

STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Unadopted minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council meeting held on 5th June 2023.

Present

Parish Councillors: Colin Hall (CH) (Chair), Angie Cottle (AC), Sue Bettney (SB), Martina Hodgson (MH) and Karen Wood (KW).

Parish Clerk Anne Flint (AF)

Minute No		Action
	<p>WELCOME The meeting commenced at 18.30.</p>	
06.23-14275	<p>1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE DCC Councillor Susan Hobson, DDDC Councillor Peter O'Brien and two members the public</p>	
06.23-14276	<p>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE PDNPA Councillor Kath Potter, RFO Barry Aldridge and DDDC Councillor Simon Ripton.</p>	
06.23-14277	<p>3. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS The following items were brought forward – Item 10 to allow comments from a member of the public. Item 17 and 18(b) to allow comments from DDDC Councillor Peter O'Brien.</p>	
06.23-14278	<p>4. 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.</p>	
06.23-14279	<p>5. PUBLIC SPEAKING 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>	
06.23-14280	<p>DCC Councillor Susan Hobson informed that Expressions of Interest are invited for the Community Ownership Fund. Councillor Hobson will forward details to the Clerk.</p>	
06.23-14281	<p>Free safer driving courses are being made available for people over 50. Councillor Hobson will send details to the Clerk.</p>	
06.23-14282	<p>Councillor Hobson provided feedback from DCC Highways about a request made by a member of the public for a convex mirror to be placed at the Junction of High Street and A623. DCC stated they no longer authorise the use of mirrors on the highway, other than in exceptional circumstances because they feel they are unreliable.</p>	

06.23-14283	Councillor Hobson stated the temporary traffic lights at Calver crossroads should be removed by 10 th June 2023.	
06.23-14284	Councillor Hobson has consulted with DCC Richard Ward regarding the flood alleviation work at the bottom of Trinkey Lane and was told a timescale could not be provided. Councillors expressed their frustration with this response and asked Councillor Hobson to feed this back to DCC.	
06.23-14285	Councillor Hobson stated that residents can feedback about rewinding of verges to the Pathfinder Project by emailing verges@derbyshire.gov.uk .	
06.23-14286	Councillor Hobson reported that Buxton Museum and Art Gallery is to close due to dry rot in the building.	
06.23-14287	Councillor Hobson will send the Clerk some information about the LEVEL, an award-winning contemporary arts centre in Rowsley which is free to visit and is open Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm.	
06.23-14288	DDDC Councillor Peter O'Brien stated that he and Councillor Ripton have a Local Project Fund which Parish Councils can now apply to for help funding local initiatives.	
06.23-14289	10. ALLOTMENTS/COMMUNITY ORCHARD A member of the public expressed concern about the way the grass had been cut in the community orchard. The Clerk to follow this up with the Contractor.	Clerk
06.23-14290	There is a leak between the tap and water metre on the allotments which makes reading the metre extremely difficult.	
06.23-14291	The grate over the water metre is cracked.	
06.23-14292	The Clerk has asked the Responsible Finance Officer to contact the water company regarding the leak and broken grate.	Clerk
06.23-14293	17. VILLAGE PLAN The Clerk has received a positive response from DDDC Rob Cogings Director of Housing to the request to conduct a housing needs survey in the village.	
06.23-14294	Councillor Peter O'Brien expressed his support and explained DDDC would conduct a survey of all households in the village and will publicise the survey wider in an attempt to capture people who may have moved away.	
06.23-14295	Councillor O'Brien will provide the Parish Council with a copy of the survey questionnaire to enable Councillors to understand how support can be provided to complete the forms.	
06.23-14296	Councillors agreed to promote the survey. The Clerk to contact the Welldressing Secretary to ask if the Parish Council can have an information stall on Welldressing opening Saturday	Clerk
06.23-14297	18(b). HIGHWAYS Councillor O'Brien asked for information regarding the dialogue the Parish Council has had with DCC to install a pedestrian crossing and other traffic calming measures on the A623. It was agreed CH and SB would meet separately with Councillors O'Brien and Ripton to provide information on the PC campaign.	CH,SB
06.23-14298	Councillor O'Brien reported that DCC had appointed a new Cabinet Member for Highways Assets and Transport. CH agreed to make contact with the new Councillor about the issues residents face due to the heavy traffic flow through the village.	CH
06.23-14299	It was RESOLVED (proposed AC and seconded MH) for the Clerk to write to DCC Highways about the horse box parked on the verge on The Avenue reducing visibility when turning out of Avenue Close.	Clerk
06.23-14300	A resident reported to DCC Highways that an overgrown verge on Middleton	

	Lane is obstructing vision when turning onto the road. The Clerk to also report the issue to DCC.	Clerk																																				
06.23-14301	6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 15TH MAY 2023. The minutes of the meeting on 15 th May 2023 were agreed as a correct record. CH signed the minutes.	CH																																				
06.23-14302	AC asked for an amendment to SMPC minutes 3 rd April 2023, item 04.23-14190; should read 'request to use the playing field to hold the Fell Race on 27 th July 2023. Councillors agreed the request.																																					
06.23-14303	7. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.																																					
06.23-14304	<p>8. FINANCE</p> <p>May 2023 Accounts Bank Statements to 15th May 2023</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Current account:</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">£</td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: right;">£100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community Account 1:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£12,267.77</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community Account 2:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£9,107.32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black;">£21,475.09</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>May & June Payments</u></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">Bank Transfer 24/05/2023</td> <td style="width: 55%;">BHIB Councils Insurance</td> <td style="width: 15%;"></td> <td style="width: 15%; text-align: right;">£948.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Transfer 24/05/2023</td> <td>Playsafety Limited Annual Playground Inspection</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1111.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Transfer 03/06/2023</td> <td>A Flint Clerk's salary 01.05.2023 – 31.05.2023 25 hours @ £14.48</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£362.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; May 2023</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£22.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Reimbursement of Costs 27th May 2023 – Print Cartridge (Amazon)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£30.99</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£414.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Transfer 03/06/2023</td> <td>B Aldridge RFO salary 01.05.2023 – 31.05.2023 10 hours @ £15.67</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£156.70</td> </tr> </table>	Current account:	£	£100.00	Community Account 1:	£	£12,267.77	Community Account 2:	£	£9,107.32	Total		£21,475.09	Bank Transfer 24/05/2023	BHIB Councils Insurance		£948.51	Bank Transfer 24/05/2023	Playsafety Limited Annual Playground Inspection		£1111.00	Bank Transfer 03/06/2023	A Flint Clerk's salary 01.05.2023 – 31.05.2023 25 hours @ £14.48	£362.00			Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; May 2023	£22.00			Reimbursement of Costs 27th May 2023 – Print Cartridge (Amazon)	£30.99	£414.99	Bank Transfer 03/06/2023	B Aldridge RFO salary 01.05.2023 – 31.05.2023 10 hours @ £15.67		£156.70	
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06.23-14305	9. FLOOD ISSUES Item covered earlier in the meeting see 06.23-14284.																																					

06.23-14306	11. BATH HOUSE WOOD As the appointed contractor had given back word the Clerk will contact another roofing contractor to provide a quote to repair the bath house roof.	
06.23-14307	12. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES It was agreed not to allow DCC to spray weeds along the roadside with glyphosate because of its carcinogenic properties. If residents so wish they can pull up the weeds outside their properties. If residents think any weeds are causing a problem they should contact the Parish Clerk.	
06.23-14308	The Clerk to put this message on to the Parish Council Facebook page.	Clerk
06.23-14309	13. GROVE GARDENS Nothing to report.	
06.23-14310	14. PLAYGROUND The RoSPA Play Safety Report has been received which identified repairs and the need for replacement parts to some of the equipment. Some replacement parts have been received and will be fitted by a local handyman.	
06.23-14311	The Clerk to contact DALC to ask them to ask other Parish Councils for recommendations of companies who repair equipment and provide and fit playground parts.	Clerk
06.23-14312	15. PLAYING FIELDS The Clerk to contact the football club to confirm the date they will remove the goal posts and other equipment.	Clerk
06.23-14313	16. OLD TENNIS COURT Nothing to report.	
06.23-14314	17. VILLAGE PLAN This item was covered earlier in the meeting.	
	18. CLERK'S REPORT <i>(Standing Items)</i>	
06.23-14315	(a) Jacob's Ladder Nothing to report.	
06.23-14316	(b) Highways Issues This item was covered earlier in the meeting.	
06.23-14317	(c) Village Maintenance DCC have taken responsibility for the trees along the Concessionary Path which impact the highway. The Contractor has sent a reduced quote to remove two ash trees which could fall onto the path and a dangerous elm tree on the playing field. The trees will be removed as soon as possible.	
06.23-14318	The Clerk has received two quotes from fencing contractors to remove and replace the stock fencing along the concessionary path. Contractor A quoted £2960.50 (excl vat) and Contractor B quoted £3652.80 (excl vat).	
06.23-14319	It was RESOLVED (proposed SB and seconded KW) to accept the quote from Contractor A.	Clerk
06.23-14320	(d) Defibrillator Nothing to report.	
06.23-14321	(e) Compliance with General Data Protection Act The Clerk reported DALC advice as a minimum Councillors should have a dedicated email address for PC business and not use personal email addresses. It was agreed all Councillors would provide the Clerk with a dedicated email address to be used for PC business.	

06.23-14322	(f) Speed restriction report/petition The Clerk reported that Froggatt Speed Watch Group are keen to start meeting again. Calver Parish Council has not confirmed who will be their representative on the local speed restriction group. The Clerk to contact Calver Parish Council.	Clerk
06.23-14323	(g) Community Speed Watch The Clerk reported that the storage of equipment will be discussed at the next meeting of Calver PC.	
06.23-14324	(h) Review of Parish Council Renewals of Contracts and Subscriptions payments Prior to the meeting the Clerk circulated a document outlining the Renewals of Contracts and Subscription payments which have been made over the last three years. It was agreed all Councillors will consider the information contained in the document to discuss at the next meeting. Clerk to add to the July meeting Agenda.	All
06.23-14325	(i) Parish Council Insurance The insurance quote received from BHIB was lower than the quote from the current insurers for the same cover. It was agreed to accept the quote from BHIB.	
06.23-14326	(j) Parish Councillor Vacancies It was RESOLVED (proposed SB and seconded AC) to accept the application from Richard Brisbin and for the Clerk to arrange for him to be co-opted onto the Parish Council.	Clerk
06.23-14327	(k) To confirm to appoint grant funding and playground maintenance committees It was RESOLVED (proposed AC and seconded MH) to set up a grant funding committee. Committee membership will be SB, KW and MH. KW to draft Terms of Reference.	KW
06.23-14328	It was RESOLVED (proposed KW and seconded SB) to set up a playground maintenance committee. Committee membership will be AC, MH and Paul Spooner.	
06.23-14329	(l) Community Funding Survey – feedback KW reported that 19 people had responded to the survey. The outcome of the survey will be used by the grant funding committee to help decide on funding priorities.	
06.23-14330	(m) To confirm Councillors willing to continue as trustees of the Reading Room Charity SB reported that CH, AC and SB are currently trustees of the Reading Room Charity.	
06.23-14331	KW and MH agreed to be trustees.	
06.23-14332	It was agreed trustees would meet in July after the Parish Council meeting.	
06.23-14333	19. NEW ITEM: PDNPA PARISH MEMBER ELECTIONS Councillors agreed to vote for Kath Potter in the PDNPA Parish Member Elections. The Clerk to return the ballot paper.	Clerk
06.23-14334	20. NEW ITEM: ACTION CHALLENGE REQUEST TO USE THE PLAYING FIELD ON 6TH & 7TH JULY 2024 FOR THE PEAK DISTRICT CHALLENGE It was RESOLVED (proposed AC and seconded SB) to allow the use of the playing field on 6th & 7th July 2024 for the Peak District Challenge. The hire of the field for the event is £300 per day.	Clerk
06.23-14335	23. CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence received by the Clerk is circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.	

06.23-14336 06.23-14337	<p>24. PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>Application Number - NP/DDD/0523/0527 Site address –Rock Mill Business Park, The Dale, Stoney Middleton</p> <p>Councillors had no objection to this application but felt the coach drop off facility would compromise pedestrian safety on a 50 mile per hour road.</p>	
06.23-14338	<p>25. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</p> <p>There was no exchange of information.</p>	
06.23-14339	<p>26. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on 3rd July 2023.</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.50pm.</p>	