It was reported to DDDC who have now emptied the bin and cleared the rubbish away. PS agreed to speak with the chip shop owner.</p> <p>The Playing Fields Risk Assessment was discussed and SB agreed to amend some of the wording for further discussion and acceptance at September's meeting.</p>	PS SB
07.21-13123	It was noted that the consultation on Public Space Protection Orders is delayed until October 2021. It was agreed to revisit the topic at that time when Parish Councils will be formally consulted.	
07.21-13124	The playing fields were used as a stopping station by Peak District Challenge on 2 nd and 3 rd July 2021. RFO agreed to send an invoice to Peak District Challenge.	RFO
07.21-13125	SB reported that an officer from DDDC had inspected the litter bin, identified as damaged in the RoSPA report, and could not find anything wrong with it. He was, therefore, unable to replace it.	
07.21-13126	A request has been received from Edale Mountain Rescue to use the playing field car park to park vehicles during their training exercise taking place along Coombs Dale on 10 th August 2021 from 7.00 to 9.30pm. All Councillors agreed to the request.	
07.21-13127	<p>18. OLD TENNIS COURT</p> <p>It was agreed that the clerk should obtain three quotes for rebuilding the boundary wall behind the tennis court which has collapsed.</p>	Clerk
07.21-13128	<p>19. VILLAGE PLAN</p> <p>CH reported the Community Building and traffic issues identified in the Village Plan have been taken forward and the growing issue of parking needed to be taken forward as a priority.</p>	
07.21-13129	<p>20. CLERK'S REPORT</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Standing Items)</i></p> <p>(a) Jacob's Ladder</p> <p>RT said the work DCC have carried out to divert water from Jacobs Ladder onto the meadows will not resolve the issue of flooding in The Nook in the long term. Clerk to write to Jason Smith to ask if further digging out can be carried out to alleviate the issue.</p>	Clerk
07.21-13130	<p>(b) Village Cross and Steps</p> <p>The clerk reported there had been no contact from the Land Registry. The clerk will write to the land Registry for an update.</p>	Clerk
07.21-13131	<p>(c) Highways Issues</p> <p>The grit bin on The Bank has been moved and is taking up space used for parking. SB notified DCC who will send someone from the traffic division to decide on the best place to locate the bin on the Bank taking into account the road markings adjacent to Mill Lane.</p>	
07.21-13132	The clerk had received an email from a resident advising of fallen branches by the bus stop on the main road (Tideswell direction). The trees are on private land and the owners have been contacted and said they will organise to have them pruned.	
07.21-13133	A further complaint had been received from a resident about obstructive parking around the narrow part of High Street by the school. The school has no objection	

	to a sign being placed on the corner of the school wall. SB has contacted Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service (DFRS) to ask if they had posters/leaflets about the dangers of blocking access for emergency vehicles. DFRS offered to visit the village and leaflet vehicles thought to be restricting access. It was RESOLVED (proposed SB and seconded LF) to purchase a sign for the Narrow section of road outside the school. Sign to read 'Narrow Road – Please Park Responsibly'.	Clerk
07.21-13134	The clerk had received an email from a resident regarding dangerous parking on the A623 from Dalton Quarry entrance to the top lay-by near Housley. It was agreed SB would write to BMC and ask if the boulders in the area below Horseshoe Quarry could be removed to provide additional car parking and to also suggest another possible off-road parking option for them to investigate.	SB
07.21-13135	It was agreed the clerk should write to Steve Alcock at DCC to advise him of the problem and ask him to consider for double yellow lines along this stretch of road.	Clerk
07.21-13136	SB reported that an email had been received from a property owner on The Bank regarding 'no parking' signage displayed on properties in the area. The email had arrived late but was raised given its relevance to the growing concerns regarding parking and obstruction on The Bank and throughout the village. The consensus was that the signs were not enforceable. Given the strength of feeling in the village about parking it was agreed that, at the September meeting, consideration should be given to arranging a village meeting about parking, inviting representatives from key agencies, to explore solutions to the problems. Clerk to add to the September Agenda.	Clerk
07.21-13137	DDDC has agreed to relocate the litter bin situated on The Nook / Old Hall Gardens to Mill lane (next to the grit bin) to help to reduce the number of filled dog poo bags left along Mill Lane.	
	(d) Village Maintenance	
07.21-13138	A discussion took place regarding the maintenance of the trees along the side of the concessionary path and the playing fields. It was agreed the clerk should write to PDNPA to ask for these areas to be included when they next inspect the trees in the Bath House Gardens.	Clerk
	(e) Dalton Quarry Filming	
07.21-13139	The filming at Dalton Quarry has been delayed.	
	(f) Defibrillator	
07.21-13140	Wel Medical had confirmed that the first report sent to the parish council was not the right report. A correct 'intermittent report' provided by the manufacturers in Korea, stated that there were no records in the device but that regular function tests showed no abnormalities. Parish councillors agreed to the manufacturers carrying out further tests regarding the lack of data. Wel Medical has also offered to provide a replacement defibrillator free of charge. It was agreed to contact the Defib Store to ask if they would be interested in buying the defibrillator if the Parish Council accepted the offer.	SB
	(g) Community Resilience	
07.21-13141	Agreed to defer until the next meeting	
	(h) Training	
07.21-13142	It was RESOLVED (proposed SB and seconded CH) for the clerk to attend the Clerk Essentials course on 11/12 th October 2021.	Clerk
	(i) SMPC Meetings 2021	
07.21-13143	The SMPC meetings will continue to be held in the Church.	

07.21-13144	(j) Parish Council Vacancy The Clerk has received an application from Angie Cottle. It was RESOLVED (proposed PS and seconded CH) to co-opt Angie Cottle onto the Parish Council. The clerk will contact Angie and the monitoring officer and issue appropriate forms.	Clerk
07.21-13145	(k) 20's Plenty for Derbyshire Agreed to defer until a later meeting	
07.21-13146	(l) Parish Council Facebook Page The clerk agreed to contact Hathersage Parish Council clerk for any advice on setting up and monitoring a FB page.	Clerk
07.21-13147	(m) Parish Council Policies Further work is required, which will be presented at September's meeting.	RFO
07.21-13148	21. New Item: Community Speed Watch It was agreed to defer the item until September's meeting. Clerk to add to the Agenda.	Clerk
07.21-13149	22. New Item: Alzheimer's Society's Trek26 fundraising walking challenge The proposed route will come down Mill Lane from Eyam. All agreed this was a potentially dangerous route given the number of off road motorbikes using the BOAT, especially at the weekend. It was agreed the clerk should write to the society and point out the issues with the route and offer an alternative.	Clerk
07.21-13150	23. New item: Purchase of a replacement external backup device for use by the parish clerk. It was RESOLVED (proposed CH and seconded RT) for the clerk to purchase an external backup device.	Clerk
07.21-13151	24. Resolution to confer powers on the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson to act on urgent matters during the summer recess It was RESOLVED to confer such powers. (Proposed by PS and seconded by LF).	
07.21-13152	25. Resolution to confer powers on the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer to deal with urgent financial matters during the summer recess It was RESOLVED to confer such powers. (Proposed by LF and seconded by PS).	
07.21-13153	26. CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence received by the Clerk is circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.	
07.21-13154	27. PLANNING APPLICATIONS NP/DDD/0621/0679 - Dalton Quarry - Variations of conditions 1, 5, 7, 15 and 16 of NP/DDD/1120/1048 – no objections	Clerk
07.21-13155	NP/DDD/0521/0574 – The Moon Inn - Installation of two 6.2m diameter Yurts in the rear beer garden – SMPC supported the concerns voiced by residents regarding the increased need for parking this proposal will create and the noise which is likely to be generated, especially at night.	Clerk

