

STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Unadopted minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council meeting held on 3rd April 2023.

Present

Parish Councillors: Angie Cottle (AC) Chair, Sue Bettney (SB), Lawrence Flint (LF), Colin Hall (CH) and Karen Wood (KW).

Parish Clerk Anne Flint (AF) and Responsible Finance Officer Barry Aldridge (BA)

Minute No		Action
	<p>WELCOME The meeting commenced at 18.45.</p>	
04.23-14145	<p>1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE PDNPA Councillor Kath Potter and two members of the public.</p>	
04.23-14146	<p>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE DCC Councillor Susan Hobson, Parish Councillor Paul Spooner, Parish Councillor Martina Hodgson and PC Anthony Boswell who reported that between the 6th March and 1st April 2023, there had been one report of vehicle crime, where a vehicle was entered.</p>	
04.23-14147	<p>3. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS It was agreed to bring Item 22 forward for discussion after Item 8.</p>	
04.23-14148	<p>4. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS No Councillors had notified the Clerk that they needed to register a declaration of interest in the member's interests' book.</p>	
04.23-14149	<p>5. PUBLIC SPEAKING The Chair reminded those assembled that members of the public could voice their views, which were warmly welcomed, 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.</p>	
04.23-14150	<p>PDNPA Councillor Kath Potter reported that the March planning meeting had approved an application for an affordable home outside the conservation area, on the edge of the village of Tissington. Councillor Potter will continue to campaigns for affordable housing within the Peak District.</p>	
04.23-14151	<p>Resident reported difficulties experienced when pushing a wheelchair along the A623 pavement from Royal Oak Mews to the High Street due to debris on the pavement. The Clerk to report the issue to DCC and DDDC. Councillors also asked the resident to report the problem.</p>	Clerk

04.23-14152	6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 6th MARCH 2023 The minutes of the meeting on 6 th March 2023 were agreed as a correct record. AC signed the minutes.			AC																																								
04.23-14153	7. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.																																											
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04.23-14155	<p>22. NEW ITEM: CONFIRM PARISH COUNCIL RENEWALS OF CONTRACTS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2023-24.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED (proposed AC and seconded SB) for the following annual, quarterly and monthly payments/subscriptions/renewals to be paid, as and when required for 2023-24 provided the best value for money is sought prior to each renewal:</p> <p>123Reg – Website Domain Renewal Arthur J Gallagher Insurance Brokers Ltd – Parish Council Insurance Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) - Membership Renewal Clerks Salary (jnc Expenses and Stationery & Office Supplies) – up to (25) hours per month, depending on workload. DALC - Membership Renewal Incl Group 1 Training DALC – Clerk and Councillor Training not included in Group 1 Training Guardian Angel PC Support – Antivirus Software Renewal Hopkinson Waste Management Limited – Skip for Allotments Hydrologic Services – Renewal & Maintenance of Dale Brook Telemetry Sensor National Trust – Christmas Tree Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) – Annual / Rolling 15-month Tree Survey for Bath Garden Woods Peak Park Parishes Forum – Membership Renewal St Martins Church / Wesleyan Reform Chapel – For Parish Council Meetings Playsafety Limited – Play Area Inspection Responsible Financial Officer Salary (RFO) – up to (10) hours per month, depending on workload. Tideswell Brass Band – Well Dressing Concert Harry R White Plant Hire– Gritting of Village Streets W Brindley Grounds Maintenance – Village Maintenance Contractor as contracted WaterPlus – Water supply for Allotments Wix – Website Hosting Renewal</p>													

04.23-14156	9. FLOOD ISSUES The Clerk reported a storm drain on The Nook had been broken during work carried out by Severn Trent to connect Middleton Cottages to mains water. The Flood Warden Dan Hodgson has reported it to Severn Trent and DCC.	
04.23-14157	The Clerk to contact DCC Jason Smith to ask if he is aware of this issue.	Clerk
04.23-14158	10. ALLOTMENTS/COMMUNITY ORCHARD The Clerk has received a request from the Allotment Management Group to consider changing the rules to allow bonfires at certain times of the year.	
04.23-14159	Councillors considered the proposal and the unanimous decision was to keep the current rule not to allow bonfires. Rule 3t not to allow bonfires was put into Agreements following complaints from the residents living on Trinkey Lane. Councillors' preference is for allotment holders to compost as much of their waste as they can and where this is not possible to take it to the local recycling centre. The Clerk to inform the Allotment Management Group.	Clerk
04.23-14160	The Allotment Management Group has requested guidance on how decisions to erect buildings/structures should be made following request to put up a greenhouse.	
04.23-14161	Councillors requested for no tall structures to be erected on the site. The reasons for this are - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any tall structure could cast shade onto neighbouring plots • Possibility of thefts if tall structures are visible from the road and associated insurance implications • There is a danger if multiple tall structures were erected the site may start to look unsightly • The type of structures which can be erected are lower ones such as cold frames, storage boxes around 1m in height from the ground. The Clerk to inform the Allotment Management Group.	Clerk
04.23-14162	11. BATH HOUSE WOOD The Clerk reported the roofing contractor had not completed the work on the Bath House roof due to bad weather. The Clerk to contact the roofing contractor for a completion date.	Clerk
04.23-14163	12. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES Nothing to report.	
04.23-14164	13. GROVE GARDENS Nothing to report.	
04.23-14165	14. PLAYGROUND The Clerk reported the application for a grant from DCC to fund playground improvements and install adult fitness equipment was unsuccessful. It was agreed to apply for other grant funding after the May election.	
04.23-14166	SB will arrange with PS to visit the playground to assess what repairs are required in advance of the RoSPA inspection in May.	SB
04.23-14167	15. PLAYING FIELDS The Clerk reported the football club had a match on 1st April, and two days prior to the game they requested for the grass to be cut. The Clerk contacted the PC maintenance contractor who advised the field was too wet to cut. The football club have one more match to play in April before end of season.	
04.23-14168	The Clerk reported the football club still need to pay the hire fee for the game played on the 1 st April.	
04.23-14169	The Clerk to contact the football club for payment prior to the game at the end of April.	Clerk

04.23-14170	It was agreed KW would draft a letter to be sent to the football club once this season ends.	KW
04.23-14171	16. OLD TENNIS COURT Nothing to report	
04.23-14172	17. VILLAGE PLAN The Clerk is waiting for a response from Midlands Rural Housing Development regarding a discussion about affordable homes.	
	18. CLERK'S REPORT <i>(Standing Items)</i>	
	(a) Jacob's Ladder	
04.23-14173	The Clerk has received a letter from Peak Trail Riders regarding a proposal to allow the use of Jacobs Ladder by motorbikes at certain times.	
04.23-14174	The Clerk to write to Peak Trail Riders and advise that the Parish Council cannot support this proposal.	
04.23-14175	The Clerk to forward the content of email to PC Boswell for information.	
	(b) Highways Issues	
04.23-14176	The Clerk has received a complaint from a resident regarding excessive litter along the A623 from Rock Mill to Housley. This has been reported it to DDDC.	
04.23-14177	AC will also write to the BMC to ask them to remind their members to dispose of litter responsibly or to take it home.	
04.23-14178	The resident also reported dog fouling on Eaton Fold which the Clerk had also reported to DDDC. The Clerk also added a reminder to pick up after your dog in the Keep Britain Tidy Spring Clean communication.	
	(c) Village Maintenance	
04.23-14179	The Clerk has received a quote of £3552.60 for replacing the stock fencing along the concessionary path and is meeting with another contractor on Wednesday.	
04.23-14180	SB will ask the tenant farmer when stock will be put in the field next to the concessionary path and if an electric fence could be installed until the fencing is replaced.	SB
04.23-14181	KW will look into agricultural grants.	KW
	(d) Defibrillator	
04.23-14182	Nothing to report.	
	(e) Community Resilience	
04.23-14183	Nothing to report.	
	(f) Compliance with General Data Protection Act	
04.23-14184	LF suggested each Councillor should have a dedicated Parish Council email address which is set up and allocated by the Clerk.	
	(g) Speed restriction report/petition	
04.23-14185	Deferred until after the May election.	
	(h) Community Speed Watch	
04.23-14186	The Clerk reported the speed watch gun and signs have been purchased. The Clerk to send the invoices to Calver PC and ask if they have a suitable storage space which can be accessed by both Speed Watch Groups.	Clerk
	(i) Kings Coronation	
04.23-14187	The Clerk reported a number of residents had come forward offering help.	
04.23-14188	The Clerk has applied for a road closure from Jacobs Ladder to Old Hall Gardens on the Nook.	
04.23-14189	The Clerk reported that Councillor Hobson has agreed to support the event with funding from DCC Member's Community Leadership Scheme. The Clerk to	Clerk

	formally apply funding of £200 from the scheme.	
04.23-14190	19. NEW ITEM: REQUEST TO USE THE PLAYING FIELD TO HOLD THE FELL RACE ON 27TH AUGUST 2023. Councillors agreed the request.	
04.23-14191	20. NEW ITEM: BASLOW & BUBNELL PC REQUEST TO DCC TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A 20MPH RURAL TRIAL Councillors discussed the pros and cons of joining the request for a rural trial and decided SMPC would not at this time join Baslow & Bubnell PC in their request to be considered for a rural trial. It was felt this could complicate the action SMPC are already pursuing with Calver PC and Froggatt Community Speed Watch Group.	Clerk
04.23-14192	The Clerk to send a letter drafted by SB, to DCC Councillor Kewal Singh Athwal, Cabinet Member for Highways Assets and Transport asking for a meeting to discuss the issues villagers experience due to the heavy traffic flow through the village.	Clerk
04.23-14293	21. NEW ITEM: INSURANCE COVER AND RENEWAL The Clerk has received a pre renewal questionnaire from the insurance company to provide details of cover required. To insure the Village Cross a valuation for insurance cover is required. The Clerk has contacted a couple of companies to ask how much they will charge to provide a valuation.	
04.23-14194	The Clerk will also contact Peak District National Park Authority to ask if they can provide a valuation.	Clerk
04.23-14195	22. NEW ITEM: CONFIRM PARISH COUNCIL RENEWALS OF CONTRACTS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2023-24. This item was discussed after item 8.	
04.23-14196	23. CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence received by the Clerk is circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.	
04.23-14197	24. PLANNING APPLICATIONS Application Number - NP/DDD/0323/0229 - Site address –Janesway, Eaton Fold, Stoney Middleton.	
04.23-14198	It was agreed to support this application and provide the following comment - Stoney Middleton Parish Council supports this planning application but urge the Peak Park Planning Board to ensure any additional surface water will not add to the problems experienced by properties lower down in the village during heavy rain. This maybe an opportunity to resolve the issues once and for all. Also SMPC supports the use of an alternative material for the external facade which we believe will enhance the building in general.	
04.23-14199	25. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING There was no exchange of information.	
04.23-14200	26. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held on 15 th May 2023.	
	The meeting closed at 8.45pm.	