

STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Unadopted minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st July 2019.

Present

Parish Councillors: Sue Bettney (SB) (Chair), Colin Hall (CH), Karen Esposito (KE), Paul Spooner (PS), Reuben Thorpe (RT) and Chris Tsielepi (CT),

Parish Clerk & RFO: Barry Aldridge (BA)

Minute No		Action
07.19-11875	The meeting commenced at 19:00	
07.19-11876	1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE PDNPA Councillor Kath Potter & 8 members of the Public.	
07.19-11877	2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE DCC Councillor Jason Atkin, Parish Councillors Reuben Thorpe (RT) and Lawrence Flint (LF), PC Linda Hancock and Flood Warden Dan Hodgson	
07.19-11878	3. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS There was no variation in order of business	
07.19-11879	4. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS No Councillors signed the declaration of member's interests' book	
07.19-11880	5. PUBLIC SPEAKING The Chair reminded those assembled that members of the public could voice their views, 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 interested, would be invited to speak. No further contributions from the public could be made, unless the Chair invited comment, on points of clarification.	
07.19-11881	Kath Potter was delighted to be re-elected as the PDNPA Councillor and thanked Councillors for their support. Kath reported a stalker, possibly the naked rambler, had been seen around Stanton Moor and the Police had advised her to let Parish Councils in rural areas know.	
07.19-11882	PC Hancock reported, via the clerk, that no crimes had been reported in June. It was believed that the two white vans, reported by HGV drivers for causing a hazard on the A623 close to The Nook junction, belonged to Openreach.	
07.19-11883	Councillors agreed that the Horticultural Society could hold a plant swap event at the allotments to be arranged in liaison with CT, the allotments manager.	CT
07.19-11884	A resident raised concern about the hazard caused by the car parked on the A623 by the old Post Office. SB explained that, following a meeting with the	

07.19-11885	resident involved, whilst not ideal, it had been clarified that the parking was not unlawful. Concerns were expressed by another resident about vehicles parking on the grass verge near to Trinkey Lane. SMPC agreed to investigate this problem and speak to the residents concerned.	Clerk
07.19-11886	Following a request, it was agreed that the clerk will restart circulating agendas and minutes by email in favour of publishing them on the website only.	
07.19-11887	In response to a request from the floor, the clerk confirmed that on 19 th June Derbyshire County Council approved a TRO on Jacobs Ladder prohibiting the use of mechanically propelled vehicles along the route. The commencement date was unknown but Councillor Jason Atkin's secretary had agreed to notify SMPC of an implementation timetable.	
07.19-11888	6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3RD JUNE 2019 The minutes of the last meeting on 3 rd June 2019 were agreed as a correct record. SB signed the minutes.	
07.19-11889	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.	
07.19-11890	8. FLOOD WARDEN'S REPORT In Dan Hodgson's absence the clerk reported that: - DCC Highways had installed gridding over the culvert on Eyam Dale and removed the old vertical bars to improve flood control. - Work on de-silting Dale Brook by Toll Bar Chip Shop will start once agreement with DCC Highways can be reached regarding temporary traffic lights/traffic management. Dan had been a great help to local residents regarding the ongoing problem of a broken pipe under the road by the boundary wall to Old Hall Gardens.	
07.19-11891	SMPC once again thanked Dan for his outstanding work in the community.	
07.19-11892	9. SMILE There was no update from SMILE	
07.19-11893	10. CLERK'S REPORT <i>(Standing Items)</i> (a) JACOB'S LADDER This was discussed under public speaking.	Clerk
07.19-11894	(b) BATH HOUSE It was RESOLVED (proposed by CH and seconded by KE) for the Well Dressing Committee to place a donation box in the Bath House during its opening.	
07.19-11895	It was expected that glass for the windows will be delivered this week.	
07.19-11896	(c) BATH GARDEN WOODS LF met officers from the Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service (DFRS) regarding reports of fires being lit in the fairy circle. DFRS were not unduly concerned	

07.19-11897	about fire risk. It was agreed to look at producing a SMPC sign, similar to the one for the Playing Fields, later in the year.	
07.19-11897	The Community Payback Team has now completed the work in the Woods following a third visit during June.	
07.19-11898	The Village Volunteers had spent the previous Sunday burning piles of twigs, brash and general detritus but further work is required before the Autumn with an appeal for more volunteers.	
07.19-11899	It was agreed to put a grill/mesh over the water-pipe that goes under the wall when future work takes place to help prevent blockages.	
07.19-11900	The clerk to source three quotes to repair the dry-stone wall over the brook.	Clerk
	(d) VILLAGE CROSS AND STEPS	
07.19-11901	The signed land transfer and preparation of the application to the Land Registry is still in progress.	
	(e) ALLOTMENTS	
07.19-11902	The clerk to contact allotment holders on plans to clear the overgrown area by the gate and undertake maintenance work on wall/entrance from Trinkey Lane on 4 th August. CT to produce an accompanying newsletter.	Clerk CT
07.19-11903	Two plots remain uncultivated. The clerk to contact the plot holders giving a deadline for work to begin.	Clerk
07.19-11904	It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by CH) to change the allotment renewal date from 1 st April to 1 st October and give all plot holders 6 months free rental as part of the transition arrangements.	
07.19-11905	CT to see if grants are available to repair the dry-stone boundary walls.	CT
	(f) INSPECTION OF PLAYGROUND & AREA	
07.19-11906	The Toddler seat has been ordered.	
07.19-11907	Thanks to PS for maintaining /repairing playground equipment as indicated in the recent inspection report.	
07.19-11908	It was RESOLVED (proposed by CH and seconded by CT) for the clerk to order additional parts, identified by PS, to complete the maintenance.	Clerk
07.19-11909	It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by KE) for the clerk to book PS on a Playground Maintenance Course organised by DALC	Clerk
07.19-11910	PS to contact Alan Hodgkinson to see if he has a 'bearing' tool to assist with maintenance.	PS
	(g) HIGHWAYS ISSUES	
07.19-11911	The clerk confirmed that the closure of The Bank will be from the junction with The Nook, but how far it will encroach into The Nook is unknown.	
07.19-11912	The clerk has received results of the traffic monitoring (data loggers) on the A623 by Avenue Close and up the Dale. These have been circulated and analysis to be done by LF for September's meeting.	LF
07.19-11913	The clerk to ask PC Hancock if CREST could undertake early morning checks (at first light) as this is when significant speeding occurs.	Clerk
07.19-11914	Concerns were raised about the lack of road markings and signage to identify right of way at the crossroads with the A623, The Nook and High Street. The clerk and SB to pull together an email to DCC Highways about this issue.	Clerk/SB

(Ongoing and Outstanding Items)

	(h) CONCESSIONARY PATH FENCE	
07.19-11915	PS had inspected the fence and reported it was in fairly good condition with only a few posts needing replacing. The clerk to contact Chris Roome at Derbyshire Stock Fencing to cancel the job and thank him for his interest.	Clerk
07.19-11916	It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by CH) for the clerk to contact John Lloyd for quotes to strim the Concessionary Path, Dale Mouth and footpath number 6.	Clerk
07.19-11917	PS to investigate whether trees need pollarding on Dale Mouth.	PS
07.19-11918	PS to look at whether verges need strimming at the junction of the concessionary footpath with Trinkey Lane	PS
	(i) MEADOW FOOTPATH	
07.19-11919	Sue Smith (PDNPA) has confirmed that work to install a permanent wicket type gate at the entrance to The Meadows will start soon.	
07.19-11920	SB to enquire whether Sue Smith wishes to hold a site meeting at the gate to Coombs Dale as recent correspondence suggests there is confusion regarding access issues.	SB
	(j) MISSING SIGN AT VIEWING PLATFORM, DARLTON QUARRY	
07.19-11921	Nothing further to report	
	(k) PLAYING FIELD	
07.19-11922	The clerk to chase Derbyshire Dales Engineering to see whether they are interested in provided a quote for the Playing Field sign.	Clerk
07.19-11923	LF to progress the Gas Safety Engineer scan of the Playing Fields	LF
07.19-11924	SB to liaise with Alan Hodgkinson to ask him if the plans for the construction of the car park show the location of underground utility pipes.	SB
	(l) DRAINAGE ISSUES ON LAND ADJACENT TO THE CONCESSIONARY FOOTPATH	
07.19-11925	Dan Hodgson had provided a detailed specification for the proposed storm drain and the clerk is waiting for a quote on headed paper from the second contractor before progressing.	Clerk
07.19-11926	Dan also believed that the dry trough was not the cause of flooding on the path. Dan felt that a lack of sunlight on the path was a key reason for it constantly being wet.	
	(m) DEFIBRILLATOR	
07.19-11927	It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by CH) for KE to order the Defibrillator 1000 series with cabinet, heating and paediatric pads as recommended by the Defib store in Tideswell. Cost £3,646.80	KE
07.19-11928	KE to also liaise with Beth Ely on use of the Wesleyan Chapel for training	KE
	(n) PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE STATEMENT	
07.19-11929	CH & LF met with Adele Metcalfe at PDNPA. Adele provided a number of ideas in support of the SMPC stall on Well Dressing Saturday.	
07.19-11930	It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by KE) for CH to provide a Newsletter for the event and any costs incurred, to be reimbursed by PDNPA to	

	the Parish Council and then for CH to be recompensed. Another meeting will follow once ideas have been collated.	CH
07.19-11931	(o) VILLAGE BENCHES The clerk to order the 'Dale Bench' and arrange delivery at the Playing Fields where PS will co-ordinate.	Clerk
07.19-11932	(p) PARISH COUNCILLOR TRAINING The clerk to book KE, PS and CT on Councillor Essential Training; 30 th September at Ashover Sports Pavilion.	Clerk
07.19-11933	(q) DERBYSHIRE POPPY APPEAL The clerk was waiting confirmation from DCC whether an application is needed to place poppy's on lampposts this year.	Clerk
07.19-11934	(r) BUS SHELTERS RT & PS are progressing the photographs for the Bus Shelters with Joy Mason.	RT / PS
07.19-11935	(s) COOMBS DALE GATE Discussed under Meadow Footpath.	
07.19-11936	(t) OTHER ACTIVITY It was RESOLVED (proposed by PS and seconded by KE) to donate £100 from the Parish Council towards a blue plaque to commemorate the boot and shoemakers strike of 1918. CH to liaise with Steve Bond on siting of the plaque.	CH
07.19-11937	11. VILLAGE HALL – EXPLORATION OF OPTIONS Councillors had held a separate meeting to explore options. Notes of the meeting will be posted on the website.	
07.19-11938	Arrangements have been made for Helena Stubbs, Community Buildings Officer Rural Action Derbyshire, to meet with councillors on 8 th July to give advice on possible ways forward.	
07.19-11939	12. CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence received by the Clerk had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Actions from the correspondence include: - The clerk to see whether funding can be obtained from the DDDC Local Projects Fund grant scheme for the Playing Fields Sign. - LF has forwarded information on party workshops to the Well Dressing Committee - The clerk reiterating information outlined in the Parish Planning Bulletin promoting the Hope Valley Hopper bus.	
07.19-11940	13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS NP/DDD/0219/0194 – Gate Close, The Fold. Change of use of land from horticultural to domestic plus the erection of a new garage block – SMPC has no objections.	
	14. RESOLUTION TO CONFER POWERS ON THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE VICE-CHAIRPERSON TO ACT ON URGENT MATTERS DURING THE SUMMER RECESS.	

07.19-11941	It was RESOLVED to confer such powers. (Proposed by CT and seconded by KE)																																													
07.19-11942	15. 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 SB and seconded by CH)																																													
07.19-11943	16. FINANCE (brought Forward) Bank Statements to 15 th June 2019; Current account: £ 100.00 Community Account 1: £ 15,471.64 Community Account 2: £ 10,041.12 Total £ £25,612.76																																													
07.19-11944	Payments: It was RESOLVED for all Invoices to be paid. (Proposed by CH and seconded by CT). Cheques were signed by SB and countersigned by KE)																																													
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07.19-11945	17. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING It was agreed to remove the list of payees from the Agenda which will help reduce paper. A list of payments will still be available at each meeting.	
07.19-11946	18. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING; Monday 2 nd September 2019 at the Wesleyan Reform Chapel.	
07.19-11947	The meeting closed at 21:20	