

STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Unadopted minutes of the virtual meeting of Stoney Middleton Parish Council held on Monday 6th July 2020.

Present

Parish Councillors: Sue Bettney (SB) (Chair), Colin Hall (CH), Lawrence Flint (LF), Paul Spooner (PS), Reuben Thorpe (RT) and Chris Tsielepi (CT)

Parish Clerk & RFO: Barry Aldridge (BA)

Minute No		Action
	The meeting commenced at 18:00 with the clerk outlining protocol for holding a virtual meeting.	
07.20-12486	1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE One member of the Public.	
07.20-12487	2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Parish Councillor Karen Esposito (KE),	
07.20-12488	3. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS SB explained that a 2-hour time limit had been set for the meeting but, due to the number of agenda items, proposed a second meeting later in the month, if necessary, to conclude business.	
07.20-12489	It was agreed to bring forward the following items to be discussed as a priority: <i>10. Parking around the Toll Bar</i> <i>11. Parking on A623 Eyam Dale to Housley</i> <i>12. SMFC and Playing Field Maintenance</i> <i>9a. Jacob's Ladder</i> <i>9f. Inspection of Playground & Area</i> <i>9i. Playing Fields</i> <i>20. Planning Applications</i>	
07.20-12490	4. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS No Councillors had notified the clerk that they needed to register a declaration in the member's interests' book	
07.20-12491	5. PUBLIC SPEAKING As the meeting was being held virtually, the Chair asked all members of the public attending, to raise any questions at the appropriate agenda item.	
07.20-12492	6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1ST JUNE 2020 The minutes of the last meeting held on 1 st June was agreed as a correct record. SB will sign the minutes at the next physical Parish Council Meeting.	SB

07.20-12493	7. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED There were no items from the agenda which needed to be taken with the public excluded.	
07.20-12494	10. NEW ITEM; PARKING AROUND THE TOLL BAR (brought forward) Both SB and the clerk had received a number of complaints and concerns from parishioners regarding inconsiderate and at times dangerous parking, including obstructions to both the pavement and highway, whilst the Toll Bar Chip shop was open for business. There had also been reports of anti-social behaviour linked to the same issue. A number of factors contributing to these issue and potential solutions were discussed.	
07.20-12495	It was agreed to: - Write to Dr Grafton, the Chip Shop owner, to outline the council's concerns and seek his support to address the issues that had been raised - Arrange a site meeting with councillors, representatives from DCC Highways and the Police and Dr Grafton, preferably during chip shop opening hours, to consider possible solutions to the issues.	Clerk Clerk LF
07.20-12496	SB reported that three ' <i>No Parking, Keep Clear</i> ' signs had been ordered for The Bank and LF will arrange for them to be erected once received.	
07.20-12497	11. NEW ITEM; A623 EYAM DALE TO HOUSLEY (brought forward) A Parishioner had reported dangerous parking along the A623 between Eyam Dale and Housley, at weekends, with vehicles parking on both sides of Middleton Dale regardless of the double white lines down the middle of the road. The Police had also been informed and, when contacted by the clerk, confirmed that they would monitor the situation and address any dangerous parking issues.	
07.20-12498	It was felt that the vehicles belonged to climbers visiting Horseshoe Quarry owned by the BMC. SB will write to the BMC to advise them of the growing situation and ask them to explore parking solutions within the Horseshoe site.	SB
07.20-12499	12. NEW ITEM; SMFC AND PLAYING FIELD MAINTENANCE (brought forward) The clerk outlined discussions between himself and Stoney Middleton Football Club on the maintenance of the playing field. The clerk had also spoken to Will Brindley, the new maintenance contractor, who had also been contacted by the football club.	
07.20-12500	It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by PS) for Will Brindley to treat the playing fields with weed-killer at a cost of between £200 and £500 depending on the level of treatment needed. The clerk to enquire what type for weed-killer would be used.	Clerk
07.20-12501	It was agreed that Will Brindley should be the only person doing mowing and maintenance of the playing field, including any works required by the football club. Any costs associated with such work will be reflected in a pitch rental fee on a match by match or seasonal basis.	Clerk
07.20-12502	It was also agreed that a site visit should be arranged between councillors, representatives of the football club and Will Brindley to determine a maintenance plan and manage expectations.	Clerk
07.20-12503	9a. JACOB'S LADDER (brought forward) Following correspondence from Parishioners regarding ongoing and illegal use of Jacob's Ladder by 4x4's, quad and motorbikes, SB will write to both Derbyshire	

	County Council and the Police about the need for consistent and effective enforcement of the TRO.	SB
07.20-12504	9f. INSPECTION OF PLAYGROUND & AREA (brought forward) Following Government guidance on the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions, councillors agreed during June to re-open the playground on 4 th July.	
07.20-12505	It was RESOLVED by email prior to the opening date (Proposed by SB, seconded by CT and supported by PS) to purchase 2 vinyl banners at £30 each outlining use of the playground under current COVID-19 guidelines.	SB
07.20-12506	It was also RESOLVED by email prior to the playground opening (Proposed by SB, seconded by KE and supported by PS, CT & CH) to engage a local contractor to jet wash all playground equipment at a cost £100.	SB
07.20-12507	Thanks were expressed to RT for undertaking a risk assessment of the playground environment with SB, taking into account the recent health and safety playground inspection report.	
07.20-12508	Thanks were also expressed to CT for cutting back tree branches to improve visibility of the playground from the seat by the Coombs Dale fence.	
07.20-12509	It was RESOLVED (Proposed by LF and seconded by CH) for SB to price up and seek grant funding for equipment to replace the tyre swing and four seat rocker. PS agreed to tighten up all nuts and bolts identified as needing attention in the playground inspection report.	SB
07.20-12510	It was agreed to address repainting of the playground equipment next Spring.	PS
07.20-12511	9i. PLAYING FIELDS (brought forward) Allen Hodgkinson had agreed to install the Defibrillator onto the football hut	
07.20-12512	It was RESOLVED (Proposed by SB and seconded by CT) to pay Derbyshire Dales Engineering approximately £60 to cut and fit a metal plate onto the metal leg of the football hut to enable Allen Hodgkinson to wire it into the electricity supply.	SB
07.20-12513	PS agreed to strim the weeds along the playing field roadside wall.	PS
07.20-12514	20. PLANNING APPLICATIONS (brought forward) NP/DDD/0520/0456; The Lost Brook Cottage. Councillors had no objections to the planning application and suggested that DCC Highways should undertake a site visit to advise the applicant of a scheme that they could approve	Clerk
07.20-12515	8. FLOOD WARDEN'S REPORT In Dan Hodgson's absence, the clerk reported that the EA had finished dredging Dale Brook. They had cleared a 92-metre stretch (mainly underground) and extracted between 120 and 150 tons of silt and rubble over a 7-week period. Dan formally thanked the EA on behalf of the Flood Group.	
07.20-12516	With regards Moorwood Sough and The Nook, Dan had written to DCC proposing hinged manhole covers to allow water to rise and fall, without blowing lids and exposing a dangerous 2.6-meter drop into fast flowing water.	
07.20-12517	LF will liaise with the residents of Rock Cottage to ask for permission for Derbyshire Cave Rescue to have access to the shaft in their garden into Moorwood Sough during the mapping exercise.	LF

07.20-12518	SB reported that a local contractor had completed digging out the trench in the field behind Meadow Close to further alleviate the flood risk to that area. This work was paid for by DDDC.	
07.20-12519	Another local contractor had completed the construction of a sump/land drain on the concessionary footpath. DCC had agreed to contribute half of the £2,800 cost.	
07.20-12520	It was RESOLVED (proposed by CT and seconded by LF) to donate £50 to the Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation (DCRO) for their work in Moorwood Sough.	Clerk
	9 CLERK'S REPORT <i>(Standing Items)</i>	
	(b) BATH HOUSE	
07.20-12521	LF will clean the debris from the bottom of the bath caused by removal of the metal grid.	LF
	BATH GARDEN WOODS	
07.20-12522	Following approval from PDNPA, the 4 dangerous/diseased trees had been felled and removed.	
07.20-12523	SB reported that the PDNPA would be happy for any Ash saplings to be cut down using hand tools.	
07.20-12524	SB also reported that the PDNPA offer a woodland management service, similar to the one offered by Chatsworth. It was agreed consider a woodland management plan at the September meeting.	Clerk
	(c) VILLAGE CROSS AND STEPS	
07.20-12525	Nothing to report	
	(d) ALLOTMENTS	
07.20-12526	The clerk reported that the waiting list for an allotment now stands at 9. The first two are Stoney Middleton residents.	
	(g) HIGHWAYS ISSUES	
07.20-12527	The drains at the top of High Street have now been cleared	
07.20-12528	Following an email from a parishioner regarding speeding through the village, DCC's Highways Hub has been asked to cut back vegetation around the 30mph sign and re-paint the 'slow' sign on the road before The Moon Inn.	
07.20-12529	The report on limiting the speed on the A623 will be circulated to Councillors once further information has been received from CREST. This will then go to Calver PC for their comment.	SB
	(h) COMMUNITY BUILDING	
07.20-12530	SMILE had produced and provided a fully costed build price for the community building. A revised business plan is needed to enable further discussion.	
07.20-12531	SB reported that Tideswell Sports Association had obtained funding from a quarry grant scheme towards refurbishment of tennis courts. The clerk will ask Will Brindley how this funding stream is accessed.	Clerk
07.20-12532	CH and the clerk will engage with residents who had expressed an interest in the community building design at the Village Plan consultation event and also liaise with SMILE to encourage progression.	CH / Clerk

(Ongoing and Outstanding Items)

07.20-12533	(j) DRAINAGE ISSUES ON LAND ADJACENT TO THE CONCESSIONARY FOOTPATH This was discussed under item 8; <i>Flood Warden's Report</i> .																															
07.20-12534	(k) PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE PLAN CH to identify lists of residents who had expressed an interest in being involved with particular village plan initiatives. Emails will then be circulated to residents in the identified groups to confirm their interest and identify leads to drive the initiatives forward, with support from the parish council.	CH / Clerk																														
07.20-12535	(o) MOORWOOD SOUGH This was discussed under item 8; Flood Warden's Report.																															
07.20-12536	19. CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence received by the Clerk was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.																															
07.20-12537	21. FINANCE Bank Statements to 15 th June 2020; Current account: £ £100.00 Community Account 1: £ £10,380.84 Community Account 2: £ £10,061.17 Total <u>£ £20,542.01</u>																															
07.20-12538	Payments: It was RESOLVED for the Invoices below to be paid. (Proposed by LF and seconded by CT). Cheques were pre-signed by SB and KE. <table border="1" data-bbox="279 1205 1342 1966"><thead><tr><th></th><th>Payments</th><th></th><th>Total</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td rowspan="3">1762</td><td>B Aldridge Clerk's salary 01.05.20 – 31.05.20 25 hours @ £13.15</td><td>£394.50</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; February 2020</td><td>£22.00</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>123 Reg; Website Hosting. Reimbursement of Payment</td><td>£14.39</td><td>£430.89</td></tr><tr><td>1763</td><td>John Ball Storm Dain Re-build</td><td></td><td>£2,800.00</td></tr><tr><td>1764</td><td>John Lloyd Footpath Strimming</td><td></td><td>£30.00</td></tr><tr><td>1765</td><td>Water Plus Allotments Water Supply</td><td></td><td>£58.51</td></tr><tr><td>1766</td><td>William Brindley Village Grounds Maintenance</td><td></td><td>£380.00</td></tr></tbody></table>		Payments		Total	1762	B Aldridge Clerk's salary 01.05.20 – 31.05.20 25 hours @ £13.15	£394.50		Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; February 2020	£22.00		123 Reg; Website Hosting. Reimbursement of Payment	£14.39	£430.89	1763	John Ball Storm Dain Re-build		£2,800.00	1764	John Lloyd Footpath Strimming		£30.00	1765	Water Plus Allotments Water Supply		£58.51	1766	William Brindley Village Grounds Maintenance		£380.00	
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	1767	Judson Signs 3 Village No Parking Signs		£93.60	
07.20-12539	The actual invoice cost for the replacement Playground Fence from Derbyshire Dales Engineering was £354 and not £342 as reported in June's minutes.				
06.20-12540	20. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING; Monday 20 th July 2020 at 19:00 which will be a continuation of the meeting of 6 th July to discuss items not covered during this meeting. It will be a virtual meeting using Zoom video conference software				
	The meeting closed at 20:03				