

STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Unadopted minutes of the virtual meeting of Stoney Middleton Parish Council held on Monday 7th September 2020.

Present

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

Parish Clerk & RFO: Barry Aldridge (BA)

Minute No		Action
	The meeting commenced at 19:01 with the clerk outlining protocol for holding a virtual meeting.	
09.20-12569	1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE Two members of the public.	
09.20-12570	2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Accepted from Parish Councillor Karen Esposito (KE)	
09.20-12571	3. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS It was agreed to combine item <i>9h Community Building</i> with <i>9j Parish Council Village Plan</i>	
09.20-12572	4. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS No Councillors had notified the clerk that they needed to register a declaration in the member's interests' book	
09.20-12573	5. PUBLIC SPEAKING As the meeting was being held virtually, the Chair asked the member of the public in attendance to raise any questions at the appropriate agenda item.	
09.20-12574	6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH JULY 2020 The minutes of the last meeting held on 20 th July were agreed as a correct record. SB will sign the minutes at the next physical Parish Council Meeting.	SB
09.20-12575	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.	
09.20-12576	8. FLOOD WARDEN'S REPORT In Dan Hodgson's absence, the Clerk reported that Dan had emailed DCC to enquire whether hinged manhole covers could be installed in the Nook. This would make the area less dangerous in the event of further flooding from Moorwood Sough.	
09.20-12577	SB to chase Richard Ward at DCC regarding their contribution towards the cost of installing the sump/drain on the concessionary footpath	SB

9. CLERK'S REPORT		
<i>(Standing Items)</i>		
	(a) JACOBS LADDER	
09.20-12578	SB has received an email from an Inspector from the Roads Policing Unit outlining the measures he would put in place in respect of enforcing the TRO.	
09.20-12579	The Clerk has received emails from the Police - Bakewell Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) - reporting on patrols of Jacobs Ladder and sharing social media clips.	
09.20-12580	The Clerk has also been copied into emails from parishioners to the Police about the positive impact that new CCTV signage has had.	
	(b) BATH HOUSE	
09.20-12581	Nothing to Report	
	(c) BATH GARDEN WOODS	
09.20-12582	The Village Volunteer group will be 'fettling' the gardens one morning Sunday during September. Both KE & CH said they would attend to support the group.	
	(d) VILLAGE CROSS AND STEPS	
09.20-12583	The Clerk has been informed that the adverse possession element of the application for the SMPC to acquire the Village Cross has been completed successfully. The transfer of the remaining land will hopefully be completed shortly.	
	(e) ALLOTMENTS	
09.20-12584	CT reported that there is possibility that a number of ½ plots could become available at the end of the month. The clerk to send out Allotment renewals by 1 st October.	Clerk
09.20-12585	CT to arrange for strimming around the community orchard gate.	CT
	(f) INSPECTION OF PLAYGROUND & AREA	
09.20-12586	Grants from DCC (£1,000) and DDDC (£500) together with residual tennis club funds (£1,113) will be used replace and refurbish playground equipment. PS and SB to investigate options.	SB, PS
09.20-12587	Thanks, were expressed to CT, PS & CH for clearing the overgrown trees and bushes around the tennis court and to Harry White who kindly disposed of the vegetation.	
09.20-12588	CT reported that the wall at the back of the tennis court is in a poor state and needs repairing.	
09.20-12589	CT to apply for DET grant funding to replace two benches; one in the play area and the other by the tennis court.	CT
09.20-12590	As part of the village Plan initiative, CT proposed that SMPC should consult with residents regarding turning the court into a multi-use games area and also the provision of outdoor gym equipment on the playing field.	
	(g) HIGHWAYS ISSUES	
09.20-12591	DDDC is currently unwilling to move the litter/dog bin recently sited too close to the gate on the concessionary footpath by Avenue Close. This is because it will add pressure to their refuse collectors who are reporting that, since Covid restrictions have been lifted, the weight of litter in bins across the district is	

09.20-12592	significantly over what they should be handling. This request will be pursued again in Spring.	
09.20-12593	SB has again reported the blocked drain at the top of High Street to DCC.	SB
09.20-12594	SB reported that the DCC Highways officer for Stoney Middleton has failed to respond to emails and telephone calls asking him to attend a site meeting regarding the parking issues around the Toll Bar. SB will escalate this matter to Councillor Jason Atkin for his support.	SB
09.20-12595	The Clerk to liaise with PC Linda Hancock at SNT regarding reports that the Police may be advising residents to raise their complaints on parking issues around the Toll Bar to SMPC. This is a concern because obstruction and dangerous parking is a Police matter.	Clerk
09.20-12596	The Clerk to circulate the Government's Parking on Pavements consultation, aimed at individuals and groups, to residents on the village email list. Councillors are asked to consider the consultation document and report back on their views to facilitate completion of the consultation.	Clerk
09.20-12597	SB reported that the A623 speed restriction report is with Calver PC for final tweaking but should be ready for submission by the end of September.	
	(h) COMMUNITY BUILDING	
	Discussed under 9j Parish Council Village Plan	
	<i>(Ongoing and Outstanding Items)</i>	
	(i) PLAYING FIELD	
09.20-12598	During a site meeting in July between Parish Councillors, the Clerk and Will Brindley (WB) the Village Maintenance contractor, the following was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by PS and supported by all Parish Councillors):	
	- WB to cut back the foliage overhanging the playing field wall along Combs Dale	
	- WB to treat the perimeter of the playing field (including the car park and play area) with weed-killer	
	- The Clerk to purchase Chain Harrows	Clerk
09.20-12599	WB also agreed to use the spiker if repaired by the football club The football club has again been asked for their fixtures for this season and once these are known a pitch hire free will be applied.	Clerk
09.20-12600	RT agreed to become the parish council lead for the playing field.	RT
09.20-12601	Allen Hodgkinson was thanked for arranging for the works needed to fix and wire the Defibrillator to the football hut. It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by CT) for Allen to be reimbursed for electrical components & labour costs (total £67.50).	
09.20-12602	It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB, seconded by PS and unanimously agreed) to fix a spring to the gate between the playing field and concessionary path for safety reasons and to try to deter badgers.	PS
	(j) VILLAGE PLAN	
09.20-12603	To engage and update residents who expressed an interest during the last consultation event in helping to progress the realisation of a community building, in collaboration with SMILE, it was agreed to hold a meeting on the playing field at 14.30 on Sunday 20 th September. The Clerk will circulate an email to those who	

09.20-12604	expressed an interest and also to residents on the village email list. A notice of the meeting to also be placed on the noticeboard.	Clerk
09.20-12605	Provision will be made for shelter in the event on inclement weather. CH agreed to be the parish council lead for the Village Plan.	PS CH
	(k) VILLAGE MAINTENANCE	
09.20-12606	DCC have confirmed that their Tree Inspector has inspected the Ash trees overhanging Dale Mouth and doesn't feel the trees with dieback require attention at this stage.	
09.20-12607	DCC has also been contacted to provide maintenance to Dale Mouth, classed as an adopted highway, which is becoming slippery and a health and safety risk due to the growth of moss and weeds.	
09.20-12608	The Grove Garden has been temporarily closed, on health and safety grounds, due to loose paving slabs, wall toppings and steps. It was RESOLVED (proposed by RT and seconded by PS) to accept a quotation of £400 from a local contractor to make the necessary repairs.	Clerk
09.20-12609	The Clerk to contact another local contractor for a quote to cut back hard the overgrown shrubs and bushes on the far side of Grove Garden.	Clerk
09.20-12610	LF agreed to be the parish council lead for environmental issues and will liaise with DDDC on their wildflower and wilding area initiative.	LF
	(l) FIXED ASSETS REGISTER	
09.20-12611	The Clerk is awaiting a response from SMPC's Insurers on re-evaluating village assets before finalising the register.	
	(m) BUS SHELTER IMAGE	
09.20-12612	It was RESOLVED (proposed by RT and seconded by CT) for CH to progress the bus shelter image boards at the costs identified. CH will circulate a final proof before commissioning.	CH
	(n) MOORWOOD SOUGH	
09.20-12613	This was discussed under Flood Warden Report	
	(o) OLD LIME KILN	
09.20-12614	A site visit by Inkersall Holdings confirmed that the lime kiln does not fall on their land, furthermore the reported hole in the banking could not be located. RT will investigate further before pursuing with the PDNPA archaeologist	RT
09.20-12615	LF raised concern about the dilapidated and potentially dangerous state of the barn on High Street, next to the school. SB to investigate/provide owners details	SB
	10. PLAYING FIELD CAR PARK	
09.20-12616	Residents had raised concerns about the number of vehicles using the car park for accessing Coombs Dale and asked for the car park to be designated for playing field use only. Whilst Councillors understood the concerns, it was agreed to leave things as they were and revisit the situation in line with the community building developments.	
09.20-12617	The Clerk has received a request from a parishioner for the cost of creating the car park and signage for visitors. In view of grants obtained by SMILE, funding from DDDC and the donation of pop stones from Tarmac the total cost to the Parish was just £97.68. The Clerk will formally respond to the request.	Clerk

09.20-12618	11. WOODLANDS MANAGEMENT It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by RT) that SMPC should adopt a woodland management plan which utilises electronic and GIS technology. Such systems are provided by Chatsworth Estates and PDNPA. This will be discussed further at the next meeting when KE (village lead) will be in attendance.																																			
09.20-12619 09.20-12620	12 WEED SPRAYING The Clerk to ask DDDC for the weed-spraying maintenance schedule for Stoney Middleton to enable councillors to consider future provision. LF to enquire with environmental green groups on alternatives to not spraying weeds.	Clerk LF																																		
09.20-12621	13. CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence received by the Clerk was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.																																			
09.20-12622	14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS NP/DDD/0820/0768 - The Courtyard, Middleton Lane – There are no objections from SMPC.	Clerk																																		
09.20-12623	15. FINANCE Bank Statements to 15 th August 2020; Current account: £ £100.00 Community Account 1: £ £6,122.84 Community Account 2: £ £10,061.35 Total £ <u>£16,284.19</u>																																			
09.20-12624	Payments: It was RESOLVED for the Invoices below to be paid. (Proposed by CT and seconded by RT). Cheques were signed post meeting by KE and CH.	Clerk																																		
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09.20-12625	1774	Paul Spooner Reimbursement of Costs		£96.55	
	1775	Donation Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation		£32.67	
	1776	Water Plus Allotments Water Supply		£50.00	
	1777	Allen Hodgkinson Defibrillator Electrical components & Labour		£67.50	
09.20-12625	SB reported that NALC have agreed a national Salary Award which will see the clerk's salary increase to £13.51 per hour. This will be claimed from September backdated to 1 st April 2020				
09.20-12626	16. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING CT will approach a resident about the possibility of them cutting back trees on their land overhanging the pavement along the Royal Oak side of the A623.				CT
09.20-12627	A parishioner has kindly used leftover limestone to fill holes on the concessionary footpath by the allotments. The clerk to send an email of thanks.				Clerk
09.20-12628	17. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING; Monday 5 th October at 19:00. It will be agreed nearer the date whether it will be a virtual meeting or held in the Wesleyan Reform Chapel.				
09.20-12629	The meeting closed at 20:09				