

STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Unadopted minutes of the virtual meeting of Stoney Middleton Parish Council held on Monday 12th April 2021.

Present

Parish Councillors: Sue Bettney (SB) (Chair), Lawrence Flint (LF), Chris Tsielepi (CT) and Reuben Thorpe (RT)

Parish Clerk & RFO: Barry Aldridge (BA)

Minute No		Action
	The meeting commenced at 18:28 with SB conveying her condolences on behalf of Stoney Middleton Parish Council to the death of HRH Duke of Edinburgh	
04.21-12946	1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE Three members of the public.	
04.21-12947	2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Derbyshire Dales District Councillor Helen Froggatt; Peak District National Park Authority Councillor Kath Potter; Parish Councillors Colin Hall (CH) and Paul Spooner (PS)	
04.21-12948	3. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS There was no variation of business	
04.21-12949	4. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS No Councillors had notified the clerk that they needed to register a declaration in the member's interests' book	
04.21-12950	5. PUBLIC SPEAKING As the meeting was being held virtually, the Chair asked members of the public in attendance to raise any questions at the appropriate agenda item.	
04.21-12951	6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1ST FEBRUARY 2021. The minutes of the last meeting held on 1 st March were agreed as a correct record. SB will sign the minutes at the next physical meeting of the Parish Council or sooner, if possible.	SB
04.21-12952	7. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED There were no items that needed to be taken with the public excluded.	
04.21-12953	8. FLOOD ISSUES SB had contacted DCC again regarding the outstanding flood alleviation issues but no reply had been received.	
04.21-12954	PS met with a representative from Fluorsid regarding work to keep the watercourses in Coombs Dale clear of debris.	
04.21-12955	Dan Hodgson had contacted DCC about the urgency for remedial works around the Meadow Close/Trinkey Lane area on the A623. There had been signs of flooding again on the highway, following heavy rainfall in March, but the flow of	

	water from pipes under the highway was very slow into the field behind Meadow Close indicating a blockage or collapsed system.	
	9. ALLOTMENTS	
04.21-12956	CT to liaise with CH on the progress of scraping back the grass verge between the wall bordering the A623 and the car park/footpath. This work will allow water to drain more easily into the recently uncovered manhole and away from the allotments and concessionary path.	CT
04.21-12957	It was RESOLVED (proposed by CT and seconded by RT) to hire a skip for the clearing of the allotments. CT will contact the clerk on what size of skip is required after liaising with CH about whether one might also be needed for the remedial works to the verge.	CT/Clerk
04.21-12958	CT to read the water meter and check for any leakages following a higher than expected bill for the last quarter of 2020.	CT
	10. BATH HOUSE & WOODS	
04.21-12959	It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by LF) to commission PDNPA's Woodland Management scheme on an 18-month rolling basis. Work will be charged at £32.20 per hour. The scheme includes the inspection of the Walnut tree in Grove Gardens. LF to meet the PDNPA's inspectors for their first visit on 20 th May	LF
04.21-12960	Dan Hodgson has provided a map of the watercourses around the Bath House. SB used it to explain the reason for temporarily diverting water out of Bath Gardens, to a concerned resident on Old Hall Gardens. SB to investigate methods of recreating the map onto a board for fixing in the Bath House.	SB
04.21-12961	Thanks were expressed to residents of the Nook who had decorated the Bath House for Easter.	
04.21-12962	It was agreed for LF to lead a working party of residents on 17 th April, to tidy and clear out the 'Ladies' side of Bath House.	LF
	11. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	
04.21-12963	The preparation for the planting of wildflowers on the grass verge by Avenue Close had been completed by the mowing contractor. It was RESOLVED (proposed by CT and seconded by RT) for LF to purchase 300 plugged plants for this area at a cost, including ground preparation, of £260. CT to liaise with Wayne Marriott on whether Hortisoc can assist with the planting on 1 st May.	LF CT
04.21-12964	CT reported that Stoney Middleton Primary School is considering ideas for the agreed environmental project in the village.	
04.21-12965	CH had completed a PDNPA Litter Picking Survey and received guidance from them on how to do it safely.	
04.21-12966	DDDC has also provided details of their 'Pink Bag' litter picking initiative. The clerk to seek clarification from DDDC about how residents can obtain the pink bags. The view of the parish council is that litter picking must not be done next to roads where the speed limit exceeds 30 mph.	
04.21-12967	The clerk to enquire with PDNPA whether 'no littering' or 'Countryside Code' signs can be provided. One for Coombs Dale to be erected by the PDNPA, and two others for the playing field car park and Mill Lane, to be put up by the parish council.	Clerk
	12. GROVE GARDENS	
04.21-12968	Nothing to report	

04.21-12969	13. PLAYGROUND The playground installation had been delayed again due to parts being held up in customs as a result of Brexit. However, after intervention from Sovereign's account manager, the zip wire and nest seats should be installed w/c 12/04/2021.	Clerk
04.21-12970	It was RESOLVED (proposed by CT and seconded by RT) to purchase a recycled plastic bench (rainforest colour) to replace the one in the playground for £604.15 inc VAT and a recycled brown bench, to replace the one at the top of the playing field, for £426.77 inc VAT.	
04.21-12971	14 PLAYING FIELD It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by RT) to contribute towards Stoney Middleton Football Club's electricity bill for hosting the Defibrillator on their hut; subject to the football club providing a breakdown of costs.	Clerk
04.21-12972	The chain harrows have been received and it was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by CT) for the mowing contractor to give an additional cut in April using the harrows to scarify the ground.	
04.21-12973	Janet Pursey and Paul Rose will both be running weekend fitness classes. Janet will run hers fortnightly on Saturdays and Paul weekly each Sunday.	
04.21-12974	RT reported that parts of the wall at the back of the playing field required repair.	
04.21-12975	15. OLD TENNIS COURT Nothing to report	
04.21-12976	16 VILLAGE PLAN CH had circulated an updated Village Plan for comment, following further advice from PDNPA. It was agreed that councillors should read and feedback their comments to CH before the next meeting	ALL
	<u>17. CLERKS REPORT</u> <i>Standing Items</i>	
04.21-12977	a) Jacob's Ladder The clerk had received an email from a parishioner on recent activities witnessed on and around Jacobs Ladder. The Police had confirmed to SB and the clerk that they would be patrolling the area over the coming weekends.	SB
04.21-12978	SB to contact the Inspector of Roads Policing to ask for the number prosecuted for illegally using Jacobs Ladder and whether the data can be published via their Twitter feed.	
04.21-12979	b) Village Cross and Steps Nothing to report.	
04.21-12980	c) Highways Issues SB had still not received a response from DCC Highways about a meeting to discuss the ongoing parking issues around the Toll Bar. DCC Highways has appointed a new Director and he will be contacted to try to progress the issues.	SB
04.21-12981	The speed reduction petition will be discussed at DCC's cabinet meeting on 27 th May, provided it's not delayed due to the outcome of forthcoming County Councillor elections. The Police and Crime Commissioner has confirmed he supports the position of Stoney Middleton and Calver but the decision sits with DCC	
04.21-12982	Chris Large at Fluorsid has confirmed that a new company has been commissioned to sweep the road through Cavendish Mill.	

04.21-12983	The clerk had received an email from a parishioner concerned about seating that had appeared outside the Toll Bar Chip Shop. They were advised to report their concern to the Police and/or DCC if they felt that Covid rules were being broken and/or the pavement was being obstructed.	
04.21-12984	The clerk had also received an email about cyclists using the footpath through The Meadows. The clerk to contact both PDNPA and DCC to ascertain measures to stop this from happening.	Clerk
04.21-12985	It was agreed that ongoing parking issues should start to be addressed at the next meeting as part of Village Plan discussions.	
Ongoing and Outstanding Items		
d) Village Maintenance		
04.21-12986	Due to the health & safety risk, it was RESOLVED (proposed by CT and seconded by SB) for Hope Valley Tree Care to clear the area and pollard the dangerous Sweet Chestnut tree on the concessionary path for £950 excl VAT.	CT
e) Dalton Quarry Filming		
04.21-12987	The parish council had met with a representative of Libra by zoom. The company were looking to appoint marshalls to assist on filming dates and they were also looking for a company to clean the portacabins on site. SB to provide details of a local cleaning company.	SB
f) Defibrillator		
04.21-12988	EMAS is not prepared to meet in person due to lockdown restrictions, nor over a 'zoom' call, to demonstrate correct testing procedures for the defibrillators. They suggest consulting the manufacturers' websites.	
04.21-12989	SB to contact DALC about the general lack of support for maintaining the defibrillators.	SB
04.21-12990	RT to draft a letter to both EMAS and the British Heart Foundation expressing concern about the lack of support and the feeling of isolation in respect of maintaining the defibrillators.	RT
04.21-12991	Following a national field safety notification about a possible problem with the lid magnet on C2 defibrillators, received from The Defibstore and 'Circuit', the defibrillator on the playing field was checked, per instructions, and the company advised that the magnet was in place.	
04.21-12992	SB suggested the purchase of thermal sleeves for next winter, even though the defibrillators are in heated cabinets.	
04.21-12993	CT to investigate the possibility of re-positioning the defibrillator at the bottom of High Street.	
g) Community Resilience		
04.21-12994	DCC's Emergency Planning team is aware that the village school and St Martin's Church are designated as emergency disaster centres.	
04.21-12995	CT to draft a proposal for the next meeting on how to progress a Community Resilience plan, identifying key contacts with specific skills	CT
h) SMPC Meetings 2021		
04.21-12996	It has been confirmed through correspondence with the local MP and DALC, that virtual meetings cannot continue after 7 th May. SB said that the Wesleyan Chapel	

04.21-12997	is not yet ready to offer meeting space.	SB/Clerk
04.21-12998	DALC to be consulted again at the monthly clerk/chair meeting. It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by CT) that if the decision is not reversed, the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 th May by 'zoom' (instead of Monday 10 th May), to allow the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to take place.	
04.21-12999	i) Derbyshire Dales Ward Boundary Review There is no update yet on whether the boundary review proposals will be implemented. SB had completed the on-line boundary review consultation and notified DDDC of the parish council's objections to the proposal to place Stoney Middleton in the Hathersage Ward.	SB
04.21-13000	j) Parish Council Vacancies It is believed that there will not be a full election process (as 10 or more residents have not requested it) to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Councillor Esposito. Once DDDC confirms this in writing, the following process will be implemented to fill the casual vacancy: 1. Casual vacancy notice to be published 2. Interested parties to submit a letter of intent 3. Interested parties to attend a parish council meeting; 4. Followed (a couple of days later) by an interview with the full council. 5. Name of new councillor submitted to DDDC	
04.21-13001	It was RESOLVED (proposed by CT and seconded by RT) for SB to purchase a thank you gift for Karen Esposito.	
04.21-13002	The application date for the parish clerk vacancy closes on Friday 16 th April. It was agreed that SB, PS and CT would lead on th recruitment and selection process.	
04.21-13003	18. 20's PLENTY FOR DERBYSHIRE SB reported that Derbyshire's Police and Crime Commissioner supports the initiative and other local parish councils have joined up. SB proposed that, as a case had already been made for a 20 MPH zone in the village, SMPC should support the initiative. This was supported by CT, LF & RT.	SB
04.21-13004	19. COMMUNITY BUILDING QUESTIONNAIRE It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by CT) to pay the cost of printing the Community Building questionnaire, subject to approving the content.	
04.21-13005	20. PARISH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE SB attended Social Media Training organised by DALC and agreed to circulate the PowerPoint to all Councillors to assist with the decision about whether to adopt a social media policy and start a Facebook page.	SB
04.21-13006	SB to ask DALC for details of smaller parish councils operating a facebook page, to help with decision making.	SB
04.21-13007	21. PARKING ISSUES ON HIGH STREET Concerns had been received about parking on High Street at the point where the road is very narrow just below the school. it was RESOLVED (Proposed by SB	

	and seconded by CT) for a blue No Parking sign to be purchased and erected on the corner of the school wall, subject to approval by the school.	CT/Clerk
04.21-13008	<p>22. CONFIRM PARISH COUNCIL RENEWALS OF CONTRACTS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2021/22</p> <p>It was RESOLVED (proposed by LF and seconded by RT) for the following annual, quarterly and monthly payments/subscriptions/renewals to be paid, as and when required for 2021-22:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 123Reg – Website Domain Renewal - Came & Company – Parish Council Insurance - Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) - Membership Renewal - Clerks Salary (jnc Expenses and Stationery & Office Supplies) – 20-25 hours depending on workload - DALC - Membership Renewal Incl Group 1 Training - Guardian Angel PC Support – Antivirus Software Renewal - Hydrologic Services – Renewal & Maintenance of Dale Brook Telemetry Sensor - John Lloyd – Bus Shelter Maintenance - National Trust – Christmas Tree - Peak Park Parishes Forum – Membership Renewal - Playsafety – Play Area Inspection - Responsible Financial Officer Salary – 5 hours per month - WaterPlus – Water supply for Allotments - Wesleyan Reform Chapel – Parish Council Meetings - Wix – Website Hosting Renewal 	Clerk
04.21-13009	<p>23. ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS 2021/22</p> <p>It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by CT) to adopt the Standing Orders for 2021/22. The clerk will publish on the Parish Council website.</p>	Clerk
04.21-13010	<p>24. NEW ITEM: ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS FOR 2021/22</p> <p>It was RESOLVED (proposed by CT and seconded by LF) to adopt the Financial Regulations for 2021/22. The clerk will publish on the Parish Council website.</p>	Clerk
04.21-13011	<p>25. NEW ITEM: ADOPTION OF PRIVACY POLICY FOR 2021/22</p> <p>It was RESOLVED (proposed by LF and seconded by RT) to adopt the Privacy Policy for 2021/22. The clerk will publish on the Parish Council website.</p>	Clerk
04.21-13012	<p>26. NEW ITEM: ADOPTION OF CODE OF PRACTICE FOR 2021/22</p> <p>It was RESOLVED (proposed by RT and seconded by SB) to adopt the Code of Practice for 2021/22. The clerk will publish on the Parish Council website.</p>	Clerk
04.21-13013	<p>27. CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Correspondence received by the Clerk was circulated to Councillors before the meeting.</p>	
04.21-13014	<p>28. PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>NP/DDD/0321/0289 – Highfields Farm – no objection to the building of a farmhouse but environmental concerns if pig stock increased</p>	Clerk

04.21-13015	<p>29. FINANCE Bank Statements to 15th March 2021; Current account: £ 100.00 Community Account 1: £ 3,128.88 Community Account 2: £ 10,061.94 Total £ <u>13,290.82</u></p>																	
04.21-13016	<p>Payments: It was RESOLVED for the Invoices below to be paid. (proposed by SB and seconded by RT). Cheques were signed pre-meeting by CH and CT.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="279 465 1342 1153"> <tr> <td data-bbox="279 465 391 817">1801</td> <td data-bbox="391 465 1045 817"> <p>B Aldridge Clerk's salary 01.03.21 – 31.03.21 30 hours @ £13.51</p> <p>Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; February 2021</p> <p>WaterPlus Reimbursement of Allotments Water Supply</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1045 465 1181 817">£405.30 £22.00 £189.07</td> <td data-bbox="1181 465 1342 817"> £616.37</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="279 817 391 918">1802</td> <td data-bbox="391 817 1045 918"> <p>Peak Park Parishes Forum Membership Renewal 2021-22</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1045 817 1181 918"></td> <td data-bbox="1181 817 1342 918">£12.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="279 918 391 1064">1803</td> <td data-bbox="391 918 1045 1064"> <p>Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Membership Renewal 2021-22 Group 1 Training</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1045 918 1181 1064">£222.33 £130.00</td> <td data-bbox="1181 918 1342 1064">£352.33</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="279 1064 391 1153">1804</td> <td data-bbox="391 1064 1045 1153"> <p>Will Brindley Village Maintenance – Avenue Close</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1045 1064 1181 1153"></td> <td data-bbox="1181 1064 1342 1153">£50.00</td> </tr> </table>	1801	<p>B Aldridge Clerk's salary 01.03.21 – 31.03.21 30 hours @ £13.51</p> <p>Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; February 2021</p> <p>WaterPlus Reimbursement of Allotments Water Supply</p>	£405.30 £22.00 £189.07	 £616.37	1802	<p>Peak Park Parishes Forum Membership Renewal 2021-22</p>		£12.00	1803	<p>Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Membership Renewal 2021-22 Group 1 Training</p>	£222.33 £130.00	£352.33	1804	<p>Will Brindley Village Maintenance – Avenue Close</p>		£50.00	
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04.21-13019	<p>24. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING; To be confirmed as outlined in <i>item 17h</i></p>																	
	The meeting closed at 20:47																	