

STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Paula Wilde

email: smpc.clerk@outlook.com

Tel: 07752101174

website: www.stoneymiddletonparishcouncil.org.uk

Unadopted Minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council Meeting

Held on: 2 December 2024.

Present:

Parish Councillors: Colin Hall (CH) (Chair) Sue Bettney (SB) Richard Brisbin (RB) Paula Wilde (PW) (Clerk)

Minute No	Item	Minute	Action
12.24-15026	1	WELCOME TIME COMMENCED: 7.06pm	
12.24-15027	2	SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE: DDDC Cllr P O'Brien & DCC Cllr S Hobson.	
12.24-15028	3	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: SMPC RFO B Aldridge, DDDC Cllr S Ripton, PDNPA Cllr K Potter, SMPC Cllr H Grafton, SMPC Cllr T Hill, SMPC Cllr M Hodgson	
12.24-15029	4	VARIATION OF BUSINESS: Items 16 & 21 were brought forward for discussion.	
12.24-15030	5	DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: No declaration of interest was made.	
12.24-15031	6	CORRESPONDENCE: All Correspondence was circulated before the meeting.	
12.24-15032	7	PUBLIC SPEAKING: Cllr O'Brien asked about the progress of the affordable housing scheme for the village, (CH) informed him that it was progressing positively. A walkabout is scheduled for January 14, 2025, with the Peak District Rural Housing Association and Peak Park Planners along with SMPC Councillors to explore potential sites.	
12.24-15033		(SB) asked Councillor O'Brien how local people would access ongoing discounts for local affordable housing if it was for sale and not rent. He explained that this would be done via Local Authority Section 106 agreements and first-time buyer incentives.	
12.24-15034		Cllr O'Brien also asked about the meeting with Highways.	

12.24-15035		<p>(CH) advised that a lengthy meeting had taken place on 6th November 2024 with DCC Cllrs C Cupit and S Hobson, DCC Highways Officer Steve Alcock (SA) and SMPC Cllrs C Hall, S Bettney & M Hodgson.</p> <p>Jacobs Ladder was discussed, including the need for improved signage, particularly the removal of the misleading Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) marker and the possibility of installing CCTV and horse-friendly barriers.</p>	
12.24-15036		<p>The Clerk advised that Highways had since emailed to say that a barrier was not legally possible but the BOAT marker could be removed if the Parish Council agreed to it. Parish Councillors agreed collectively that they would like the BOAT marker removed.</p>	
12.24-15037		<p>Clerk to chase, and inform PC Shaun Jakins of ongoing issues regarding Jacob's Ladder and enquire about available funding. Cllr Hobson will contact Highways to chase.</p>	Clerk
12.24-15038		<p>(CH) informed Cllr O'Brien that other issues discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing speed limits throughout the village including a 20 MPG zone • The need for safe crossing points • The possibility of speed cameras • Funding for a Speed Indicator Device for The Avenue • DCC's refusal to re-paint white lines • The need for a link Highways Officer to say what can be done not what can't be done 	
12.24-15039		<p>It was disappointing that (SA) held the line that a crossing point in the centre of the village was not possible and speed cameras could not be justified.</p> <p>However, he had agreed to look into extending the 40MPH speed limit beyond Rock Mill and the use of road markings and signage to reduce the speed of vehicles. He also agreed to reconsider re-painting white lines after the Trinkey Lane flood works.</p>	Clerk
12.24-15040		<p>Cllr O'Brien suggested that SMPC should contact Design:Midlands, an independent, impartial charity that provides design support for local authorities. He said he would pass on their contact details to the Clerk.</p>	
12.24-15041		<p>The Clerk to contact Highways to try and obtain a contact officer to work with Parish Council to progress these matters.</p>	
12.24-15042	8	<p>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON: 2024 were approved and signed by Cllr Colin Hall (CH)</p> <p>**Amendment to SMPC minutes of the meeting of the 4th of November. Minute no 11. 24-14993 was incorrectly recorded. The statement made to the meeting was that Derbyshire Wildlife Trust had sent out a leaflet for public consultation in the form of a public opinion survey. One item in the leaflet</p>	

		advocated the release of BEEVERS (not BEES) into the area as a wildlife reintroduction and flood protection measure.																									
12.24-15043	9	AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED: There were no items discussed with the public excluded.																									
12.24-15044	10	<p>FINANCE:</p> <p>December 2024 Financial Payments</p> <p><u>Payments since last meeting in November 2024</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Bank Transfer 05/11/2024</td> <td>Premier Play Solutions Supply and Installation of Playground Equipment</td> <td></td> <td>£17,368.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Transfer 26/11/2024</td> <td>Sue Bettney Reimbursement of Costs 15th November 2024 – HR Skip Hire – For Allotments</td> <td></td> <td>£370.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Transfer 01/12/2024</td> <td>Paula Wilde Clerk's salary 01.11.2024 – 30.11.2024 25 hours @ £15.84</td> <td>£396.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; October 2024</td> <td>£22.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£1.99</td> <td>£419.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Reimbursement of Costs 25th October - MS365 Upgrade</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Bank Transfer 05/11/2024	Premier Play Solutions Supply and Installation of Playground Equipment		£17,368.80	Bank Transfer 26/11/2024	Sue Bettney Reimbursement of Costs 15 th November 2024 – HR Skip Hire – For Allotments		£370.00	Bank Transfer 01/12/2024	Paula Wilde Clerk's salary 01.11.2024 – 30.11.2024 25 hours @ £15.84	£396.00			Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; October 2024	£22.00				£1.99	£419.99		Reimbursement of Costs 25 th October - MS365 Upgrade			
Bank Transfer 05/11/2024	Premier Play Solutions Supply and Installation of Playground Equipment		£17,368.80																								
Bank Transfer 26/11/2024	Sue Bettney Reimbursement of Costs 15 th November 2024 – HR Skip Hire – For Allotments		£370.00																								
Bank Transfer 01/12/2024	Paula Wilde Clerk's salary 01.11.2024 – 30.11.2024 25 hours @ £15.84	£396.00																									
	Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; October 2024	£22.00																									
		£1.99	£419.99																								
	Reimbursement of Costs 25 th October - MS365 Upgrade																										

		Bank Transfer 02/12/2024	Harry White Village Gritting		£144.00	
		Bank Transfer 02/12/2024	Will Brindley Village Grounds Maintenance – August, September, October & December 2024		£1,825.00	
12.24-15045	11	NEW ITEM: Budget & Precept 2023/2024 This item was postponed until the next Parish Council Meeting on 3rd February 2025.				
12.24-15046	12	NEW ITEM: Resolution to confer powers on the Chairperson to action urgent matters during winter recess. It was RESOLVED that the Chairperson is granted the authority to act on urgent matters during the winter recess. Proposed by (SB) Sue Bettney and Seconded by (RB) Richard Brisbin.				
12.24-15047	13	NEW ITEM: Resolution to confer powers on the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer to deal with urgent financial matters during the winter recess. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer be granted authority to act on urgent financial matters during the winter recess. Proposed by (SB) Sue Bettney & Seconded by (RB) Richard Brisbin.				
12.24-15048	14	FLOOD MANAGEMENT ISSUES: MOORWOOD SOUGH: High Peak Geotechnical Ltd undertook a survey of the lower section of the sough on the 8th of November 2024 which has been funded by DCC. Clerk to contact High Peak Geotechnical Ltd to ask for a quote for the recommended remedial works.				Clerk
12.24-15049		TRINKEY LANE/MEADOW CLOSE The Parish Council has been made aware that a new engineer has been appointed to the scheme and it is hoped works will begin as soon as possible.				
12.24-15050		GRANT FUNDING UPDATE: Nothing to report.				
12.24-15051	15	CAVENDISH MILL: (SB) reported that works have commenced to remove the plant at Cavendish Mill. Clerk to arrange a meeting with the Peak Park Minerals Planner and a representative from the Environmental Agency to seek assurance regarding the management of the tailings dams and the type of business to be carried out on the site.				Clerk

12.24-15052	16	AFFORDABLE HOUSING: This item was discussed in item 7.	
12.24-15053	17	BATH HOUSE & WOODS The works on the trees in the Bath House Gardens and Woods are set to commence soon, pending a suitable gap in the weather.	
12.24-15054	18	PLAYGROUND, PLAYING FIELD & TENNIS COURT Refurbishment Update: The Cantilever swing is being refurbished. (MH) has the paint but will wait until Spring to re-paint the play equipment.	Clerk
12.24-15055		Vandalised Plastic Bench: The Clerk reported that the Council's Insurance Policy does cover the replacement of the vandalised bench, however there is a £250 excess to pay in the event of a claim. Cllrs to look into the possibility of a repair instead to save costs.	
12.24-15056		There has been a spate of vandalism in the village - damage to trees, removal of a bus shelter heritage board and a litter bin fire. The Clerk to send an email to the village advising of recent events.	
12.24-15057	19	HOPE VALLEY TRAVEL PLAN Nothing to report.	
12.24-15058	20	DEFIBRILLATORS The pads for the Alphaweld defib are showing as needing replacing in January. (SB) will check the status of the pads and order replacements from the Defib Store in Tideswell. (RB) noted that some of the defibrillator signs were worn and need replacing.	
12.24-15059	21	HIGHWAY ISSUES: This item was discussed in item 7.	
12.24-15060 12.24-15061	22	GROVE GARDEN Tree Above Bus Stop Opposite Toll Bar Still awaiting DCC to respond. Thanks to (HG) for jet washing the paths and steps after a contractor slipped on them. (HG) will continue to jet wash in the gardens when needed	SB
12.24-15062		Concessionary Path SB has spoken to the agent for Denman Estates regarding the flooding of the Concessionary Path. He has requested more details to understand the situation before contacting trustees. (SB) will email him with further details.	

12.24-15063		Bus Shelters The Parish Council wishes to thank Bendle for his assistance in clearing leaves from the bus shelter nearest the allotments; it was greatly appreciated.	
12.24-15064	23	NEW ITEM: VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE It was RESOLVED . Proposed by (CH) and seconded by (RB) that the Christmas tree and lights be purchased at a total cost of £100.99.	
12.24-15065	24	NEW ITEM: Parish Council Website: A local business had asked why they were not advertised on the Parish Council website. This has highlighted the need for the website to be updated and all local businesses given the opportunity to advertise on the platform. Clerk to invite adverts via local social media.	Clerk
12.24-15066	25	PLANNING APPLICATIONS NP/DDD/1024/1101 TOLL BAR FISH & CHIP SHOP The Parish Council has no objection to this application. NP/DDD/1124/1211 NOOK HOUSE FARM The Parish Council has no objections to this application.	
12.24-15067 12.24-15068 12.24-15069	26	PARISH COUNCIL – RAISING FUNDS Trek 26 – has hired the playing field for August 9 th 2025 Action Challenge – has hired the playing field for 27/28 June 2025 Car Boot Sales - nothing to report.	
12.24-15070 12.24-15071	27	CLERKS REPORT a) Parish Councillor Vacancy An advert has been put on Facebook b) Clerk Vacancy There has been one applicant for the post	
12.24-15072	28	EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING Nothing to report.	
12.24-15073	29	CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING Monday 3 th February 2025	
12.24-15074	30	CLOSE OF MEETING AT: 8.40PM	

