

# STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Unadopted minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

### Present

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

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

Minute No		Action
02.22-13353	<b>WELCOME</b> The meeting commenced at 19:00.	
02.22-13354	<b>1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE</b> One member of the public.	
02.22-13355	<b>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> PDNPA Councillor Kath Potter, Parish Councillor Angie Cottle and PC Linda Hancock who provided a written report that there had been no recorded crimes in the village between 27 <sup>th</sup> December and 26 <sup>th</sup> January and no reports of unauthorised vehicles using Jacobs Ladder.	
02.22-13356	<b>3. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS</b> It was agreed to bring forward items – 17j – Council Policies 24 – Finance	
02.22-13357	It was agreed for Finance to be placed at item 8 on future meeting agenda's.	
02.22-13358	<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.	
02.22-13359	<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.	
02.22-13360	CH suspended his role as Parish Councillor to provide an update on the progress of the building of the Stoney Middleton Heritage Centre. Building work is progressing well, with completion expected late 2022. Stoney Middleton Heritage Group is applying for funding from the National Lottery to assist with the fit-out and content of the centre. Local views and ideas have been sought via a short survey which local residents were asked to complete. SMHG would like to thank all those who completed the survey for their input.	

02.22-13361	<b>6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022.</b>		
	The minutes of the meeting on 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 were agreed as a correct record. CT signed the minutes.		CT
02.22-13362	<b>7. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED</b>		
	There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.		
02.22-13363	<b>17(j) Parish Council Policies</b> (brought forward)		
	BA reported the Stoney Middleton Parish Council Accessibility Statement has been uploaded onto the website and provided a draft copy of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council Equalities & Diversity Statement for review. BA requested that all Councillors review the content of both documents for approval at the next meeting.		All
02.22-13364	BA will draft the Financial Risk Assessment and circulate to Councillors in advance of the next meeting.		BA
02.22-13365	<b>24. FINANCE</b> (brought forward)		
	<b>February 2022 Accounts</b>		
	Bank Statements to 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2022		
	Current account:	£ 100.00	
	Community Account 1:	£ 5,536.79	
	Community Account 2:	£ 10,062.79	
	<b>Total</b>	<u>£15,699.58</u>	
	<b><u>February Payments</u></b>		
	1852	<b>A Flint</b> Clerk's salary 01.01.22 – 31.01.22 20 hours @ £12.98	£259.60
		Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; January 2022	£22.00
			<b>£281.60</b>
	1853	<b>B Aldridge</b> RFO salary 01.01.22 – 31.01.22 10 hours @ £13.51	<b>£135.10</b>
	1854	<b>Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) Membership</b> Membership Renewal 2021/22	<b>£36.00</b>
02.22-13366	<b>8. FLOOD ISSUES</b>		
	The Clerk reported a response is still awaited from Highways Flood Team regarding the timescale of the works required to alleviate flood risk on Meadow Close/Edge View. The Clerk agreed to contact the Highways Flood Team for a response.		Clerk

02.22-13367	<b>9. ALLOTMENTS</b> CT reported as of the 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 there were still two outstanding rent payments. A discussion took place on how to deal with the situation of late payments in the future because it can take up a considerable amount of the Clerks time chasing payments. It was agreed when renewals are sent out later in the year it is made clear to allotment holders that if payments are not made promptly, consideration will be given to those on the waiting list.	Clerk	
02.22-13368	<b>10. BATH HOUSE WOOD</b> The Clerk reported DDDC Councillor Helen Froggatt had no funding left this year to accommodate the request for funds toward the cost of dealing with ash die back. The Clerk has approached DCC Councillor Susan Hobson and is awaiting a response.	Clerk	
02.22-13369	It was agreed for the Clerk to contact DDDC Councillor Helen Froggatt in the new financial year and ask for funding toward the cost because dealing with ash die back is likely to be costly.		
02.22-13370	LF reported he will be contacting the group of village volunteers to arrange to clear the ash saplings in the woods during February.		LF
02.22-13371	SB agreed to review the PDNPA tree survey done last year to determine the major works which require urgent attention. It will be necessary to go out to tender for this work.		SB
02.22-13372	<b>11. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES</b> LF reported concern about cars which are parked in the village with their engines left to idle, which is contributing unnecessarily to pollution.	LF CT	
02.22-13373	LF agreed to draft something about this issue for the website.		
02.22-13374	CT agreed to write to the school to ask them to contact parents/guardians to ask them not to leave their cars with engines idling.		
02.22-13375	<b>12. GROVE GARDENS</b> SB reported the pointing between the paving slabs is broken and needs replacing. It was agreed to ask a local contractor to quote to repoint the slabs with a resin based compound in the Spring.	Clerk	
02.22-13376	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed SB and seconded CT) to ask a local handyman for a quote for the work.		
02.22-13377	The Clerk reported that the owner of the chip shop has requested to use Grove Gardens to host Hathersage Brass Band to play at Easter. A discussion took place and it was agreed in principal but for the Clerk to confirm which day it will take place and how long the band will play for.	Clerk	
02.22-13378	<b>13. PLAYGROUND</b> PS reported he had met with Harry Browning from Playdale Playgrounds and discussed possible options and obtained quotes to replace the roundabout and see-saw.	PS	
02.22-13379	A resident has suggested a multi-play area for children between 5 -12 years old. PS agreed to contact Harry Browning to ask for a quote for multi-play equipment. When all options are received SMPC will consult residents and children in the village for their views.		
02.22-13380	CT reported that John Lloyd has retired and would not be able to repaint the existing equipment. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed CT and seconded PS) to ask a local handyman for a quote to repaint the existing playground equipment.		Clerk

02.22-13381	<b>14. PLAYING FIELDS</b> BA reported he had contacted Stoney Middleton Football Club for payment for the football matches they have played since September 2020 but payment as yet hadn't been received. BA will follow this up with SMFC.	BA
02.22-13382	<b>15. OLD TENNIS COURT</b> Nothing to report.	
02.22-13383	<b>16. VILLAGE PLAN</b> To enable consideration to be given to resurfacing of the layby at the far end of the village the Clerk is trying to establish ownership of the land. DDC have stated they do not own the layby. However, SB has acquired Parish Council documentation relating to a planning application in 2005 where the ownership of the layby was contested and DCC had stated it was considered to be part of the highway. The Clerk will contact DCC in light of this information.	Clerk
02.22-13384	CT reported he had contacted PDNPA Archaeologist regarding the possibility of surveying the flat land alongside the concessionary path. PDNPA agreed to investigate if any historical research has been done and will inform the Parish Council once their investigations are complete.	
02.22-13385	RT agreed to look into the possibility of arranging a geophysical survey of the area along the side of the concessionary path.	RT
	<b>17. CLERK'S REPORT</b> <i>(Standing Items)</i>	
	<b>(a) Jacob's Ladder</b>	
02.22-13386	The Clerk reported DCC had completed further work on Jacobs Ladder to alleviate the amount of water and debris washed down into The Nook in heavy rain. An email thanking all concerned for their efforts has been received from a resident. The Clerk to write to thank Jason Smith at DCC and colleagues for their time and effort.	Clerk
02.22-13387	The Clerk reported the seat at the bottom of Jacobs Ladder is unstable.	
02.22-13388	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed SB and seconded CT) to ask a local handyman for a quote to stabilise the seat.	Clerk
	<b>(b) Village Cross and Steps</b>	
02.22-13389	Nothing to report	
	<b>(c) Highways Issues</b>	
02.22-13390	SB reported DCC contractors had attended and in the main cleared High Street of loose chippings.	
02.22-13391	The Clerk has received an email from a resident stating the slippery surface at the bottom of High Street has been reported to Highways asking them to check the skid resistance in the area because it is very slippery in bad weather. The Clerk to also report this problem to Highways.	Clerk
02.22-13392	The Clerk received an email from Emma Mortimer DDDC regarding use of weed killer to treat kerbs and the moss build up on Dale Mouth. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed LF and seconded SB) for the Clerk to ask DDDC not to use weed killer and to explore with their contractor other methods of dealing with weeds and the moss build up on Dale Mouth.	Clerk
02.22-13393	SB reported a number of large branches had come down from trees overhanging Dale Mouth. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed SB and seconded CT) to organise a working party to clear some of the overhanging branches.	LF
02.22-13394	The Clerk has written to Julian Gould DCC Highways Director with the Parish Councils response to DCCs report on the petition requesting the review of speed	

02.22-13395	limits on the A623 in Stoney Middleton and Calver. A response hasn't been received. The Clerk to contact Derek Ballard, Chair Calver Parish Council, to ask if he has received a response from DCC about the points Calver PC has raised.	Clerk
02.22-13396	<b>(d) Village Maintenance</b> The Clerk has established that the area at the top end of the concessionary path, after the resident's garden and between the barbed wire fence and A623, is owned by DCC. The Clerk reported this to PDNPA and Felicity Stout has confirmed a check will be done on the precarious tree which is leaning into the A623 and report back to the Parish Council with recommendations.	
02.22-13397	The Clerk has written to DDDC Councillor Helen Froggatt to ask her to intervene regarding the siting of a bin on Mill Lane. The Clerk to follow up with Councillor Froggatt.	Clerk
02.22-13398	<b>(e) Defibrillator</b> Nothing to report.	
02.22-13399	<b>(f) Community Resilience</b> CT provided a first draft of the Community Resilience Plan. He asked all to review the plan and report back any suggestions/amendments to the next meeting	All
02.22-13400	<b>(g) Training</b> Nothing to report.	
02.22-13401	<b>(h) 20's Plenty for Derbyshire</b> Nothing to report.	
02.22-13402	<b>(i) Parish Council Facebook Page</b> The Clerk reported 66 members have joined the Facebook Group.	
02.22-13403	<b>(j) Tree for Platinum Jubilee</b> The Clerk reported that DCC Councillor Susan Hobson's PA is completing the application for the request for funding to plant a tree. The funding will be available in April 2022.	
02.22-13404	A possible site for the tree could be the community orchard or by the boundary stone, but this would need the permission of the land owner. CT to explore the possibility of siting a tree in the community orchard.	CT
02.22-13405	<b>18. NEW ITEM: LONG TERM MAINTENANCE OF THE PLAYING FIELD CAR PARK</b> It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.	
02.22-13406	<b>19. NEW ITEM: COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL DATA PROTECTION ACT</b> LF agreed to look into compliance with GDPR and report back to the next meeting on options the Parish Council can take to ensure compliance.	LF
02.22-13407	<b>20. NEW ITEM: COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH</b> It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.	
02.22-13408	<b>21. NEW ITEM: QUEEN'S JUBILEE</b> SB asked if there are plans being made to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee which would require an application for roads to be closed. CT stated he was not aware of any plans involving road closures but some residents were discussing a possible event on the playing fields.	
02.22-13409	<b>22. CORRESPONDENCE</b> Correspondence received by the Clerk was circulated before the meeting.	
02.22-13410	<b>23. PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b> There were no planning applications to consider.	

02.22-13411	<b>25. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</b> SB requested that weight limit on the High Street be added as an item for the next meeting.	Clerk
02.22-13412	<b>26. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING</b> The next meeting will be held on 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2022.	
	The meeting closed at 9.20pm.	