

STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Unadopted minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council meeting held on 9th May 2022.

Present

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

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

Minute No		Action
	<p>WELCOME The meeting commenced at 19:00.</p>	
05.22-13572	<p>1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE PDNPA Councillor Kath Potter, DCC Councillor Susan Hobson, Derbyshire Dales District Councillor Helen Froggatt and two members of the public.</p>	
05.22-13573	<p>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE PC Linda Hancock</p>	
05.22-13574	<p>3. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS FOR 2022-23 The following Parish Councillors were elected a) Chair – Chris Tsielepi was nominated by LF and seconded by SB - unopposed</p>	
05.22-13575	b) Vice Chair – no one stood for the position.	
05.22-13576	c) Allotment Manager – Angie Cottle was nominated by CT and seconded by CH - unopposed	
05.22-13577	d) Appointment of Internal Auditor for Financial Year 2022/23 – Brian Wood (proposed by AC, seconded by SB).	
05.22-13578	<p>4. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS There was no variation of business</p>	
05.22-13579	<p>5. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS LF notified the Clerk that he needed to register a declaration of interest in the member's interests' book for item 27.</p>	
05.22-13580	<p>6. 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>	
05.22-13581	PDNPA Councillor Kath Potter reported the appointment of a new PDNPA CEO should be announced later in May. Councillor Potter expressed that Councillors felt isolated from the activities of PDNPA as they had not been invited to critical organisational meetings.	
05.22-13582	SB reported to Councillor Potter that a number of residents in the village have	

05.22-13583	had applications to install double glazing or solar panels turned down by PDNPA because their properties were within the conservation area. Councillor Potter advised that the Parish Council should write to PDNPA Planning Officer Brian Taylor to express the Parish Councils frustration with this attitude, particularly in light of the energy crisis. Councillor Potter also recommended a Parish Council representative attends Parishes Day on 1 October 2022.	Clerk
05.22-13584	DDDC Councillor Helen Froggatt asked if the Parish Council had applied to the DDDC Platinum Jubilee Fund. The Clerk confirmed a successful application had been made and that £500 from the fund had been received.	
05.22-13585	DCC Councillor Susan Hobson reported that the Highways contractor is expected to return to the High Street in June or July to re-sweep following the re-surfacing last year. SB requested that a road closure be arranged because previous attempts to sweep have been hampered by parked cars. Councillor Hobson asked for the request to be put in writing and she would intervene on the Parish Council's behalf.	Clerk
05.22-13586	Councillor Hobson also reported she is to meet with the Council Cabinet member for Highways to discuss the problems villages are experiencing with traffic on the roads in her area and will report back to the Parish Council.	
05.22-13587	Councillor Hobson stated if the Parish Council wanted to participate in the County Council Speed Indicator Device Project an application should be made to DCC for which she will support.	
05.22-13588	RT delivered the following statement – Following the meeting of the 4 th April and subsequent meeting of 19 th April relating to the proposal to commence build of the community building. It is a well-intentioned project steered forwards by well-intentioned people. I have always been a supporter of the build in principle, even if this is with reservations about the funding model. However, my problems have always been about process and in the majority decision reached by council I do not believe that due diligence has been done and importantly has not been seen to be done. As such it is with regret that I can't, for me, with integrity remain as a councillor, I think I see where my duty lie and so I will step down with immediate effect and submit my letter of resignation within the next couple of days.	
05.22-13589	At this point RT left the meeting. CT asked that a letter of thanks be sent to RT once his resignation letter is received.	Clerk
05.22-13590	7. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 4th APRIL 2022 and TUESDAY 19th APRIL 2022. SB pointed out a typo in the minutes of the 4 th April 2022 at 04.22-13498, third line, should read 'phases' not 'phrases'. The minutes of the 19 th April 2022 were agreed as a correct record. CT signed the minutes.	CT
05.22-13591	8. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.	
05.22-13592	9. COUNCILLORS WILLING TO CONTINUE AS TRUSTEES OF THE READING ROOM CHARITY SB, CT, LF, and PS agreed to continue as trustees of the Reading Room Charity.	
05.22-13593	SB reported that she had not listed CH as a trustee with the Charity Commission whilst transferring the fund from The Nationwide BS to The Unity Trust Bank. The transfer is complete so this can now be done.	
05.22-13594	AC agreed to be a trustee and will also be included.	

05.22-13595	10. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND SUBSEQUENT SUB-COMMITTEES			
	No committees or sub-committees are required.			
05.22-13596	11. GOVERNANCE STATEMENT; AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS			
	Defer to June meeting. BA reported that the accounts were still to be audited. This will be arranged with Brian Wood to take place before the next meeting.			RFO
05.22-13597	12. INTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS			
	BA asked for the item to be deferred until the June meeting to allow time for the accounts to be audited.			RFO
05.22-13598	13. FINANCE			
	May 2022 Accounts			
	Bank Statements to 14 th April 2022			
	Current account:	£	100.00	
	Community Account 1:	£	2,758.70	
	Community Account 2:	£	10,063.25	
	Total		<u>£12,921.75</u>	
	<u>April Payments</u>			
	A Flint			
	Clerk's salary			
	01.04.2022 – 30.04.2022	24 hours @		
	£13.21		£317.04	
1863	Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls;			
	April 2022		£22.00	
	Reimbursement of Costs			
	19.04.2022 Ink from Cartridgeshop.co.uk		£40.49	
	26.04.2022 Paper from Ryman Stationery		£5.99	
				£385.52
	B Aldridge			
	RFO salary			
	01.04.2022 – 30.04.2022	5 hours @		
	£14.67		£73.35	
1864	Salary Underpayment		£379.14	
	Reimbursement of Costs			
	28.04.2022 Hopkinson's Skips		£280.00	
				£732.49
	Will Brindley			
1865	Village Maintenance - April			£418.00

	1866	Guardian Angel PC Support Anti-Virus Software Renewal		£33.60	
05.22-13599	<p>14. FLOOD ISSUES</p> <p>The Clerk reported Flood Warden Dan Hodgson had received information from DCC Project Engineer Emma Price to say that a cost estimate from Severn Trent Water to carry out the enabling works to allow a new chamber to be built in the mouth of Trinkey Lane is significant and as a result DCC intend to carry out a ground radar survey and revisit the design to see the effect on the brittle water main can be limited.</p> <p>CT expressed his frustration with this and highlighted the intense summer rains experienced in recent years which have led to flooding.</p>				
05.22-13600	<p>The Clerk to write to DCC Richard Ward to ask that this work is done as a priority.</p>				Clerk
05.22-13601	<p>15. ALLOTMENTS</p> <p>CT reported that the skip delivered at the end of April had been well used.</p>				
05.22-13602	<p>AC asked if the ordering of the skip could be scheduled to coincide with Easter weekend in 2023. The Clerk noted and will schedule.</p>				Clerk
05.22-13603	<p>The Clerk reported a complaint had been received from an allotment holder that the central grass had been 'strimmed' rather than mown. The Clerk had responded to inform that the contractor's lawn mower had developed a fault and he would be back to mow as soon as the mower was repaired.</p>				
05.22-13604	<p>16. BATH HOUSE WOOD</p> <p>The Clerk reported that two quotes from contractors had been received for the tree work required in Bath House Wood, Grove Garden and Concessionary Path. The third contractor had not responded to the tender issued.</p>				
05.22.13605	<p>Both quotes were discussed and it was RESOLVED (proposed PS and seconded CH) to accept the quote from Hope Valley Tree Care for £1850.00 excl. VAT, plus an extra £350 excl. VAT to remove three ash trees at the same time as the dead sycamore on the concessionary path, if Felicity Stout PDNPA felt this was appropriate.</p>				
05.22-13606	<p>The Clerk to contact Hope Valley Tree Care accepting the quote and asking that PDNPA paperwork is completed and returned to PDNPA for acceptance before commencing the work.</p>				Clerk
05.22-13607	<p>17. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>				
05.22-13608	<p>18. GROVE GARDENS</p> <p>The Clerk had received an email from a resident regarding bins overflowing in Grove Gardens and the potential this has to attract vermin.</p>				
05.22-13609	<p>CT reported that the chip shop owner had installed a second industrial waste bin next to the chip shop to take the excess waste.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding the issue and the suggestions the Parish Council could make to try to alleviate the problem. AC and CH agreed to meet with Mr Grafton and report back to the next meeting. The Clerk to arrange the meeting.</p>				Clerk
05.22-13610	<p>19. PLAYGROUND</p> <p>The Clerk reported Playsafe will conduct the annual inspection of the playground</p>				

05.22-13611	in May. The Clerk has investigated that fixings to secure the composite bench into soft ground can be supplied by TDP for £78.20. This was discussed and PS and LF agreed to secure the bench at no cost to the Parish Council.	PS & LF
05.22-13612	PS reported he had received a quote from Playdale Playgrounds for £15,000 for multi-play equipment to replace the roundabout and seesaw. PS will explore other options as this price is outside the budget.	PS
05.22-13613	AC also agreed to find out where Great Longstone purchased their multi-play equipment.	AC
05.22-13614	20. PLAYING FIELDS Nothing to report.	
05.22-13615	21. OLD TENNIS COURT Nothing to report.	
05.22-13616	22. VILLAGE PLAN CH asked if any progress had been made to identify additional parking in the village.	
05.22-13617	CT agreed to write to the Denman Estate to gauge their views on use of the land alongside the concessionary path to create additional parking.	CT
05.22-13618	AC will contact BMC for their views on providing additional parking for climbers on the land they have responsibility for.	AC
	23. CLERK'S REPORT <i>(Standing Items)</i>	
05.22-13619	(a) Jacob's Ladder Nothing to report.	
05.22-13620	(b) Village Cross and Steps Nothing to report.	
05.22-13621	(c) Highways Issues Nothing to report.	
05.22-13622	(d) Village Maintenance The Clerk has been in conversation with Helen Dennis from DDDC who intended to visit the area to determine if she felt siting a bin on Mill Lane would be suitable. Following her visit arrangements will be made for her to meet with Councillors.	Clerk
05.22-13623	(e) Defibrillator Following the resignation of RT another Councillor is required to complete the weekly defibrillator checks. Councillors were reluctant to take on this responsibility.	
05.22-13624	The Clerk agreed to contact a company who had been in touch earlier in the year to find out if they offer a weekly check service.	Clerk
05.22-13625	(f) Community Resilience Nothing to report	
05.22-13626	(g) 20's Plenty for Derbyshire Nothing to report.	
05.22-13627	(h) Parish Council Facebook Page Nothing to report.	
05.22-13628	(i) Compliance with General Data Protection Act Nothing to report.	
05.22-13629	(j) Speed restriction report/petition Derbyshire County Council are running a 12 month Speed Indicator Device (SID) Project. Parish Councils are invited to apply for a SID for which they will be	

05.22-13630	entirely responsible for on completion of a licence agreement with DDC. A £100 fee is payable for the licence agreement to DCC. It was agreed not to apply at this time. (k) Dale Brook hydro-generator feasibility	
05.22-13631	Nothing to report. (l) Community Speed Watch	
05.22-13632	The Clerk reported face to face training of volunteers will take place on 7 th June 2022. (m) Governance documentation 2022-23 report any changes required	
05.22-13633	Defer to next meeting. (n) Hope Valley Climate Action request for letter of support	
05.22-13634	It was agreed for the Clerk to write a letter to PDNPA supporting HVCA's letter to Sarah Dines MP concerning the National Energy Security Strategy.	Clerk
05.22-13635	24. NEW ITEM: WEIGHT LIMIT ON THE HIGH STREET SB reported that a number of large lorries which exceed the weight limit are regularly using the High Street. LF agreed to report to DCC Highways that the 3Ton sign at the bottom of the High Street advising the weight limit has faded.	LF
05.22-13636	SB agreed to send a letter to the organisers of a festival due to be held in Wardlow to ask them to inform attendees not to use the High Street to access the festival.	SB
05.22-13637	25. NEW ITEM: PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS, REQUEST TO USE PLAYING FIELD TO HOLD A PARTY, TREE PURCHASE AND PLANTING AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS It was RESOLVED (proposed SB and seconded LF) to allow the playing fields to be use to hold a community picnic to celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.	Clerk
05.22-13638	It was RESOLVED (proposed SB and seconded LF) to purchase a tree, supporting post, plaque and pay for delivery using money from the funding allocated from DCC Jubilee Fund and to organise a tree planting ceremony on the playing field on 5 th June 2022.	Clerk
05.22-13639	The Clerk to invite DCC Councillor Susan Hobson, Derbyshire Dales District Councillor Helen Froggatt and PDNPA Councillor Kath Potter to the tree planting ceremony.	Clerk
05.22-13640	It was RESOLVED (proposed SB and seconded AC) to reimburse Wayne Marriott £116.03 for the purchase of bunting, flags, paper plates, tablecloths, cups etc. for the community picnic he is helping to organise for the Platinum Jubilee. This was detailed in the funding application to DDDC Jubilee Fund and will be reimbursed from the £500 funding received.	
05.22-13641	It was RESOLVED (proposed SB and seconded LF) to purchase approximately five additional trees along with posts, a plaque and pay for delivery to plant in the Bath House Wood in commemoration of HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The remaining funding from DDDC and DCC Jubilee Funds will be used for this purpose.	Clerk
05.22-13642	26. NEW ITEM: REQUEST FOR BRASS BAND TO PLAY IN GROVE GARDENS ON 6TH AUGUST 2022 AT 6PM FOR 1 HOUR It was RESOLVED (proposed CT and seconded CH) to allow a Brass Band to play in the Grove Gardens on 6 th August 2022.	

05.22-13643	<p>27. NEW ITEM:REQUEST TO USE PLAYING FIELD FOR EVENTS DURING WELLDRESSING WEEK AND TO OPEN THE BATH HOUSE TO VISITORS OVER THE FIRST WEEKEND OF WELLDRESSING</p> <p>It was RESOLVED (proposed SB and seconded AC) to allow events to be held on the playing field during welldressing week and for the opening of the Bath House to visitors over the first weekend of welldressing.</p>	
05.22-13644	<p>28. CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>The Clerk reported correspondence had been received from a resident complaining about the reliability of the 257 bus run by Hulleys. There have been a number of occasions recently when the bus has failed to arrive. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to Hulleys for an explanation.</p>	Clerk
05.22-13645	<p>29. PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>There were no planning applications to discuss.</p>	
05.22-13646	<p>30. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</p> <p>There was no exchange of information.</p>	
05.22-13647	<p>31. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Monday 13th June 2022.</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.24pm.</p>	