

STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Unadopted minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th September 2019.

Present

Parish Councillors: Sue Bettney (SB) (Chair), Karen Esposito (KE), Lawrence Flint (LF), Paul Spooner (PS), Reuben Thorpe (RT) and Chris Tsielepi (CT),

Parish Clerk & RFO: Barry Aldridge (BA)

Minute No		Action
09.19-11948	The meeting commenced at 19:00	
09.19-11949	1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE DCC Councillor Jason Atkin, DDDC Councillor Helen Froggatt, PDNPA Councillor Kath Potter, Flood Warden Dan Hodgson & 7 members of the Public.	
09.19-11950	2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Parish Councillor Colin Hall (CH) and PC Linda Hancock	
09.19-11951	3. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS There was no variation in order of business	
09.19-11952	4. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS No Councillors signed the declaration of member's interests' book	
09.19-11953	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 interest, would be invited to speak. No further contributions from the public could be made, unless the Chair invited comment, on points of clarification.	
09.19-11954	DDDC Cllr Froggatt was welcomed to her first meeting. Cllr Froggatt said she was willing and available to meet with parishioners if they had issues to discuss. Cllr Froggatt left a supply of business cards and the clerk also has her details.	
09.19-11955	Cllr Potter agreed to speak with Sue Smith PDNPA to ask for progress reports on the replacement gate to The Meadows and the damaged Coombs Dale gate.	
09.19-11956	6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st JULY 2019 The minutes of the last meeting on 1 st July 2019 were agreed as a correct record. SB signed the minutes.	
	7. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED	

09.19-11957	There were no items from the agenda which needed to be taken with the public excluded.	
09.19-11958	8. FLOOD WARDEN'S REPORT Dan Hodgson reported that dredging from under the Toll Bar Chip Shop to the Woodyard is imminent as Stoney Middleton has been pushed to the front of queue. The work will take up to two weeks and traffic management is not needed. A regular cleanse once cleared will greatly reduce the risk of flooding.	
09.19-11959	Dan was thanked again for his hard work which was significant in Dale Brook not flooding during the bad August weather.	
	9. CLERK'S REPORT <i>(Standing Items)</i>	
	(a) JACOB'S LADDER	
09.19-11960	The TRO on Jacobs Ladder came into force on 2 nd August. Despite this, the clerk had been copied into several emails from parishioners to the Police and DCC on the lack of enforcement and the ambiguity of signage and the wording of the TRO. It was thought that the volume of traffic using Jacobs Ladder had not reduced with some vehicles using various tactics to stop their registration numbers being identified.	
09.19-11961	Following a request for clarification from DCC, SB had received an email at 16:45 on the afternoon of the meeting. The email clarified that both DCC and the Police are in agreement that the TRO is legally enforceable as far as practically possible. Residents were reminded to report incidents of illegal use to the Police dialling 101. A resident reported that she had found using the website to report incidents more effective and a reference number was given which provides a useful audit trail.	
09.19-11962	Cllr Atkin agreed to write to the Chief Constable to see whether the Police would install cameras at certain points, for a short period of time, to help enforce the TRO.	
	(b) BATH HOUSE	
09.19-11963	The glass for the Bath House windows will be collected from the suppliers shortly. CH will than make arrangements for it to be installed.	CH
	(c) BATH GARDEN WOODS	
09.19-11964	Three quotes had been sought to repair the dry-stone wall forming an arch over the stream. Two had been received; one to repair and one to rebuild. As costs differed significantly between the two, it was agreed to ask each of the contractors to provide opposite quotes on repairing and rebuilding, to enable like for like costs to be compared.	Clerk
09.19-11965	Further maintenance, including the burning of twigs, brash and general detritus to be arranged with CH at the October meeting	CH
09.19-11966	The clerk to liaise with Dan Hodgson for advice on a grill/mesh to cover the water-pipe that goes under the wall to use when future work takes place to help prevent blockages.	Clerk
	(d) VILLAGE CROSS AND STEPS	
09.19-11967	The clerk to seek an update from the solicitor on the progress of transferring the Village Cross into Parish Council ownership with the Land Registry.	Clerk

	(g) HIGHWAYS ISSUES (brought forward)	
09.19-11968	SB had contacted Highways for clarification on the right of way at the High Street, Nook crossroads with the A623. She also reported the poor state of repair and lack of white lines at the High Street junction.	
09.19-11969	Thanks were extended to a member of the public for providing clarification on the situation after the last meeting.	
09.19-11970	Cllr Atkin agreed to liaise with DCC to help progress the work and offered his support for it to be completed next year if budgets did not allow for repairs this financial year.	
09.19-11971	SB informed Cllr Atkin about increasing complaints regarding Highways issues. These included ongoing parking issues around the village, particularly around the chip shop area, concerns regarding pollution, the volume and speed of traffic along the A623, the need for traffic management and a safe crossing.	
09.19-11972	SB to liaise with Calver Parish Council on the possibility of a joint initiative to reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph through and between both villages.	SB
09.19-11973	The clerk to liaise with Cllr Froggatt on the possibilities of DDDC providing equipment to monitor air pollution along the A623.	Clerk
09.19-11974	All Councillors to consider potential places for a pedestrian crossing to be sited and report back at the next meeting.	All
09.19-11975	The clerk to liaise with CREST on frequency of speed checks on the A623.	Clerk
09.19-11976	LF to contact Green Eyam on their plans to place flower and herb planters around Eyam and the planting of wildflowers.	LF
09.19-11977	PS to investigating whether trees need pollarding on Dale Mouth.	PS
	(e) ALLOTMENTS	
09.19-11978	CT reported that the working party to clear the overgrown site by the gate had been a success. Clearing the area had uncovered a large Willow tree stump which CT believed needed professionally removing. CT to provide details of what needs to be done for the clerk to obtain three quotes. This will allow for councillors to consider whether the allocation of funding was an option/priority.	CT Clerk
	(f) INSPECTION OF PLAYGROUND & AREA	
09.19-11979	PS had replaced the Toddler seat.	
09.19-11980	Playground parts have been received and PS will look to complete the maintenance of equipment shortly.	PS
09.19-11981	PS attended a Playground Inspection Training Course	
	(h) VILLAGE HALL	
09.19-11982	A joint meeting of SMPC and SMILE to take place on Tuesday 1 st October at 19:00 in the Wesleyan Reform Chapel.	
09.19-11983	SB to forward the notes of the meeting between the Parish Council and Helena Stubbs, Community Buildings Officer at Rural Action Derbyshire, to Allen Hodgkinson for circulating to SMILE members.	SB
	(Ongoing and Outstanding Items)	
	(i) MEADOW FIELDS GATE	
19.19-11984	Cllr Potter to pursue with Sue Smith, PDNPA	
	(j) MISSING SIGN AT VIEWING PLATFORM, DARLTON QUARRY	

09.19-11985	Nothing further to report. Item to be removed as an agenda item.	Clerk
	(k) PLAYING FIELD	
09.19-11986	It was RESOLVED (proposed by PS and seconded by RT) to accept the quote from Derbyshire Dales Engineering to produce the frame for the Playing Field sign.	Clerk
09.19-11987	LF to seek advice/arrange for a local Gas Safety Engineer to undertake Cat and Genny scanning at the point where the sign is to be located.	LF
09.19-11988	The clerk to pursue a quote to put through stones in the wall at the top of the playing fields.	Clerk
09.19-11989	Councillors agreed to visit the playing field on Saturday 14/09/2019 to consider options for stopping vehicles being driven onto the playing field area beyond the boundary of the car park.	All
09.19-11990	It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by KE) to accept the Peak District Challenge request to hold their 2020 event on the Playing Fields. The cost of hiring the Playing Fields for 2020 to be agreed at a later date.	Clerk
09.19-11991	Josh Bennett made a number of representations on behalf of Stoney Middleton Football Club including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Badgers and other damage to the field - Mowing - The football hut 	
09.19-11992	It was agreed that PS would badger-proof the gate from the concessionary path into the Playing Field.	PS
09.19-11993	It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by RT) to tender for additional cuts to the playing when the mowing contract is up for tender at the end of the year. Tender specifications to be agreed at the October meeting.	ALL
09.19-11994	SB said that if a new hut was found it would need to meet PDPNA approval. It was clarified that the funding for a replacement hut was not the responsibility of SMPC.	
	(l) DRAINAGE ISSUES ON LAND ADJACENT TO THE CONCESSIONARY FOOTPATH	
09.19-11995	Dan Hodgson will liaise with the contractor who has provided an informal quote for installing a storm drain to ensure he is still interested in the work and, if so, ask him to provide a quote on headed paper.	
	(m)DEFIBRILLATOR	
09.19-11996	KE has ordered the Defibrillator and will arrange for two dates before the end of the year for training to take place in the Wesleyan Reform Chapel	KE
	(n) PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE STATEMENT	
09.19-11997	CH has produced a draft Village Plan based on the information collected on Well Dressing Saturday. There had been a positive response to the event. CH to present the findings at October's meeting.	CH
	(o) VILLAGE MAINTENANCE	
09.19-11998	John Lloyd has repaired and painted the bridge in The Grove and reported that a few of the boards are deteriorating and may need replacing in a year or two.	

09.19-11999	RT & PS are still progressing the photographs for the Bus Shelters with Joy Mason.	RT/PS
09.19-12000	(p) PARISH COUNCILLOR TRAINING The clerk has booked the following on Councillor Essential Training; 30 th September at Ashover Sports Pavilion - Karen Esposito, Paul Spooner and Chris Tsielepi.	
09.19-12001	18 th November at DALC Offices Cromford - Colin Hall and Lawrence Flint	
09.19-12002	(q) DERBYSHIRE POPPY APPEAL SB has ordered 40 Poppies from John Bettney the Poppy Appeal Coordinator for Stoney Middleton. These are free but it was RESOLVED (proposed by RT and seconded by CT) to donate £150 towards the British Legion Poppy Appeal.	Clerk
09.19-12003	The clerk to notify DCC which Lampposts they will be attached to.	Clerk
09.19-12004	(r) COOMBS DALE GATE Cllr Potter to raise with Sue Smith on behalf of SMPC	
09.19-12005	(s) BOOT & SHOW MAKERS STRIKE BLUE PLAQUE The siting of the blue plaque is still under discussion. The clerk to be informed once a location has been agreed.	
09.19-12006	(t) OTHER ACTIVITY None to report.	
09.19-12007	10. NEW ITEM – CAVENDISH MILL DAMS Chris Large at British Fluorspar has confirmed the following in respect of monitoring the Dams at Cavendish Mill: - Daily monitoring with records kept - Ensuring the water level does not rise above a certain measurement agreed under dam construction - Yearly Geotechnical Reports performed by Wardell Armstrong - Weekly checks on several sough points; for example, Coombs Dale, for any water turbidity	
09.19-12008	11. NEW ITEM – HIMALAYAN BALSAM A member of the public reported that the invasive Himalayan Balsam was growing by the stream in The Meadows. Whilst the removal of this species is the responsibility of the landowner, the organisation responsible for the water course and PDNPA, it was suggested that residents could help by gently tugging the plants out by the tip when passing.	
09.19-12009	12. NEW ITEM – MAINTENANCE OF THE ARTIST'S SEAT BY THE MEADOWS John Lloyd to be asked to remove and treat the nettles around the Artist's Seat in The Nook and to reposition the seat away from the rubbish bin.	Clerk
09.19-12010	13. NEW ITEM – RECYCLING CLOTHING BIN It was agreed to add general recycling to the Village Plan. The clerk to liaise with CH.	Clerk

09.19-12011	<p>14. CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Correspondence received by the Clerk had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Actions from the correspondence included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainable Community Halls taking place on 8th November - DALC Circular 10-19; The clerk to look at adopting NALC's Financial Regs - Parish & Town Questionnaire - Snow Warden Info; The clerk to add Grit Bins to October's agenda. - CPRE Raffle information to be added to the Website 	Clerk Clerk Clerk																								
09.19-12012 09.19-12013	<p>15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>NP/DDD/0119/0047; Back Tor Cottage – Appeal Hearing scheduled for 1st October.</p> <p>NP/DDD/1218/1158; Conversion of Barn – High Street. Application has been withdrawn</p>																									
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1708	Stoney Middleton Well Dressing Committee Reimbursement to Tideswell Brass Band Well Dressing costs		£120.00
1709	DALC Playground Inspection Training		£110.00
1710	Rural Action Derbyshire Village Hall Meeting Consultancy & Correspondence		£250.80
1711	Colin Hall Reimbursement for Village Plan material costs at Well Dressing HFE Signs Push Pins	£137.82 £4.20	£142.02
1712	John Lloyd Footpath Strimming Repair & Printing of Bridge	£155.00 £70.00	£225.00
1713	WaterPlus Allotments Supply		£33.75
Bank Transfer	Derbyshire Dales District Council Recharges for Parish Council Election		£1,035.10
09.19-12016	17. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING There was no exchange of Information		
09.19-12017	18. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING; Monday 7 th October 2019 at the Wesleyan Reform Chapel.		
09.19-12018	The meeting closed at 21:55		