

STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Unadopted minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th June 2021.

Present

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

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

Minute No		Action
	The meeting commenced at 19:00	
06.21-13023	1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE Derbyshire Dales District Councillor Helen Froggatt, PC Linda Hancock, a PCSO and two members of the Public.	
06.21-13024	2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE DCC Councillor Susan Hobson and Parish Councillor Reuben Thorpe (RT)	
06.21-13025	3. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS FOR 2021-22 The following Parish Councillors were elected a) Chair – Chris Tsielepi (nominated by SB, seconded by CH) - unopposed	
06.21-13026	b) Vice Chair – Sue Bettney (nominated herself, seconded by CT) – unopposed	
06.21-13027	c) Allotment Manager – Chris Tsielepi (nominated himself, seconded by LF) - unopposed	
06.21-13028	e) Appointment of Internal Auditor for Financial Year 2021/22 – Brian Wood (proposed by SB, seconded by LF).	
06.21-13029	CT thanked SB for all her hard work during her time as Chair of the Parish Council.	
06.21-13030	4. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS There was no variation of business	
06.21-13031	5. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS No Councillors had notified the Clerk that they needed to register a declaration of interest in the member's interests' book.	

06.21-13032	<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>	
06.21-13033	<p>SB reported that Councillor Susan Hobson had attended the meeting on 24 May, 2021 to introduce herself as the newly elected Derbyshire County Councillor for Derwent Valley. Councillor Hobson said she would attempt to come to as many SMPC meetings as possible and confirmed she would seek answers from DCC Highways regarding the request/petition for a review of speed limits through Calver and Stoney Middleton. Councillor Hobson asked to be kept informed of other issues impacting the village.</p>	
06.21-13034	<p>PC Hancock stated there had been no reported crimes or complaints regarding off road vehicles on Jacobs Ladder; apart from trespass onto the Dalton Quarry Film site.</p> <p>PC Hancock also reported a speed monitoring exercise had taken place on 6th June 2021. Vehicle speeds were monitored through the village for about an hour and 30 vehicles were found to be over the speed limit.</p>	
06.21-13035	<p>Councillor Helen Froggatt reported there is funding available via the Local Projects Fund which the Parish Council can apply for to help with community led initiatives.</p> <p>She stated there is no update on the Derbyshire Dales Ward Review proposal to put Stoney Middleton into the Hathersage Wards.</p>	
06.21-13036	<p>7. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 12th APRIL 2021</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting on 12th April 2021 were agreed as a correct record. CT signed the minutes.</p>	CT
06.21-13037	<p>The minutes of the meeting on 24th May 2021 were agreed as a correct record. CT signed the minutes.</p>	CT
06.21-13038	<p>8. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED</p> <p>There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.</p>	
06.21-13039	<p>9. COUNCILLORS WILLING TO CONTINUE AS TRUSTEES OF THE READING ROOM CHARITY</p> <p>SB, CT, LF, PS and CH agreed to be trustees of the Reading Room Charity. RT had already indicated he would be willing as well on 24th May 2021.</p>	
06.21-13040	<p>SB to add CH as a trustee of the Reading Room Charity.</p>	SB
06.21-13041	<p>10. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND SUBSEQUENT SUB-COMMITTEES</p> <p>No committees or sub-committees are required.</p>	
06.21-13042	<p>11. INTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the annual accounts had been audited and agreed by the internal auditor. The appropriate notice will be posted this week relating to the right of examination by members of the public. It will be available on the</p>	RFO

	notice board and website for 30 working days.	
06.21-13043	<p>12. GOVERNANCE STATEMENT; AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS</p> <p>It was RESOLVED (proposed by CT, seconded by SB) to approve; The Annual Governance Statement 2020-21 which was read out in full The Accounting Statements 2020-21 The Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2020-21 Part 2 The Annual Governance Statement and Certificate of Exemption was signed by CT.</p>	
06.21-13044	<p>13. FLOOD ISSUES</p> <p>SB, LF and Dan Hodgson met with officers from DCC Highways/Flood Team on 12 May. Highways agreed to replace the solid manhole cover in The Nook with a slotted storm gully to prevent it from blowing off during heavy downpours. They also agreed to uncover a second manhole in The Nook (tarmacked over) and fit a storm gully.</p>	
06.21-13045	The first drain cover had been replaced but Highways had been unable to locate the second chamber. SB will speak to Dan Hodgson regarding its location	SB
06.21-13046	The flooding issue in the garden of a property on Old Hall Gardens is still unresolved. The resident is pursuing the issue with Highways. In the meantime, water from Bath Gardens is being diverted to alleviate the situation.	
06.21-13047	<p>14. ALLOTMENTS</p> <p>A skip was delivered on 28 May 2021 for use by allotment holders.</p>	
06.21-13048	It was RESOLVED (proposed LF and seconded SB) to order a second skip to remove remaining Allotment waste.	RFO
06.21-13049	CT has been in contact with Drystone Wall Association who has confirmed they would be interested in using the rebuild of the Allotments wall to run drystone walling courses. Clerk to include as an Agenda item for the next meeting.	Clerk
06.21-13050	<p>15. BATH HOUSE WOOD</p> <p>PDNPA tree inspector is due to visit on 17 June 2021, SB and PS agreed to meet her.</p>	SB PS
06.21-13051	It was agreed to defer further discussions on a Parish Councillor taking the lead on issues relating to the Bath House area to the next meeting.	
06.21-13052	<p>16. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES</p> <p>A successful planting session took place on 1 May at Avenue Close. Around a dozen village volunteers planted nearly 300 wild flower plug plants, which had been purchased using money donated by Stoney Middleton Hortisoc, along with seeds and several mature daisies, donated by residents. A further 100 wild flower plug plants were received as compensation for the damage to some of the plants during delivery. These were planted by LF and 2 village volunteers on 14 May 2021.</p>	
06.21-13053	It was RESOLVED (proposed CT and seconded by CH) to ratify LF's purchase of a further 200 plug plants at a cost of £135, to complete the planting of wild flowers at Avenue Close.	
06.21-13054	<p>17. GROVE GARDENS</p> <p>SB had produced a draft Risk Assessment for consideration and adoption.</p>	
06.21-13055	LF conducted a survey of Grove Gardens using the Risk Assessment and	

06.21-13056	reported that all risks had been covered. SB will reproduce the Risk Assessment, using the format provided by RT, and bring back for adoption at the next meeting.	SB
06.21-13057	18. PLAYGROUND PS reported that the company completed the installation of the new equipment on 25 May 2021. There has been a series of failures by Sovereign which have caused delays in the installation; initially due to be completed in March.	
06.21-13058	Following reports from LF on its usability, it was RESOLVED (proposed SB and seconded LF) to replace the roundabout with something different. Residents to be consulted prior to any decisions.	
06.21-13059	PS reported the existing playground equipment needs to be repainted. SB to investigate possible funding from the Local Projects Fund.	SB
06.21-13060	It was agreed to consider raising the financial limit allowing works to be completed without obtaining 3 quotes; The clerk to add the item to July's Agenda	Clerk
06.21-13061	It was RESOLVED (proposed CT and seconded SB) to purchase the following playground signs; - No dogs allowed' (x2) - Keep the gate closed for children's safety	Clerk
06.21-13062	It was RESOLVED (proposed CT and seconded SB) for Derbyshire Engineering to fit a spring-loaded hinge to the gate from the playground onto Coombs Dale, if it is possible to do so.	Clerk
06.21-13063	19. PLAYING FIELDS The Clerk had received an email from a Parishioner complaining about the mess left by wild animals on the playing field. Following this, RT has conducted numerous inspections, finding minimal evidence.	
06.21-13064	RT has produced a Risk Assessment for the Playing Field. CT will conduct a survey of the playing field using the Risk Assessment and report back at the next meeting.	CT
06.21-13065	20. OLD TENNIS COURT It was agreed to defer any issues until the next meeting	
06.21-13066	21. VILLAGE PLAN It was agreed to defer any issues until the next meeting	
06.21-13067	22. CLERK'S REPORT <i>(Standing Items)</i> (a) Jacob's Ladder Following a meeting with SB, LF and Dan Hodgson, DCC have cleared the bottom of Jacobs Ladder of mud and reinstated a channel to divert surface water into The Meadows. SB conveyed thanks received from residents to DCC.	
06.21-13068	(b) Village Cross and Steps Nothing to report.	
06.21-13069	(c) Highways Issues The grit bin on The Bank has been moved into a space, initially used for parking.	

	SB to contact DCC to ask if it can be moved onto the white line instead	SB
06.21-13070	<p>(d) Village Maintenance</p> <p>It was RESOLVED (proposed CH and seconded CT) to ask DDDC to move the underused bin at Old Hall Gardens to the quarry hole on Mill Lane.</p>	SB
06.21-13071	<p>(e) Dalton Quarry Filming</p> <p>Agreed to defer until the next meeting</p>	
06.21-13072	<p>(f) Defibrillator</p> <p>Following an inspection by RT which identified the Playing Fields Defibrillator iPads as being unusable, it had been RESOLVED between meetings, as an emergency on Health & Safety grounds (proposed SB and seconded by RT), to purchase 2 sets of replacement iPads.</p>	
06.21-13073	<p>A report from Web Medical regarding the faulty defibrillator was received on 3rd June 2021. The clerk to check the original delivery note and serial number to ensure the report related to the correct device before analysing the report further.</p>	Clerk
06.21-13074	<p>(g) Community Resilience</p> <p>Agreed to defer until the next meeting</p>	
06.21-13075	<p>(h) SMPC Meetings 2021</p> <p>The Church has agreed it can be used for Parish Council meetings as and when required. It was RESOLVED (proposed CH and seconded PS) to offer a donation of £35 to the Church each time the Church is used for Parish Council meetings.</p>	RFO CT
06.21-13076	<p>(i) Derbyshire Dales Ward Boundary Review</p> <p>Nothing to report. It was agreed to remove this item from future Agendas.</p>	
06.21-13077	<p>(j) Parish Council Vacancy</p> <p>The Clerk reported no expressions of interest had been received so far, the closing date is 7th June 2021.</p>	
06.21-13078	<p>(k) 20's Plenty for Derbyshire</p> <p>Agreed to defer until a later meeting</p>	
05.21-13079	<p>(l) Community Building Questionnaire</p> <p>At the April meeting, Stoney Middleton Parish Council agreed to fund the printing of a village questionnaire, subject to approving its content. Following the meeting, RT asked for procedural clarity, given that the questionnaire had not been formally submitted for consideration. RT also asked how the data from the questionnaire would be used and about next steps.</p> <p>SMILE has now agreed to fund the printing of the questionnaire. It was felt by Councillors that the questionnaire has been designed to refresh the perceived interest for a community building which was identified during Village Plan consultation events. Going forward, it was proposed that the Community Building Group and SMILE, share minutes of meetings with the Parish Council to ensure</p>	

06.21-13080	<p>collaborative working and a full understanding of each other's positions.</p> <p>(m) Parish Council Facebook Page Agreed to defer until a later meeting</p>													
06.21-13081	<p>23. New Item: Parish Council Policies The RFO to draft the following Policy/Governance documents for circulation at the next meeting Accessibility Statement Financial Risk Statement Equalities & Diversity Statement</p>	RFO												
06.21-13082	<p>24. New Item: Mobile Phone for Parish Clerk It was RESOLVED (proposed SB and seconded CT) to authorise the purchase of a mobile phone for the Clerk.</p>	Clerk												
06.21-13083	<p>25. New item: Public Rights of Way It was RESOLVED (proposed CT and seconded SB) to participate in the Minor Maintenance Programme for 2021-22 and report missing signposts as and when identified.</p>													
06.21-13084	<p>26. CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence received by the Clerk is circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.</p>													
06.21-13085	<p>The Clerk reported an enquiry had been received from Derbyshire Peaks Football Club regarding the possibility of renting the playing fields to hold their Sunday League. It was agreed to write to them explaining the playing field is a public resource and therefore cannot be offered for use by an outside football club on a regular basis.</p>	Clerk												
06.21-13086	<p>27. PLANNING APPLICATIONS NP/DDD/0421/0430 – 2 Dale Terrace, The Dale. An email stating the Parish Council had no objections to the application was sent on 18 May.</p>													
06.21-13087	<p>28. FINANCE May 2021 Accounts Bank Statements to 15th May 2021.</p> <table data-bbox="263 1601 853 1758"> <tr> <td>Current account:</td> <td>£</td> <td>100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community Account 1:</td> <td>£</td> <td>13,565.73</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community Account 2:</td> <td>£</td> <td>10,062.11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td></td> <td><u>£23,727.84</u></td> </tr> </table>	Current account:	£	100.00	Community Account 1:	£	13,565.73	Community Account 2:	£	10,062.11	Total		<u>£23,727.84</u>	
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1805	B Aldridge Clerk's salary 01.04.21 – 30.04.21 30 hours @ £13.51 £405.30 Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; April 2021 £22.00 Reimbursement of Costs 12 First Class Stamps £10.20 Zoom Annual License renewal 2021-22 £71.94 Defib Store – Replacement Pads £60.00 Hopkinsons Skip – For Allotments £250.00 £819.44		
1806	TDP Benches		£1,030.92
1807	Will Brindley Village Grounds Maintenance - April		£307.50
1808	Guardian PC Support Antivirus Software Renewal		£33.60
1809	Came & Company Parish Council Insurance 2021-22		£869.06
1810	Harry R White Village Gritting 07/02/2021 - 09/02/2021 - 10/02/2021 @ £50.00 per treatment. VAT	£150.00 £30.00	£180.00
1812	Hope Valley Tree Care Pollard of Sweet Chestnut on Concessionary Path		£1,140.00
1813	Brian Wood Internal Audit		£50.00
1814	Sue Bettney Reimbursement of Costs – Thank you Gift for Karen Esposito Defib Store – Replacement Pads	£26.25 £60.00	£86.25
1815	Lawrence Flint 31 st March 21 - Reimbursement of Costs – Habitat Aid		£210.00
1816	B Aldridge RFO / Clerk's salary 01.05.21 – 31.05.21 20 hours @ £13.51		£270.20
1817	Lawrence Flint 13 th May 21 - Reimbursement of Costs – Habitat Aid		£135.00
1818	Will Brindley Village Grounds Maintenance - May		£380.00

	1819	DALC Chair Skills Training Building a Sustainable 2-way conversation with Community	£50.00 £100.00	£150.00	
	1820	John Lloyd Bus Shelter Cleaning November 2020 to May 2021		£60.00	
	<p>It was RESOLVED (proposed SB and seconded CH) between meetings for CT to attend a DALC to attend a Chair Skills Training Course (cost £50) that took place on 3 June.</p> <p>It was also RESOLVED (proposed LF and seconded PS) for CT & SB to attend the DALC co-ordinated course; Sustainable Two-Way Conversation with Communities (cost £100) on 28th June</p>				
06.21-13088	29. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING				
	It was RESOLVED (proposed LF and seconded CT) that any Councillor wishing to undertake DALC training, can book onto the course, pending ratification at the next Parish Council meeting.				
06.21-13089	It was agreed to place Community Speed Watch as an item on the Agenda for the next meeting				Clerk
06.21-13090	30. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING; Monday 12 th July 2021 7pm at St Martins Church.				Clerk
06.21-13091	The meeting closed at 21:05				