

STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Unadopted minutes of the virtual meeting of Stoney Middleton Parish Council held on Monday 2nd November 2020.

Present

Parish Councillors: Sue Bettney (SB) (Chair), Karen Esposito (KE), 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 18:03 with the clerk outlining protocol for holding a virtual meeting.	
11.20-12682	1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE Three members of the public.	
11.20-12683	2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE There were no apologies for absence.	
11.20-12684	3. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS There was no variation of order of business	
11.20-12685	4. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS No Councillors had notified the clerk that they needed to register a declaration in the member's interests' book	
11.20-12686	5. PUBLIC SPEAKING As the meeting was being held virtually, the Chair asked members of the public in attendance to raise any questions at the appropriate agenda item.	
11.20-12687	6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5TH OCTOBER 2020 The minutes of the last meeting held on 5 th October were agreed as a correct record. SB will sign the minutes at the next physical Parish Council Meeting.	SB
11.20-12688	7. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.	
11.20-12689	8. FLOOD ISSUES The Clerk reported that Flood Warden Dan Hodgson: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued to be in communication with Trent Rivers Trust on natural flood risk management solutions for the Stoney Middleton/Eyam area. - Had emailed DCC again on the need to restore part of the bankside of Dale Brook, first reported in February. - Had contacted Fluorsid regarding the pumping of water from Mildam mine into Moorwood Sough. 	
11.20-12690	SB and PS had tried to facilitate meetings with home and land owners in the Eaton Fold area with regard to flood risk solutions. Dan Hodson had also been	

11.20-12691	involved. Progress had been slow, further complicated by the announcement of the second Covid-19 lockdown. In the meantime, SB has ordered 100 bags for filling with sand from DCC Highways to use in Eaton Fold and other areas of the village prone to flooding. SB has also requested that DCC clear all the gullies and grids on Middleton Lane/High Street to allow the water to drain effectively.	
11.20-12692	9. ALLOTMENTS CT reported that all plots have now been taken and there is no waiting list. He will arrange for the water to be turned off.	CT
11.20-12693	The clerk reported that a number of rents were still outstanding; CT will pursue these.	CT
11.20-12694	10. BATH HOUSE & WOODS KE reported that the scrap metal from the back of the Bath House had been collected.	KE
11.20-12695	The sign asking for the stones not to be moved within the brook will be erected shortly.	
11.20-12696	Woodlands Management will be addressed at February's meeting	
11.20-12697	11. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES LF suggested the use of compost bins, rather than burning, for the detritus in the Bath House Gardens.	Clerk
11.20-12698	LF had cleared the weeds in the Nook opposite the Bath House but noticed a build-up of earth at the foot of Jacobs Ladder. SB confirmed that DCC had cleaned the area earlier in 2020 but proposals to change the surface layout to stop wash down hadn't been acted on. The clerk will contact DCC (Jason Smith) about this matter.	
11.20-12699	LF reported that DDDC had committed to not using glyphosate from 2023 and Eyam would be taking part in a pilot for alternative solutions. The clerk to enquire whether Stoney Middleton could be included in the pilot.	
11.20-12700	LF to investigate the planting of wild flowers on the verge adjacent to Avenue Close.	
11.20-12701	12. GROVE GARDENS It was RESOLVED (proposed by CH and seconded by CT) to commission Ryan Storer to carry out the repairs to Grove Gardens following his quote of £280.	Clerk
11.20-12702	It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by PS) to commission Will Brindley to brush and clean the slabs, as part of the maintenance contract, once they have been re-laid.	Clerk
11.20-12703	Peter Grafton had offered to donate £1000 to SMPC to be used for educational purposes. SMPC proposed that the village school could be funded to undertake an environmental project, perhaps producing information boards to be displayed around the parish. In addition to this another item of replacement playground equipment could be purchased. The clerk will liaise with Peter Grafton to see if this is acceptable to him.	Clerk
11.20-12704	13. PLAYGROUND Two detailed quotes had been received and it was RESOLVED (proposed by PS and seconded by KE) to commission the following replacement equipment from Sovereign: - Tow Trucker 'Royal' Springer (£957.43) - Birds Nest Swing Seat (£920.05)	Clerk

11.20-12705	- Zip Wire Pendulum Seat (£186.60) To reduce additional costs, PS will remove existing equipment.	PS
11.20-12706	It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by CH) for PS to obtain the cost of another springer which could perhaps be purchased with the donation from Peter Grafton.	PS
11.20-12707	Given that the cost of a new roundabout was over £5,000, PS, with the help of a resident, will overhaul the roundabout to maximise its performance	PS
	14 PLAYING FIELD	
11.20-12708	It was agreed to delay ordering the chain harrows until the new year.	
11.20-12709	The clerk to contact SMFC to find out if/when they intend to fix the tine spikes. If SMFC then want the Playing Fields tined, this will be discussed with Will Brindley.	Clerk
11.20-12710	It was agreed unanimously to close the playing field car park during the second Covid-19 lockdown. RT will cordon off the entrance.	RT
11.20-12711	As advised by DALC, the SMPC website will be used to publish and point residents to information about the latest lockdown.	Clerk
	15. OLD TENNIS COURT	
11.20-12712	CT reported that he had been in touch with a number of grant funding bodies to progress replacing the tennis court with a multi games area. A member of the public offered her support with the logistical side of running such a facility.	CT
11.20-12713	RT suggested that the scope of replacing the tennis court should be widened to look at how other facilities could be incorporated, for instance a skate park.	CT
	16 VILLAGE PLAN	
11.20-12714	It was agreed that due to the second lockdown, the village plan meeting on progressing the community building will be held via Zoom video conferencing. The clerk to contact all those who have already expressed an interest, and to also circulate details to the village by email, once the proposed date of Thursday 19 th November has been confirmed.	Clerk
	<u>17. CLERKS REPORT</u>	
	<i>Standing Items</i>	
	a) Jacob's Ladder	
11.20-12715	A member of the public suggested installing a Data Logger on Jacobs Ladder to ascertain its current usage. It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by LF) for the clerk to liaise with DCC on commissioning one. It was felt that this may need to be undertaken at different times of the year for comparison and trend analysis.	Clerk
	b) Village Cross and Steps	
11.20-12716	Nothing to report. The clerk is pursuing the solicitor for an update.	Clerk
	c) Highways Issues	
11.20-12717	SB will complete the pavement parking survey and forward to Councillors for their approval before the 22 November deadline.	SB
11.20-12718	SB has also spoken to PC Linda Hancock who will support any request for double yellow lines on the blind bend opposite the chip shop, However she did comment that this could cause issues elsewhere due to vehicle displacement.	
11.20-12719	SB will write to the Director of DCC Highways to express concern about the lack of engagement from officers regarding parking issues.	SB

11.20-12720	The clerk will liaise with Peter Grafton on potential initiatives to lessen the traffic impact.	Clerk
11.20-12721	SB & PS have put up poppies throughout the village.	
11.20-12722	CT will speak with residents regarding concerns raised about obstructive parking on The Avenue.	CT
11.20-12723	SB will contact a resident about trees overhanging the path along the A623.	SB
11.20-12724	The clerk will chase DDDC on removing the weeds and moss from Dale Mouth as it continues to pose a health and safety risk.	Clerk
11.20-12725	SB confirmed that DCC has agreed to reinstate the bollards on the A623 by the hairdressers.	
	d) Community Building	
11.20-12726	Covered under item 16: Village Plan	
	Ongoing and Outstanding Items	
	e) Village Maintenance	
11.20-12727	LF will temporarily place a rubbish bin by the grit bin on Mill Lane to establish whether a bin is required.	LF
	f) Bus Shelter Images	
11.20-12728	CH had circulated the final proofs which had been approved. He will now arrange for the printing.	CH
	g) Old Lime Kiln	
11.20-12729	Drone footage, organised by RT, had confirmed that the hole in the banking, reported as being potentially dangerous, is the top to the Lime Kiln.	
11.20-12730	It was agreed that this area should be fenced off for now but, in the longer term, the area could be cleared to highlight the Lime Kiln.	
11.20-12731	CH has a Lime Kiln Heritage board which may be appropriate to install.	CH
	18. CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS	
11.20-12732	It was RESOLVED (proposed by CH and seconded by SB) to purchase the village Christmas Tree from the National Trust at Longshaw Estate.	Clerk
11.20-12733	Dan Esposito has kindly agreed to put the tree up again.	
11.20-12734	CT will investigate the possibility of the tree by the waterfall being lit up. If it's an option it was RESOLVED (proposed by RT and seconded by LF) to obtain prices for commercial lighting and a cherry picker.	CT
	19. SNOW WARDEN SCHEME	
11.20-12735	The clerk confirmed that SMPC has signed up again to DCC's snow warden scheme. The necessary paperwork will be circulated for completion shortly.	Clerk
11.20-12736	It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by KE) to commission Harry White to grit the side roads of the village if required.	SB
	20. CORRESPONDENCE	
11.20-12737	Correspondence received by the Clerk was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.	
	21. PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
11.20-12738	There were no planning applications to consider.	

11.20-12739	<p>22. FINANCE Bank Statements to 15th October 2020; Current account: £ £100.00 Community Account 1: £ £5,283.78 Community Account 2: £ £10,061.52 Total <u>£ £15,445.30</u></p>																																					
11.20-12740	<p>Payments: It was RESOLVED for the Invoices below to be paid. (Proposed by CT and seconded by RT). Cheques were signed post meeting by SB and KE.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="280 488 1366 1357"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Payments</th> <th></th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>B Aldridge Clerk's salary 01.10.20 – 31.10.20 25 hours @ £13.51</td> <td>£337.35</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1781</td> <td>Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; September 2020</td> <td>£22.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Reimbursement of Costs; Stamps</td> <td>£9.12</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Reimbursement of Costs; Wix – Website Hosting</td> <td>£86.40</td> <td>£455.27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1782</td> <td>Judson Sign Bath Gardens Sign</td> <td></td> <td>£40.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1783</td> <td>The Royal British Legion</td> <td></td> <td>£50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1784</td> <td>Hydrologic Services Timeview Telemetry renewal</td> <td></td> <td>£842.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1785</td> <td>William Brindley Village Maintenance - October</td> <td></td> <td>£490.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Payments		Total		B Aldridge Clerk's salary 01.10.20 – 31.10.20 25 hours @ £13.51	£337.35		1781	Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; September 2020	£22.00			Reimbursement of Costs; Stamps	£9.12			Reimbursement of Costs; Wix – Website Hosting	£86.40	£455.27	1782	Judson Sign Bath Gardens Sign		£40.80	1783	The Royal British Legion		£50.00	1784	Hydrologic Services Timeview Telemetry renewal		£842.40	1785	William Brindley Village Maintenance - October		£490.00	Clerk
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11.20-12741	<p>23. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING The clerk to circulate information on agreeing the Budget for 2021/22 prior to the next meeting.</p>	Clerk																																				
11.20-12742	<p>24. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING; Monday 7th December; time and type of meeting to be agreed.</p>																																					
11.20-12743	The meeting closed at 20:23																																					