

# STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Unadopted minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

### Present

Parish Councillors: Colin Hall (CH) (Chair), Angie Cottle (AC), and Karen Wood (KW).  
Parish Clerk Anne Flint (AF) and Responsible Finance Officer Barry Aldridge (BA)

Minute No		Action
	<b>WELCOME</b> The meeting commenced at 18.30..	
05.23-14201	<b>1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE</b> DCC Councillor Susan Hobson, DDDC Councillor Peter O'Brien, DDDC Simon Ripton and three members of the public.	
05.23-14202	<b>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Parish Councillor (elect) Sue Bettney (SB), Parish Councillor (elect) Martina Hodgson(MH), NDPA Councillor Kath Potter, PC Shaun Jakins who reported in the last four weeks to the 11th May 2023 there have been no reported crimes in Stoney Middleton.	
05.23-14203	<b>3. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS</b> Each Parish Councillor signed the Declaration of Office.	
05.23-14204	Councillors agreed for Parish Councillors Sue Bettney and Martina Hodgson to sign their 'acceptance of office' declaration on or before the date of the next meeting.	SB,MH
05.23-14205	The Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests form was received from CH and KW.	
05.23-14206	AC,SB and MH to provide the Clerk with The Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests form on 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 or before.	AC,SB&MH
05.23-14207	The Clerk to send documentation to DDDC once received.	Clerk
	<b>4. TO ELECT THE FOLLOWING FOR THE FORTHCOMING PARISH COUNCIL YEAR:</b>	
05.23-14208	The following Parish Councillors were elected	
05.23-14209	<b>a) Chair</b> – Colin Hall was nominated by KW and seconded by AC - unopposed	
05.23-14210	<b>b) Vice Chair</b> – Angie Cottle nominated herself and was seconded by KW - unopposed.	
05.23-14211	<b>c) Appointment of Internal Auditor for Financial Year 2023/24</b> – East Midlands Audit Services (proposed by CH, seconded by AC) – unopposed.	
	<b>5. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>	
05.23-14212	There was no variation of business	
	<b>6. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS</b>	
05.23-14213	No Councillors had notified the Clerk that they needed to register a declaration of interest in the member's interests' book.	

	<b>7. PUBLIC SPEAKING</b>	
05.23-14214	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.	
05.23-14215	Dan Hodgson SMPC Flood Warden gave a summary of the flood alleviation measures DCC are to put in place to help prevent the flooding of homes on Meadow Close during heavy rainfall. DCC haven't confirmed a date yet for the work to start. DCC Councillor Susan Hobson asked Mr Hodgson to forward details of the scheme and she would follow this up with officers. CH also agreed to phone DCC regarding this.	CH
05.23-14216	Dan Hodgson asked Councillor Hobson if she could find out any information about the outcome of the feasibility study DCC commissioned Trent River Trust to conduct in the area. The Clerk to send any information regarding this to Councillor Hobson. DCC Councillor Susan Hobson agreed to follow up the issues highlighted by Mr Hodgson.	Clerk
05.23-14217	Councillor Hobson reported that DCC are consulting residents on boundary changes for Derbyshire County Council. The 10 week consultation period started on 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 and will close on 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2023.	
05.23-14218	The Clerk thanked Councillor Hobson for the funding provided from the Derbyshire County Council Member's Community Leadership Scheme for the Kings Coronation celebration which was held in the village on the 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2023.	
05.23-14219	DDDC Councillor Peter O'Brien introduced himself as the newly elected Councillor for Hathersage, Grindleford, Eyam and Stoney Middleton ward. He stated he is interested in hearing the concerns faced by the village and will provide support where he can. He would like to hear SMPCs views on the issues caused by the A623 passing through the village and affordable housing. These issues were raised by residents during his visits to the village.	
05.23-14220	He also stated that DDDC are making available a Community Resilience Fund, and a significant element will be made available to communities. Independent voluntary groups will also be able to apply.	
05.23-14221	DDDC Councillor Simon Ripton introduced himself as the newly elected Councillor for Hathersage, Grindleford, Eyam and Stoney Middleton ward. He stated that he lives in Eyam and is interested in supporting the unique issues Stoney Middleton faces.	
05.23-14222	Allen Hodgkinson SMILE representative stated that SMILE had contacted local companies who would be prepared to donate materials to start laying foundations for the Community Building once Peak Park Planning approve the changes requested to the building plan.	
	<b>8. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023</b>	
05.23-14223	The minutes of the meeting on 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2023 were agreed as a correct record with the following amendment to Village Maintenance 04.23-14181; a wider conversation needs to take place to consider a more strategic approach to funding. The first stage will be to survey village residents for their opinion. KW	

	will prepare a questionnaire in time for the village party on 7th May. CH signed the minutes.	CH																																
05.23-14224	<b>9. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED</b> There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.																																	
05.23-14225	<b>10. TO CONFIRM COUNCILLORS WILLING TO CONTINUE AS TRUSTEES OF THE READING ROOM CHARITY</b> This item to be deferred to the June meeting when all Councillors will be present.																																	
05.23-14226	<b>11. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND SUBSEQUENT SUB-COMMITTEES</b> A survey of residents has been issued to ask for feedback on funding priorities to improve village facilities. Responses requested by 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2023.	Clerk																																
05.23-14227	It was agreed to set up a Funding Committee and agree membership at the next meeting to look at the funding option priorities identified. Clerk to add to the June Agenda.																																	
05.23-14228	It was agreed to consider at the next meeting setting up a Committee to manage the maintenance of the playground and playing fields. Clerk to add the item to the June Agenda.																																	
05.23-14229	<b>12. INTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS</b> The RFO reported that the annual accounts had been audited and agreed by the internal auditor. The appropriate notice will be posted in June relating to the right of examination by members of the public. It will be available on the notice board and website for 30 working days.	Clerk																																
05.23-14230	<b>13. GOVERNANCE STATEMENT; AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed by CH, seconded by AC) to approve both the annual accounts and the annual governance statement 2022-23, which the RFO read out in full. The Annual Governance Statement and Certificate of Exemption was signed by the SMPC Chair and Clerk.																																	
05.23-14231	<b>14. FINANCE</b> <b>May 2023 Accounts</b> Bank Statements to 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2023  <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;">£986.10</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><b>Total</b></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;"><b>£10,193.42</b></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>May Payments</u></b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;"></td> <td style="width: 45%;"><b>A Flint</b></td> <td style="width: 15%;"></td> <td style="width: 25%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Clerk's salary</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>01.04.2023 – 31.04.2023      20 hours</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£289.60</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>@ £14.48</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Transfer 03/05/2023</td> <td>Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; April 2022</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£22.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>£339.97</b></td> </tr> </table>	Current account:	£	£100.00	Community Account 1:	£	£986.10	Community Account 2:	£	£9,107.32	<b>Total</b>		<b>£10,193.42</b>		<b>A Flint</b>				Clerk's salary				01.04.2023 – 31.04.2023      20 hours	£289.60			@ £14.48			Bank Transfer 03/05/2023	Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; April 2022	£22.00	<b>£339.97</b>	
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		Reimbursement of Costs 18th April 2023 – Corporate Express (UK) Ltd (Print Cartridge) 19th April 2023 – Sainsburys (Paper)	£22.75 £5.62		
	Bank Transfer 03/05/2023	<b>B Aldridge</b> RFO salary 01.04.2023 – 31.04.2023 8 hours @ £15.67  Reimbursement of Costs 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 – WaterPlus (Allotments)	£125.36  £26.46		<b>£151.82</b>
	Bank Transfer 03/05/2023	<b>Guardian Angel PC Support</b> PC Anti Virus			<b>£33.60</b>
<b><u>April Payments</u></b>					
	Bank Transfer 03/05/2023	<b>B Aldridge</b> Reimbursement of Costs Online Playgrounds			<b>£103.40</b>
	Bank Transfer 08/05/2023	<b>M Hodgson</b> Reimbursement of Costs Kings Coronation items			<b>£132.00</b>
	Bank Transfer 09/05/2023	<b>Will Brindley</b> Village Grounds Maintenance - April			<b>£420.44</b>
	Bank Transfer 09/05/2023	<b>East Midlands Audit Services Ltd</b> Independent Audit of Parish Council Accounts			<b>£60.00</b>
05.23-14232	<b>15. FLOOD ISSUES</b> This item was discussed earlier in the meeting under Item 7.				
05.23-14233	<b>16. ALLOTMENTS/COMMUNITY ORCHARD</b> The Clerk reported an issue with plot boundaries had occurred; this had been resolved with the help of the Allotment Management Group.				
05.23-14234	The RFO requested a water metre reading to be taken every quarter. The Clerk to contact the Allotment Management Group to arrange this.				Clerk
05.23-14235	<b>17. BATH HOUSE WOOD</b> The Clerk reported the contractor engaged to repair the Bath House roof is no longer able to do the work. The Clerk to contact other contractors for quotes.				
05.23-15236	The funding survey will help to determine the priority residents give to funding Bath House improvements and renovations.				Clerk
05.23-15237	<b>18. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed CH and seconded KW) for AC to take				

	responsibility for environmental issues. AC to consider priorities and bring these to a future meeting.	AC
05.23-14238	<b>19. GROVE GARDENS</b> Nothing to report.	
05.23-14239	<b>20. PLAYGROUND</b> Membership of a Playground Committee to be agreed at the June meeting. The Clerk to ask a resident if he would be interested in being a member.	Clerk
05.23-14240	<b>21. PLAYING FIELDS</b> The Clerk reported a letter had been issued to SMFC to terminate the arrangement for use by them of the playing field for matches, training and friendlies. Councillors felt that the arrangement with the SMFC administrator was no longer workable due to poor communications, non-adherence to agreements and playing field maintenance requests which the Parish Council is unable to meet.	Clerk
05.23-14241	The Clerk reported payment for the hire of the playing field for the last two matches had not been received from SMFC.	
05.23-14242	The Clerk to contact SMFC in July to ask them to remove the goal posts and any equipment.	
05.23-14243	Councillors agreed they would consider the use of the playing field by other local teams. However, the understanding would be that they'd be playing on a playing field and not a high quality pitch.	
05.23-14244	The Clerk reported Fluorsid British Fluorspar Ltd Plant Manager has agreed to repair the boundary wall between the playing fields and Coombsdale.	
05.23-14245	<b>22. OLD TENNIS COURT</b> The funding survey will help to determine the priority residents give to funding improvements to the tennis court area. When the funding committee is set up it will look at this when the results of the funding survey are known.	
05.23-14246	<b>23. VILLAGE PLAN</b> CH explained two of the main areas identified by residents for the Village Plan are affordable homes in the village and issues with heavy traffic on the A623.	Clerk
05.23-14247	DDDC Councillor Peter O'Brien advised contacting DDDC to provide anecdotal evidence of the issue and any potential sites identified. The Clerk to draft a letter to DDDC.	
	<b>24. CLERK'S REPORT</b>  <i>(Standing Items)</i>	
05.23-14248	<b>(a) JACOB'S LADDER</b> The Clerk reported the prohibition signs had been replaced by DCC at the bottom of Jacobs Ladder preventing its use by motorised vehicles.	Clerk
05.23-14249	<b>(b) HIGHWAYS ISSUES</b> Emma Mortimer DDDC has informed DCC not to spray weeds in Stoney Middleton with glyphosate. It was agreed to monitor any build-up of weeds and arrange for them to be pulled up by a group of volunteers or to employ the services of a local handyman.	
05.23-14250	The Clerk reported that DCC Councillor Kewal Singh Athwal had declined the request for consideration to reduce speed limits through the village and to meet face to face with Councillors to discuss issues caused by heavy traffic.	
05.23-14251	Councillors agreed the response to the letter will be shared with Calver PC and Froggatt Speed Group at the next joint meeting.	

05.23-14252	<b>(c) VILLAGE MAINTENANCE</b> CH reported he had spoken to Mark Wilson DCC Tree Inspector who has confirmed in writing that DCC will take responsibility for any dangerous trees which could fall on to the highway. DCC would arrange for removal and the landowner would be charged.	
05.23-14253	CH agreed to meet with a local contractor to consider the removal of two trees which could fall on to the Concessionary Path. The Clerk to arrange the meeting.	Clerk
05.23-14254	The Clerk has contacted a number of fencing contractors for quotes to replace the concessionary path fence. One quote has been received and another quote is expected in the next couple of days.	
05.23-14255	CH suggested asking a couple of local handymen if they would consider repairing the fence if the Parish Council bought the materials and hired equipment to do the work. The Clerk to contact local handymen.	Clerk
05.23-14256	<b>(d) DEFIBRILLATOR</b> Nothing to report.	
05.23-14257	<b>(e) COMMUNITY RESILIENCE</b> It was agreed to remove this item from future meeting agenda's.	
05.23-14258	<b>(f) COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL DATA PROTECTION ACT</b> Any action to be agreed at the June meeting.	
05.23-14259	<b>(g) SPEED RESTRICTIONREPORT/PETITION</b> The Clerk to contact Calver PC and Froggatt Speed Watch Group to arrange a meeting.	Clerk
05.23-14260	<b>(h) COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH</b> The Clerk is waiting to hear from Calver PC regarding suitable storage for the speed watch equipment which is easily accessible by both villages.	Clerk
05.23-14261	The Clerk to contact SMPC Community Speed Watch co-ordinator to ask him to arrange a Community Speed Watch in the next few weeks.	Clerk
05.23-14262	<b>(i) REVIEW OF PARISH COUNCIL RENEWALS OF CONTRACTS AND SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENTS</b> It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.	
05.23-14263	<b>25. NEW ITEM: PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES</b> It was agreed to advertise the vacancies with a closing date of the 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2023.	Clerk
05.23-14264	KW agreed to draft a Newsletter which would reference the Councillor vacancies. The Newsletter will be distributed to every household in the village.	KW
05.23-14265	<b>26. NEW ITEM: PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE</b> The Clerk had circulated two insurance quotes to Councillors prior to the meeting. A further quote from another company was expected in the next few days.	
05.23-14266	It was agreed to accept the quote provided by the PC's current insurance broker unless the expected quote offers the same level of cover at a lower price.	
05.23-14267	<b>27. NEW ITEM: PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL</b> The Clerk received an email from a parent about new arrangements which have been put in place for collection of children by the school mini bus and also requesting a designated parking place outside school for the mini bus. The parent thought this was at the request of the Council.	
05.23-14268	The Clerk contacted the Head Teacher who confirmed the change was instigated by the school and the school did not want to request a designated	

05.23-14269	parking space for the school mini bus. Councillors agreed this was something for the school and SMPC did not need to be involved.	
05.23-14270	<b>28. CORRESPONDENCE</b> Correspondence received by the Clerk is circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.	
05.23-14271	<b>29. PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b> Application Number - NP/DDD/0423/0398 Site address –Rock Mill Business Park, The Dale, Stoney Middleton.	
05.23-14272	There was no objection to this application.	Clerk
05.23-14273	<b>30. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</b> There was no exchange of information.	
05.23-14274	<b>31. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING</b> The next meeting will be held on 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023.	
	The meeting closed at 8.26pm.	