

# STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Unadopted minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council meeting held on 8 April 2024

### Present

Parish Councillors: Colin Hall (CH) (Chair), Sue Bettney (SB), Richard Brisbin (RB) Harry Grafton (HG), Tim Hill (TH), Paula Wilde (PW) Parish Clerk and Barry Aldridge (BA) (Responsible Finance Officer)

Minute No		Action
	<b>WELCOME</b> The meeting commenced at 19.45 following the annual parish meeting.	
03.24-14733	<b>1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE</b> PDNPA Cllr Kath Potter, DDDC Cllr Peter O'Brian, and 8 members of the public	
03.24-14734	<b>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> DCC Cllr Hobson, DDDC Cllr Simon Ripton, PC Cllr M Hodgson	
03.24-14735	<b>3. Co-option of new Parish Councillors</b> The following Parish Councillors were co-opted a. Tim Hill was proposed by RB and seconded by SB – unopposed b. Harry Grafton was proposed by RB and seconded by SB - unopposed	
03.24-14736	<b>4. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS</b> Item 13 was brought forward to allow contributions from a member of the public about using the Bath House area for holistic, well-being, and recreational purposes.	
03.24-14737	<b>5. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS</b> No Councillors had notified the Clerk that they needed to register a declaration of interest in the member's interests' book.	
03.24-14738	<b>6. PUBLIC SPEAKING</b> 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.	
03.24-14739	DDDC Councillor Peter O'Brian stated that Stoney Middleton will be included in the study area for the new Hope Valley Active Travel Plan initiative. SB asked if the parameters of the HVATP would include all 5 parishes involved in the Road Group as it may help with traffic calming measures in our communities.	
03.24-14740	A member of the public asked about the rejuvenation of the Roman Baths for holistic activities and access to the water. The Well Dressing Committee had tried but not been able to get insurance to allow people to access the water. The Clerk to phone SMPC's insurers to see if such activities	Clerk

03.24-14741	<p>are covered. RB raised the issue of water quality testing. SB to contact High Peak Borough Council to ask about their water testing arrangements at St Anne's Well in Buxton. The community would be consulted about any proposed future plans for the Bath House.</p> <p>RB had removed the ivy from the bottoms of the Ash trees near to the neighbouring property. This will allow the PDNPA's tree officer to inspect them for die-back when they are in leaf.</p> <p>RB will investigate the possibility of grants for trees and plants for the Bath Garden.</p>	SB  RB												
03.24-14742	<p><b>7. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b> The minutes of the meeting on 4 March 2024 were agreed as a correct record. CH signed the minutes.</p>	CH												
03.24-14743	<p><b>8. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED</b> There were no items that needed to be taken with the public excluded.</p>													
03.24-14744	<p><b>9. Finance</b></p>													
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Payments since last meeting in March 2024</u></b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 869 467 1227" style="width: 20%; vertical-align: top;">           Bank Transfer 11/03/2024         </td> <td data-bbox="475 869 1042 1227" style="width: 45%; vertical-align: top;"> <b>B Aldridge</b> RFO   <b>Reimbursement of Costs</b>            11th March 2024 – Toolstation; No Waiting Cones             11th March 2024 - Water Plus; Allotments Water Supply         </td> <td data-bbox="1050 869 1185 1227" style="width: 15%; text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">           £77.40              £31.30         </td> <td data-bbox="1193 869 1329 1227" style="width: 20%; text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">     <b>£108.70</b> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 1234 467 1619" style="vertical-align: top;">           Bank Transfer 02/04/2024         </td> <td data-bbox="475 1234 1042 1619" style="vertical-align: top;"> <b>Paula Wilde</b> Clerk's salary             01.03.2024 – 31.03.2024      25 hours            @ £15.21             Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; March 2024         </td> <td data-bbox="1050 1234 1185 1619" style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">           £380.25              £22.00         </td> <td data-bbox="1193 1234 1329 1619" style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">     <b>£402.25</b> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 1626 467 2011" style="vertical-align: top;">           Bank Transfer 02/04/2024         </td> <td data-bbox="475 1626 1042 2011" style="vertical-align: top;"> <b>Anne Flint</b> Clerk's salary             01.03.2024 – 31.03.2024      15 hours            @ £15.75             Tax Deducted             Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; March 2024         </td> <td data-bbox="1050 1626 1185 2011" style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">           £236.25             -£33.40             £22.00         </td> <td data-bbox="1193 1626 1329 2011" style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">     <b>£224.85</b> </td> </tr> </table>	Bank Transfer 11/03/2024	<b>B Aldridge</b> RFO  <b>Reimbursement of Costs</b> 11th March 2024 – Toolstation; No Waiting Cones  11th March 2024 - Water Plus; Allotments Water Supply	£77.40   £31.30	   <b>£108.70</b>	Bank Transfer 02/04/2024	<b>Paula Wilde</b> Clerk's salary  01.03.2024 – 31.03.2024      25 hours @ £15.21  Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; March 2024	£380.25   £22.00	   <b>£402.25</b>	Bank Transfer 02/04/2024	<b>Anne Flint</b> Clerk's salary  01.03.2024 – 31.03.2024      15 hours @ £15.75  Tax Deducted  Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; March 2024	£236.25  -£33.40  £22.00	   <b>£224.85</b>	
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03.24-14745	<b>10. Approval of Annual Payments and Subscriptions 2024-2025</b> SB proposed the approval of Annual Payments and Subscriptions and RB seconded the proposal.				
03.24-14746	<b>11. FLOOD ISSUES</b> On 5 <sup>th</sup> April the Flood Warden reported that the sensor on Dale Brook had sent our flood alert texts. This had used up all the text credits. It was believed the sensor was faulty but Hydro-Logic confirmed it was in working order. They said the sensor reading may have been due to rainfall earlier in the morning or a blockage either in the sensor tube or at the trash screen, which then cleared itself and allowed the water level to return to normal. The Clerk to investigate whether we can reduce the number of texts on the 'return to normal' alerts to save costs and enquire about a maintenance manual for the sensor. Dan Hodgson has reported that DCC Highways have dug a ditch out along the side of the A623 near Eyam Junction which will help to stop the brook from overflowing onto the road.				Clerk
03.24-14747	<b>12. ALLOTMENTS/COMMUNITY ORCHARD</b> Nothing to report				
03.24-14748	<b>13. BATH HOUSE &amp; WOODS</b> Item already discussed in item 6.				
03.24-14749	<b>14. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES</b> Nothing to report				
03.24-14750	<b>15. GROVE GARDENS</b> Nothing to report				
03.24-14751	<b>16. Playground and Playing Field</b> MH and SB had produced an application for submission to the Duke of Devonshire's Charitable Trust for grant funding for playground equipment. The suitability and cost of different safety surfaces were being explored.				SB
03.24-14752	The goalposts may be removed as they do not belong to SMPC. HG to contact Chesterfield Football Club to enquire about funding for junior goalposts for the football pitch.				HG
03.24-14753	A member of the public reported that the zip wire in the children's playground was sagging. Clerk to arrange for it to be re-tensioned. RoSPA annual inspection will take place in May – The cost is £78				Clerk
03.24-14754	A member of the public reported that a car has been parked on the car park for a number of weeks. Enquiries will be made about who owns it and the Clerk will prepare a note to be put on the windscreen asking the owner to move it.				Clerk

	The Clerk to contact DCC to ask them to repair the playing field wall adjacent to the highway.	
03.24-14755	<b>17.Old Tennis Court</b> The Clerk reported that a response had been received from the Lawn Tennis Association stating that the Parish Council cannot apply for funding for improvements. Instead, the application must come from DDDC. The Clerk will now contact DDDC regarding the matter.	Clerk
03.24-14756	<b>18. VILLAGE PLAN</b> SB reported that members of the 5 Parishes Road Group, including CH and SB had met with Cllr Cupit, Lead Member for Highways, regarding the need for traffic calming measures along the A623/A625. Cllr Cupit had agreed to meet the group again, with a Highways Officer, to discuss common issues (speed reduction and need for crossing points) and also meet with individual parish councils to discuss specific issues. DCC is promoting the installation of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) which produce data on the speed and volume of traffic passing by.	SB
03.24-14757	<b>19. GRANT FUNDING COMMITTEE</b> This was discussed in item 16.	
03.24-14758	<b>20. CLERK'S REPORT</b> <i>(Standing Items)</i> <b>(a) Jacob's Ladder</b> The ongoing issue of off-road bikes and 4x4 vehicles is still a concern. A member of the public offered to loan a camera to gather evidence of vehicles breaking the TRO. However, DCC's legal team advised against it. It was also discovered that SMPC's insurance does not cover such items. The Clerk will make further inquiries.	Clerk
03.24-14759	After approaching DDDC about implementing a PSPO alongside the TRO on Jacob's Ladder, it was concluded that enforcing the PSPO would be as challenging as enforcing the TRO, making it an unnecessary addition.	
03.24-14760	<b>(b) Highways Issues</b> An extra traffic cone has been placed at the pinch point at the bottom of High Street. SMPC has 4 more cones available. The Clerk had ascertained that SMPC would need a licence to place planters at pinch points on the highway. The cost per application is £100. The Clerk to ask Highways to repaint all the white lines in the village and enquire about white lines being painted at pinch points.	Clerk
03.24-14761	<b>(c) Village Maintenance</b> Some volunteers have come forward who are willing to help install drainage pipes under the concessionary path.	
03.24-14762	<b>(d) Defibrillator</b> Nothing to report	
03.24-14763	<b>(e) Speed restriction report/petition</b> Nothing to report	
03.24-14764	<b>(f) Community Speed Watch</b> Nothing to report <b>(g) Parish Councillor Vacancy</b>	

03.24-14765	There is still one Parish Councillor vacancy.	
03.24-14766	<b>(h) The village maintenance</b> The village maintenance contract has been awarded to a local contractor.	
03.24-14767	<b>(i) Newsletter</b> Deferred to next meeting	
03.24-14768	<b>21. Alzheimer's Society Trek26 Peak District Event to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2025</b>	
03.24-14769	<b>22. Correspondence</b> Correspondence received by the Clerk is circulated to Councillors before the meeting.	
03.24-14770	<b>23. Planning Applications</b> None.	
03.24-14771	<b>24. Exchange of information or items for next meeting</b> Election of Chair, Vice Chair, and Financial Auditor will take place at the next Parish meeting on Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May. The meeting closed at 21.30	