

# STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Unadopted minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

### Present

Parish Councillors: Colin Hall (CH) (Chair), Sue Bettney (SB), Martina Hodgson (MH), Karen Wood (KW) and Richard Brisbin (RB).  
Parish Clerk Anne Flint (AF)

Minute No		Action
	<p><b>WELCOME</b> The meeting commenced at 18.30.</p>	
10.23-14458	<p><b>1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE</b> DCC Councillor Susan Hobson, PDNPA Councillor Kath Potter and DDDC Councillor Simon Ripton.</p>	
10.23-14459	<p><b>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> DDDC Councillor Peter O'Brien, Parish Councillor Angie Cottle and Responsible Finance Officer Barry Aldridge.</p>	
10.23-14460	<p><b>3. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS</b> It was agreed to bring forward Items 16 and 19(e) to provide an update to Councillor Ripton.</p>	
10.23-14461	<p><b>4. 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.</p>	
10.23-14462	<p><b>5. 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.</p>	
10.23-14463	<p>DCC Councillor Susan Hobson provided an update from DCC regarding the flood alleviation works at the bottom of Trinkey Lane. The design is complete, barring digging a trial hole to determine the exact location of the utilities underground. This should hopefully be completed in October 23. If all goes well the scheme should be completed by March 2024 at the latest.</p>	
10.23-14464	<p>Councillor Hobson is arranging an onsite meeting with Emma Alexander Derbyshire County Council Managing Director to explain the issues residents face with the busy A623 going through the village.</p>	
10.23-14465	<p>Councillor Hobson also informed that Derbyshire Dales District Council will debate permanent and temporary traveller sites at the council meeting in December.</p>	

10.23-14466	Councillor Hobson informed that Bakewell Safer Neighbourhood Team's current priority is Road Safety, which includes speeding and dangerous parking offences such as those committed by parking on a white line system. They are also conducting speed checks on roads in the area.																	
10.23-14467	PDNPA Councillor Kath Potter reported she had recently attended an Authority in Flash. She was surprised to discover that a dilapidated barn which is owned by PDNPA will be going up for sale.																	
10.23-14468	DDDC Councillor Simon Ripton stated that DDDC have made housing their number one priority going forward.																	
10.23-14469	Councillor Ripton stated that the DDDC meeting on the 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 decided that the Woodyard site, near Cromford would be pursued as a permanent site for travellers. Further temporary traveller sites need to be identified but there would be no intention to site travellers in Stoney Middleton.																	
10.23-14470	<b>6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> The minutes of the meeting on 4 <sup>TH</sup> September were agreed as a correct record. CH signed the minutes.	CH																
10.23-14471	<b>7. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED</b> There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.																	
10.23-14472	<b>16. VILLAGE PLAN</b> The Clerk reported that the Housing Needs Survey will commence on 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023 and the survey will be open for one month.																	
10.23-14473	Councillors agreed to hand deliver a postcard promoting the survey and a letter from the Parish Council to each household in the village.																	
10.23-14474	CH agreed to draft a letter.	CH																
10.23-14475	The survey will be available to complete on line but for those who cannot do this a paper copy and return envelope will be provided.																	
10.23-14476	The Clerk to order from DDDC 100 paper copies of the survey along with ten laminated posters and six un-laminated posters for display in the village.	Clerk																
10.23-14477	<b>19(e) SPEED RESTRICTION REPORT/PETITION</b> The Clerk is in the process of organising a meeting between SMPC, Calver PC and Froggatt Speed Group. The meeting hopefully will take place on 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2023.	Clerk																
10.23-14478	Once a date is confirmed the Clerk will issue an invite to DDDC Councillors O'Brien and Ripton and Baslow Parish Council.	Clerk																
10.23-14479	<b>8. FINANCE</b> The budget forecast to be discussed at the next meeting.																	
10.23-14480	<b>September 2023 Accounts</b> Bank Statements to 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2023  <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Current account:</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">£</td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: right;">£100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community Account 1:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£5,825.37</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community Account 2:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£9,153.13</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black;">£15,077.50</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>September Payments</u></b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Bank Transfer 28/09/2023</td> <td style="width: 40%;">Derwent Valley Roofing Bath House Roof Repairs</td> <td style="width: 20%;"></td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;"><b>£1,000.00</b></td> </tr> </table>	Current account:	£	£100.00	Community Account 1:	£	£5,825.37	Community Account 2:	£	£9,153.13	<b>Total</b>		£15,077.50	Bank Transfer 28/09/2023	Derwent Valley Roofing Bath House Roof Repairs		<b>£1,000.00</b>	
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		<b>A Flint</b> Clerk's salary 01.09.2023 – 30.09.2023      20 hours      £289.60 @ £14.48			
	Bank Transfer 01/10/2023	Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; September 2023	£22.00		<b>£436.60</b>
		Reimbursement of Costs 6th September 2023 - Innovation Property (UK) Limited	£125.00		
	Bank Transfer 01/10/2023	<b>B Aldridge</b> RFO salary 01.09.2023 – 30.09.2023      5 hours @ £15.67	£78.35		
		Reimbursement of Costs 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 - Water Plus; Allotments Water Supply	£30.00		<b>£108.35</b>
10.23-14481	<b>9. FLOOD ISSUES</b>				
10.23-14482	DCC Councillor Hobson provided an update on the Trinkey Lane flood alleviation work earlier in the meeting.				
	Councillors thanked Dan Hodgson Flood Warden for regularly contacting DCC ensuring the flood alleviation work remains a priority.				
10.23-14483	<b>10. ALLOTMENTS/COMMUNITY ORCHARD</b>				
10.23-14484	The Clerk reported that all the allotment agreements have been issued & payments have started to be made.				
	The water metre leak has been repaired by Severn Trent and it was confirmed the leak was on the water board side so no cost has occurred to Parish Council.				
10.23-14485	<b>11. BATH HOUSE WOOD</b>				
10.23-14486	The Clerk reported that the repair to the broken outflow pipe from the Bath House was completed under the Parish Council Insurance.				
10.23-14487	Two residents would like to organise a working party to tidy the Bath House Woods. The Clerk to contact the residents to arrange.				
	Consideration is being given to a proposal to set up a forest school in the Bath House Woods for use by local children.				
10.23-14488	<b>12. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES</b>				
10.23-14489	The Clerk reported DDDC will return soon to trim the verge by the village sign at the corner of Trinkey Lane.				
	The Clerk reported that to formally adopt a verge a cultivation licence is required from Highways DCC. The Clerk is waiting for further information regarding this.				
10.23-14490	<b>13. GROVE GARDENS</b>				
	The Clerk reported that DDDC have moved their bin to the entrance of Grove Gardens and the bin owned by the chip shop has been put in its place in the garden. The chip shop owner will empty the bins in the garden daily when the chip shop is open.				

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10.23-14491	<b>14. PLAYGROUND AND PLAYING FIELDS</b> The Clerk has received two quotes for replacing the zip wire cable. They are above £500 so a further quote is required.	Clerk
10.23-14492	RB will investigate the safety of the goal posts and report back to the next meeting.	RB
10.23-14493	It was agreed the Parish Council should consider taking over responsibility for the electricity supply to ensure the defibrillator continues to function.	Clerk
10.23-14494	CH agreed to ask Cavendish Mill if they have a gate which could be used instead of the bollards at the entrance to the field.	CH
10.23-14495	<b>15. OLD TENNIS COURT</b> Nothing to report.	
10.23-14496	<b>16. VILLAGE PLAN</b> This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.	
10.23-14497	<b>17. GRANT FUNDING COMMITTEE</b> SB reported the committee will hold a Playground Design Ideas Competition to gather input from children who use the playground.	
10.23-14498	The Clerk to advertise the competition and issue an entry form via email, the SMPC Facebook page and the Community Facebook page.	Clerk
10.23-14499	<b>18. PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE</b> Nothing to report.	
10.23-14500	<b>19. CLERK'S REPORT</b> <i>(Standing Items)</i> <b>(a) Jacob's Ladder</b> The Clerk reported that 4x4's and off road bikes still continue to use Jacobs Ladder.	
10.23-14501	<b>(b) Highways Issues</b> Nothing to report.	
10.23-14502	<b>(c) Village Maintenance</b> The Clerk reported the fencing contractor is due to start today to replace the fence along the concessionary path. The Clerk to get in touch with the contractor if he doesn't start.	Clerk
10.23-14503	<b>(d) Defibrillator</b> Nothing to report	
10.23-14504	<b>(e) Speed restriction report/petition</b> This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.	
10.23-14505	<b>(f) Community Speed Watch</b> Nothing to report.	
10.23-14506	<b>(g) Parish Councillor Vacancy</b> The Clerk has issued a Vacancy Notice and is awaiting confirmation from DDDC that vacancies can be filled by co-option.	Clerk
10.23-14507	<b>(h) Long Term Maintenance of Cavendish Mill</b> CH reported that the land is owned by the company and they have an obligation to maintain the dams irrespective of the mill being open or closed.	
10.23-14508	If any concerns arise in the future they can be raised with the Peak Park and Environment Agency.	
10.23-14509	<b>20. NEW ITEM: HYDRO-LOGFIC TELEMETRY RENEMAL QUOTE</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed SB and seconded KW) to accept the quote from Hydro-logic for Timeview Telemetry only with no maintenance visits included.	Clerk
10.23-14510	The Clerk will do a monthly on-line check to ensure the system is working correctly.	Clerk

10.23-14511	Any issues/repairs can be dealt with when they arise. The last maintenance check by Hydro-logic under the current contract will take place later this month.	
10.23-14512	<b>21. NEW ITEM: DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SNOW WARDEN SCHEME 2023-24</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed SB and seconded RB) to take part in the Snow Warden Scheme.	Clerk
10.23-14513	<b>22. NEW ITEM:HEDGEHOG HIGHWAY PROJECT</b> The Clerk has received a request from the Hedgehogs R Us Highways project to purchase a number of fence surrounds to allow hedgehogs to pass freely for one garden to another.	Clerk
10.23-14514	Councillors were sympathetic to what your project is trying to achieve. However, decided not to take part in the project by purchasing fence surrounds but agreed to alert village residents to the project, making them aware of the type of things which can be done to help hedgehog populations.	
10.23-14515	<b>23. NEW ITEM: DEFIBRILLATOR – CUPOLA HERITAGE CENTRE</b> CH advised he will be applying for a grant toward the cost of purchasing a defibrillator to be sited at the Cupola Heritage Centre.	Clerk
10.23-14516	The Clerk will contact the British Heart Foundation and St John's Ambulance to ask if they could put on defibrillator training sessions for residents.	
10.23-14517	<b>24. CORRESPONDENCE</b> Correspondence received by the Clerk is circulated to Councillors prior the meeting.	
10.23-14518	<b>25. PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b> There were no planning applications to discuss.	
10.23-14519	<b>26. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</b> The Clerk advised she intends to give up the role as Parish Clerk.	
10.23-14520	It was agreed to advertise the post.	
10.23-14521	SB requested Councillors stay for a Reading Room Charity update following the next meeting.	
10.23-14522	<b>27. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING</b> The next meeting will be held on 6 <sup>TH</sup> November 2023.	
	The meeting closed at 20.38.	