

# STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Unadopted minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

### Present

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

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

Minute No		Action
09.21-13159	<b>1. WELCOME</b> The meeting commenced at 19:00.	
09.21-13160	<b>2. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE</b> DCC Councillor Susan Hobson, Derbyshire Dales District Councillor Helen Froggatt, PC Linda Hancock and three members of the public.	
09.21-13161	<b>3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> PDNPA Kath Potter, Councillor Angie Cottle, Parish Councillor Reuben Thorpe (R)	
09.21-13162	<b>4. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS</b> It was agreed to bring forward the following item:  Item 17j Parish Council Facebook Page /Newsletter	
09.21-13163	<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.	
09.21-13164	<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.	
09.21-13165	Councillor Susan Hobson reported that a team from DDC had carried out CCTV survey work to the culvert that runs along the boundaries of the gardens on Meadow Close. She stated she was pleased to have helped progress this issue and reiterated that the Parish Council should inform her of any future issues involving DCC where she may be able to help progress. CT thanked Councillor Hobson for her intervention.  She also stated she had been informed of the issue regarding loose chippings on the High Street following the resurfacing of the road and will take this up with DCC Highways.	

09.21-13166	<p>She said that the Police and Crime Commission is keen to understand resident's views on speeding.</p> <p>Also DCC Councillors have been given £1500 to share with Parish Councils to help fund the Jubilee celebrations next year.</p> <p>PC Linda Hancock reported there had been one recorded incident in the last month which involved the police stopping a vehicle on the main road through the village.</p> <p>She also provided some information about Community Speed Watch and the type of activity the community would need to sign up to and the training provided.</p> <p>There had been one report of unauthorised vehicles using Jacobs Ladder in the last month.</p>	
09.21-13167	<p>CT agreed to contact landowners adjacent to Jacobs Ladder to understand what access they require along Jacobs Ladder.</p>	CT
09.21-13168	<p><b>7. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 19<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 were agreed as a correct record. CT signed the minutes.</p>	CT
09.21-13169	<p><b>8. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED</b></p> <p>There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.</p>	
09.21-13170	<p><b>9. ITEM 17j - PARISH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE/NEWSLETTER</b></p> <p>It was agreed by all Councillors to issue a Parish Council Newsletter to residents, with all Councillors agreeing to provide contributions.</p>	
09.21-13171	<p>It was agreed by all Councillors to set up a Parish Council Facebook page. This would be for information only and residents would still be expected to contact the Parish Council via the Clerk or attendance at Parish Council meetings. CT, SB and the Clerk will meet to set up the Facebook page (with Media Policy) to be launched to coincide with the issue of the Newsletter.</p>	CT, SB & Clerk
09.21-13172	<p><b>10. FLOOD ISSUES</b></p> <p>SB provided an update on the Meadow Close/Trinkey Lane flood alleviation works. Emma Price from DDC and a team attended on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 to try to establish where the problem lies. DCC will provide a report and recommendations.</p>	
09.21-13173	<p>SB reported Chatsworth Forestry Manager had explained what work they had done to prevent debris from recent tree felling falling into Dale Brook. They are also expecting to carry out a further two days of work to trees alongside the A623. CH stated there was still a significant amount of debris which is likely to cause a blockage of Dale Brook and could lead to flooding. There is also a safety hazard caused by branches falling onto the footpath and road.</p> <p>CH agreed to provide photographs of the debris and SB agreed to write back to Chatsworth Forestry to express the Parish Councils concerns.</p>	CH, SB
09.21-13174	<p><b>11. ALLOTMENTS</b></p> <p>CT reported that one allotment holder will give up their allotment from the end of September. The Clerk reported the next person on the waiting list had been contacted and they had confirmed they were interested in taking on the vacant plot.</p>	
09.21-13175	<p><b>12. BATH HOUSE WOOD</b></p> <p>The PDNPA report of the recent survey of the Bath House woods has been received and provides short and long term recommendations for management of the woods. All Councillors agreed to adopt the report.</p>	
09.21-13176	<p>LF reported he had spoken to residents who would be interested in being</p>	

	involved with the management of the woods. It was agreed to set up a Bath House Working Group and issue invites to join via the Newsletter. SB agreed to write this up for the Newsletter.	SB
09.21-13177	<b>13. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES</b> LF reported he had written to Emma Mortimer from DDC to express interest in being part of the wildflower rewilding of grass verges and is awaiting a response.	
09.21-13178	LF reported that he and the Clerk had weeded the wildflower patch on Avenue Close to provide more daylight to the wildflower plugs which were planted earlier in the year. The plants were doing well although still small and some had flowered. LF agreed to write a contribution for the Newsletter.	LF
09.21-13179	<b>14. GROVE GARDENS</b> A resident has reported to the Clerk that some of the timbers on the bridge appear to be rotten and all the wood work within the gardens, including the bridge, needs to repainted.	
09.21-13180	It has also been reported that the pole which holds the plaque commemorating the opening of the gardens has rotted through.	
09.21-13181	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed SB and seconded CT) to ask John Lloyd to provide a quote to replace any rotten timbers, repaint the woodwork and replace the pole which holds the commemorative plaque.	Clerk
09.21-13182	<b>15. PLAYGROUND</b> PS reported that Sovereign had now completed all the work expected of them. The work to remove the rotten bench and paint the existing equipment has not started yet.	
09.21-13183	The 'No dogs allowed' and 'Please close the gate' signs are in place.	
09.21-13184	A discussion took place about replacing the roundabout. PS agreed to investigate alternative options and ask for feedback from children in the village via the Newsletter.	PS
09.21-13185	<b>16. PLAYING FIELDS</b> SB reported she had circulated the Playing Fields Risk Assessment to Councillors and taken on board suggested amendments. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed SB and seconded CT) to adopt the report and for the Clerk to ask the insurance company if it's usual practise to send the Risk Assessment onto them.	Clerk
09.21-13186	A number of large potholes have developed on the carpark. CT will contact Chris Large at Flurosid to ask for a donation of stone to fill in the potholes.	CT
09.21-13187	The Clerk had been contacted by a resident to ask if the PC could ask DCC for a dog poo bin on the playing fields because the bin on the field isn't adequate to take all waste and the bin next to the football hut doesn't get emptied. SB and LF met with a representative from DDDC to explain the problem. DDDC cannot provide any more bins but suggested if an underutilised dog poo bin could be identified it could be replaced with another full size bin for the playing field. It was agreed to place the bin from the hut next to the full size bin to make it easier to empty and monitor the situation.	
09.21-13188	The Clerk reported the Football club had played three friendlies during August and confirmed they will play 6 matches at home this season. It is possible they may also play at home on 25/09/2021.	
09.21-13189	<b>17. OLD TENNIS COURT</b> The clerk reported Max Lloyd had quoted £175.00 to repair the wall behind the tennis court. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed CT and seconded PS) to ask Max Lloyd to rebuild the wall.	Clerk

09.21-13190	<b>18. VILLAGE PLAN</b> CH reported that the issue regarding parking in the village is still to be tackled. This was discussed in depth under Item 18.	
	<b>19. CLERK'S REPORT</b>  <i>(Standing Items)</i>	
	<b>(a) Jacob's Ladder</b>	
09.21-13191	The Clerk reported that Jason Smith, DCC had agreed to install two rollovers on Jacobs Ladder to help divert rainwater. A date hasn't been provided for completion of the work.	
	<b>(b) Village Cross and Steps</b>	
09.21-13192	The clerk reported Adam Gould from Taylor and Emmet is chasing the Land Registry for an update.	
	<b>(c) Highways Issues</b>	
09.21-13193	There have been reports from residents of the danger of trees in private gardens which overhang roads and pavements. CT agreed to write a contribution for the Newsletter reminding residents of their obligations.	CT
09.21-13194	The Clerk reported that DCC still hadn't moved the grit bin on The Bank to a more suitable position. The Clerk will contact Steve Alcock for an update.	Clerk
09.21-13195	SB reported that DCC still needed to place the litter bin moved from Old Hall Gardens on Mill Lane. DDDC are going to check the area on Mill Lane first to make sure there is enough turning space for the waste van.	
	<b>(d) Village Maintenance</b>	
09.21-13196	The Clerk reported that PDNPA are happy to survey the trees along the concessionary path and on the playing fields. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed CT and seconded SB) to ask PDNPA to survey the trees as soon as they can schedule the work in.	Clerk
09.21-13197	The Clerk reported that PDNPA are undertaking ash die back tree safety works along Coombs Dale over the next few months. Notice signs are displayed along Coombs Dale and information has been emailed to residents on the circulation list.	
	<b>(e) Dalton Quarry Filming</b>	
09.21-13198	CT reported the filming had now finished and the company are in the process of restoring the land to its previous condition	
	<b>(f) Defibrillator</b>	
09.21-13199	SB reported that the Defib Store would purchase the replacement defibrillator for £500. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed SB and seconded LF) to sell the replacement defibrillator to the Defib Store. SB to contact the Defib Store.	SB
	<b>(g) Community Resilience</b>	
09.21-13200	There was nothing to report.	
	<b>(h) Training</b>	
09.21-13201	The Clerk agreed to contact the new Councillor, Angie Cottle, to inform her of the date of the next Councillor Essentials course.	Clerk
	<b>(i) 20's Plenty for Derbyshire</b>	
09.21-13202	It was agreed to defer this item.	
	<b>(j) Parish Council Policies</b>	
09.21-13203	It was agreed to defer this item.	
	<b>(k) Community Speed Watch</b>	
09.21-13204	Councillors agreed to obtain feedback from residents via the Newsletter regarding their commitment to support this initiative. CT to write a contribution for the Newsletter.	CT

09.21-13205	<b>20. NEW ITEM: PARKING IN THE VILLAGE</b>			
	The Clerk has received numerous emails from residents over the last few months complaining about either difficulty parking near their homes or dangerous parking. This is affecting most areas of the village. This was discussed in depth and options explored which may help to alleviate the issue. CT agreed to write to the owners of Stoney Middleton Hall and the Denman estate to ask if they have any space which could be allocated for parking in the village.			CT
09.21-13206	<b>21. NEW ITEM: DWELLINGS IN THE VILLAGE BEING TURNED INTO HOLIDAY LETTINGS</b>			
	Councillors discussed the issue of increased numbers of homes in the village being turned into holiday lettings, which is leading to the reduction in dwellings available for permanent homes. CT agreed to write to Peak Park Parishes Forum to enquire about the possibility of planning permission being required for a change of use from residential to holiday let is made.			CT
	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed CT and seconded SB) to write to Sarah Dines Derbyshire Dales Member of Parliament about the issue.			CT
09.21-13207	<b>22. NEW ITEM: PLATINUM JUBILEE IN 2022 OF HM THE QUEEN</b>			
	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed LF and seconded CH) to apply to Councillor Susan Hobson for funding to plant a tree in the village to commemorate the occasion.			
09.21-13208	<b>23. NEW ITEM: PEAK DISTRICT CHALLENGE 2022</b>			
	The Clerk had received a request from Action Challenge to use the playing fields again for a stopping station for the Peak District Challenge 2022 on 9 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2022.			
	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed SB and seconded CT) to allow Action Challenge to use the playing fields on those dates.			Clerk
09.21-13209	<b>24. CORRESPONDENCE</b>			
	Correspondence received by the Clerk is circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.			
09.21-13210	<b>25. PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b>			
	NP/DDD/0721/0767 – The Hayloft, Old Farm, Main Road – the email stating the Parish Council have no objections to this application was sent on 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2021.			
09.21-13211	NP/DDD/0721/0827 - The Hayloft, Old Farm, Main Road – the email stating the Parish Council have no comments on this application was sent on 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2021.			
09.21-13212	NP/DDD/0721/0773 – 3 Denman Crescent – the email stating the Parish Council supports this application was sent on 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2021.			
09.21-13213	<b>26. FINANCE</b>			
	1827	<b>Max Lloyd</b> Rebuild of wall on Playing Fields		<b>£175.00</b>
	1828	<b>PDNPA</b> Tree Survey – Bath Garden Woods		<b>£289.80</b>

1829	<b>Will Brindley</b> Village Grounds Maintenance - July		<b>£525.00</b>
<b>September Payments</b>			
1830	<b>A Flint</b> Clerk's salary 01.07.21 – 31.07.21      20 hours @ £12.98 01.08.21 – 31.08.21      20 hours @ £12.98  Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; July 2021 August 2021  <b>Reimbursement of Costs</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 – External Hard Drive 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021 – Printer Paper 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021 – Printer Cartridge	£259.60 £259.60   £22.00 £22.00   £21.67 £5.00 £5.99	<b>£595.86</b>
1831	<b>B Aldridge</b> RFO salary 01.07.21 – 31.07.21      10 hours @ £13.51 01.08.21 – 31.08.21      7 hours @ £13.51  <b>Reimbursement of Costs</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> July - Stationery – Stamps & Envelopes 12 <sup>th</sup> September - Water Plus; Allotments Water Bill	£135.10 £94.57  £11.89 £89.74	<b>£331.30</b>
1832	<b>Will Brindley</b> Village Grounds Maintenance - August		<b>£525.00</b>
1833	<b>Judson Designs</b> Narrow Road Sign		<b>£40.80</b>

09.21-13214	<b>27. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</b> There was no exchange of information.	
09.21-13215	<b>28. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING</b> The next meeting will be held on Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2021.	
	The meeting closed at 21:20.	