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Unadopted Minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council Meeting

Held on: Monday 3rd November 2025

At: The Meeting Room, Rock Mill, The Dale, Stoney Middleton

Present:

Parish Councillors: Colin Hall (CH) Chair, Sue Bettney (SB), Tim Hill (TH), Anne Flint (AF), Carol Duncan, Clerk (CD)

Minute No		Action
11-25-15346	1. WELCOME & TIME COMMENCED The meeting commenced at 19:00 – (CH) welcomed everyone present	
11-25-15347	2. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE DDDC: Cllr Simon Ripton and two residents	
11-25-15348	3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Accepted from Parish Councillors: Graham Goldspink, Harry Grafton, Richard Brisbin, RFO Barry Aldridge, Cllr Sutton, Cllr O'Brien and Cllr Potter.	
11-25-15349	4. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS Items 13) Jacob's Ladder, 15) Tree Risk Assessment 20) Bath House and Woods all brought forward to Item 6) Public Speaking.	
11-25-15350	5. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS No Councillors had notified the clerk that they needed to register a declaration in the member's interests' book.	
11-25-15351	6. PUBLIC SPEAKING Item 20) Bath House and Woods brought forward A resident enquired if there was any progress regarding any plans to develop the Bath House following on from the meeting on 01/09/25, Minute number 09-25-15282. (CH) confirmed that nothing had been received yet from the person who spoke about it and nothing else has been discussed or planned. Clerk will continue to seek a professional valuation but there are not many surveyors available for Grade 2 buildings – Bagshaws do not offer this service. Boxes will be removed soon from the front of the Bath House. Well Dressing Committee need some storage before they can remove any items (AF) confirmed that the Ash House shed at the Church is being made ready for this.	Clerk

11-25-15352	Item 13) Jacob’s Ladder brought forward Apparently, the large sign showing restricted access has been removed (not the Byway sign which has been removed separately with permission). The resident will check this and get back to the Parish Council. DCC would have to reinstall a sign if it has. There was another incident with illegal traffic this week and this was reported to the Police. (CH) said that this was a DCC and Police issue which has not been resolved and needs further action. It was decided that MP John Whitby should be involved and Cllr Ripton will contact him to see if he can get help at a higher level.	Cllr Ripton												
11-25-15353	Item 15) Tree Risk Assessment brought forward This includes Bath House Woods, Grove Gardens, Playing Field trees and Concessionary Path. The trees that the Parish Council have responsibility for are due for a check by a qualified Arborist. Clerk has several companies to follow up. The quote for a full tree inspection by PDNPA was around £600 so two more quotes are needed as a full inspection is not necessary. Clerk to get 2 quotes. A resident said that there are some saplings that are getting quite big up against the wall – these are not protected and can be felled. (CH) to ask a contact re this.	Clerk CH												
11-25-15354	It was noted that the bench on the concessionary path needs to be removed as it is dilapidated – Clerk to ask the contractor who is doing the playground painting.	Clerk												
11-25-15355	Cllr Ripton asked if there was any progress with the Affordable Housing (Item 17). (CH) updated the meeting that one site is being looked at still but no update on that has been received yet. Niki Wells is very good at communicating with SMPC.													
11-25-15356	Cllr Ripton informed the meeting about the papers that have been published on DDDC website for the meeting on 06/11/25 about Local Government reorganisation and encouraged people to view them as there are big changes ahead. Agenda for Council on Thursday, 6th November, 2025, 6.00 pm - Derbyshire Dales District Council													
11-25-15357	7. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6th OCTOBER 2025 were approved and signed by Cllr Colin Hall (CH) Chair All correspondence was circulated before the meeting.													
11-25-15358	8. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.													
11-25-15359	9. FINANCE (BA) is currently on leave and submitted the following information for the meeting. <u>Payments since last meeting in September</u> <table><tr><td>Bank Transfer</td><td>Carol Duncan</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>14/10/2025</td><td>Reimbursement of Costs</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>07 Oct 25 – Currys (New laptop and Accessories)</td><td></td><td>£487.98</td></tr></table>	Bank Transfer	Carol Duncan			14/10/2025	Reimbursement of Costs				07 Oct 25 – Currys (New laptop and Accessories)		£487.98	
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	Bank Transfer 20/10/2025	Carol Duncan Reimbursement of Costs 12 Oct 25 – Ebay (Dog Signage)		£19.99	
	Direct Debit 23/10/2025	HMRC Employee Tax		£10.08	
	Bank Transfer 29/10//2025	Carol Duncan Clerk's salary 01.10.2025 – 31.10.2025 24 hours @ £16.35 Less Tax Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; October 2025	£392.40 -£2.40 £22.00	£412.00	
	Bank Transfer 29/10/2025	Barry Aldridge RFO salary 01.10.2025 – 31.10.2025 5 hours @ £17.85		£89.25	
	The Finance Statement for November 2025 shows the budget is on target and the predicted End of Year balance as £6,223.27.				
11-25-15360	10. ALLOTMENTS There have been quite a lot of new tenancies and plots being given up generating more work for the Clerk, but it has settled down again now. There are several new tenants who have been kindly helped to be shown the plots by an allotment member. There are some outstanding tenancy rents which will be followed up.				Clerk
11-25-15361	11. WEBSITE There are now some photos ready to be put on to the website along with the links for Council services such as reporting Highways concerns – Eyam PC has this				BA
11-25-15362-	12. CONCESSIONARY FOOTPATH The post for the gate to the path needs fixing – Clerk to follow this up with contractor who has quoted for the job. The steep part of the path needs repairing and new steps put in which the Clerk will contact the Severn Trent Workforce about to see if they can do this in the Spring time				Clerk Clerk
11-25-15363	13. JACOB'S LADDER Brought forward to Item 6) Public Speaking				

11-25-15364	14. FLOOD MANAGEMENT ISSUES Highways have not got back to the Clerk or Dan Hodgson regarding Dan's proposal to apply for a Flood Grant for further works to be undertaken regarding the Eyam – Stoney Middleton linked area. Clerk to ask Cllr Sitton to contact DCC to follow this up. The Parish Council wish to thank Dan and Rob Burton for addressing the Timeview faulty flood warning gauge issue recently. Clerk to do this.	Clerk Clerk
11-25-15365	15. TREE RISK ASSESSMENT Brought forward to Item 6) Public Speaking	
11-25-15366	16. DEFIBRILLATORS We have a named person who routinely checks that the two Defibrillators in the village (Alphaweld site and near Moon Inn) are working, but the Parish Council have responsibility for checking that the pads and batteries are renewed so it was agreed that the renewal dates will be routinely noted at each meeting. G5 - opposite The Moon - replace battery 15/10/28; pads 01/05/27 CR2 - Alphaweld - replace battery 20/05/29; pads 31/05/29	
11-25-15367	17. AFFORDABLE HOUSING Discussed under Item 6) Public Speaking	
11-25-15368	18. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE Litter bin/ dog bin needed in layby - DDDC currently considers the layby to be unregistered and therefore not within their remit for routine bin emptying. Clerk has written to DDDC to request them to either: (i) Move the Litter Bin from the concessionary path near Avenue Close to the Layby (currently serviced by DDDC) (ii) Or move the Dog Waste bin (also currently serviced by DDDC) next to the Community Orchard to the Layby That way there is no additional collection of waste, just a different, and easier, location. DDDC have replied to say that they have passed this on to DCC for their comment and response. The issue seems to be the reluctance of DCC to adopt the land as their own as it is unregistered even though in 2005 DCC wrote to SMPC to say that they had accepted the layby as part of the Highway. DDDC don't service unregistered land. Clerk to follow up with DDDC contact to see what the official response is and inform the Councillors. (SB) also gave the Clerk a further letter from 1980 regarding the history of this land at the time when there was a café opposite. Clerk has put up the new dog fouling signs in the Layby and on the playing field path. Village noticeboards – have now been renovated by a local person however the key has broken on the middle one which needs further repair.	Clerk

11-25-15369	19. PLAYGROUND, PLAYING FIELD & TENNIS COURT Playground - Two main items for repair are the Cableway and the Swings. Clerk has 2 quotes for these and High-Low are the cheapest but they have not responded with an updated quote despite being chased several times. Clerk to continue to find a maintenance person to do these tasks and fit 2 new swing seats. (SB) to find a contact for Chatsworth to see who maintains their Cableway. Metal climbing frame – the paint is with the contractor doing the repairs and repainting but this has not been started yet. It is still have sectioned off until the steps that are damaged are repaired. Clerk is doing weekly inspections of the playground. (SB) also suggested that we look at an online company PSS Live to monitor the playground maintenance and inspections – Clerk to follow up. Playing Fields – (CH) and Clerk have requested for the original field entrance to be reinstated due to the access problem of moving it to the end of the car park. A chain and two posts can be installed cheaply as a temporary measure until the Village Hall works begin. Clerk to ensure that this is all completed soon.	Clerk (SB) Clerk Clerk
11-25-15370	20. BATH HOUSE & WOODS Brought forward to Item 6) Public Speaking	
11-25-15371	21. SMILE Nothing to report	
11-25-15372	22. HIGHWAY ISSUES An email was received from a resident who has observed that the electronic Speed Sign on the main road does not trigger when the 30-mph speed limit is exceeded. Clerk to reply to the resident and refer this to DCC Highways to check the Sign and recalibrate it. Community Speed watch to be looked at in the Spring by the Highways subcommittee.	Clerk
11-25-15373	23. CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence circulated ahead of the meeting.	
11-25-15374	24. CHRISTMAS TREE (SB) asked the owner of the former corner butchers shop if the Christmas Tree can use the electric from the building which was kindly agreed by the owner. (SB) to order a bigger tree this year – 11-12 foot. Proposed by (SB), seconded by (AF). A best value supplier is known.	
11-25-15375	25. INSURANCE: bus stop valuations The two brick-built bus stops have to be insured under Buildings and not Street Furniture where they currently are listed (valued at £47,000 each). The valuation seems very high and the Clerk has been trying to get a comparison with other village bus stops such as Calver and Ashford in the Water. Clerk to continue to try to get a better estimate and then inform Clear Insurance with the right valuations.	

11-25-15376	26. CLERK'S REPORT All items have been covered. .	
10-25-15377	27. POLICY UPDATES Four are now completed: Media, Data Protection. Asset Register and Standing Orders. Clerk to email the updated policies to (BA) to upload onto the website.	Clerk
10-25-15378	28. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING No items	
10-25-15379	29. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING Monday December 1 st at 7pm	
10-25-15380	30. CLOSE OF MEETING AT: The meeting closed at 21:00	