

# STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Unadopted minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council meeting held on 4 March 2004

### Present

Parish Councillors: Colin Hall (CH) (Chair), Sue Bettney (SB), Martina Hodgson (MH) and Richard Brisbin (RB).

Parish Clerk Anne Flint (AF), Paula Wilde (PW) and Barry Aldridge (Responsible Finance Officer)

Minute No		Action
	<b>WELCOME</b> The meeting commenced at 18.30.	
03.24-14680	<b>1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE</b> PDNPA Cllr Kath Potter and 5 members of the public	
03.24-14681	<b>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> PCSO - Anthony Boswell and DDDC Cllr Simon Ripton	
03.24-14682	<b>3. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS</b> There was no variation of business	
03.24-14683	<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.	
03.24-14684	<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.	
03.24-14685	Councillor Kath Potter PDNPA, commented on the challenge of youth migration from rural areas, and the pressing issue of young people migrating from the countryside due to the absence of suitable housing options. Councillor Potter highlighted that this was exacerbated by the rising trend of purchasing holiday and second homes and presented the Clerk with a chart entitled "New Dwellings in PDNP 2006/7 - 2022/23," emphasising local housing needs and a newspaper article on the hardships faced by young people residing in rural areas.	
03.24-14686	A member of the public raised concerns about the deteriorating condition of the old football hut on the playing fields. Clarification was sought as to the cost of its demolition & removal. The Clerk will make enquiries into the cost of removal.	
03.24-14687	<b>6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024</b> The minutes of the meeting on 5 February 2024 were agreed as a correct record. CH signed the minutes.	CH
03.24-14688	<b>7. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED</b> There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.	

03.24-14689

**8. FINANCE****February 2024 Accounts**Bank Statements to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Current account:	£	£100.00
Community Account 1:	£	£2,076.18
Community Account 2:	£	£5,196.83
<b>Total</b>		<u>£7,373.01</u>

**Payments since last meeting in December**

Bank Transfer 09/12/2023	<b>Anne Flint</b> Reimbursement for Village Christmas Tree from National Trust		<b>£220.00</b>
Bank Transfer 24/12/2023	<b>Hydrologic Services</b>		<b>£48.00</b>
Bank Transfer 24/12/2023	<b>Will Brindley</b> Village Maintenance November & December 2023		<b>£460.00</b>
Bank Transfer 03/01/2024	<b>Eley Agri Services</b> Concessionary Path Replacement & Allotments Gate Post Replacement		<b>£4,107.17</b>
Bank Transfer 03/01/2024	<b>A Flint</b> Clerk's salary 01.12.2023 – 31.12.2023      20 hours @ £15.75  Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; December 2023	£315.00     £22.00	<b>£337.00</b>
Bank Transfer 03/01/2024	<b>B Aldridge</b> RFO salary 01.12.2023 – 31.12.2023      5 hours @ £16.67	£83.35	<b>£83.35</b>
Bank Transfer 17/01/2024	<b>Harry White</b> Gritter Hire & Snowplough 30/11/2023 – 02/12/2023 – 03/12/2023		<b>£228.00</b>
Bank Transfer 24/01/2024	<b>A Flint</b> Clerk's salary 01.01.2024 – 31.01.2024      20 hours @ £15.75 (minus tax)  Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; January 2024	£311.78     £22.00	

	Reimbursement of Costs 5 <sup>th</sup> January - My Memory Hard Drive	£23.98	£357.76	
03.24-14690	<b>9. FLOOD ISSUES</b> The Clerk reported that Dan Hodgson SMPC Flood Warden had written to the Environment Agency asking them to fund the cost of a survey of Moorwood Sough. He has also written to the Duchy of Lancaster to try to find out if Moorwood Sough is owned by them.			
03.24-14691	The Clerk reported that Sarah Dines MP will escalate the issue of the delay in commencing the Trinkey Lane/Meadow Close flood alleviation work with DCC.			
03.24-14692	<b>10. ALLOTMENTS/COMMUNITY ORCHARD</b> The Clerk reported the skip is on the allotments ready to use.			
03.24-14693	The RFO asked if the Allotment Management Group could provide a water metre reading.			Clerk
03.24-14694	<b>11. BATH HOUSE WOOD</b> MH stated that to create a Forest School for village children better access is required to the top of the wood and she will contact Severn Trent Community Groups to ask for help with this			MH
03.24-14695	The Clerk to speak to residents about organising a volunteer working group to tidy the Bath House Gardens.			Clerk
03.24-14696	CH asked for an Agenda item at the next meeting to discuss possible uses of the Bath House and Woods.			Clerk
03.24-14697	<b>12. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES</b> RB has obtained 100sm of wildflower seeds for planting around the village.			
03.24-14698	<b>13. GROVE GARDENS</b> It was agreed for Hathersage Brass Band to use the gardens to play on 6 April 2024 & 3 August 2024.			
03.24-14699	<b>14. PLAYGROUND AND PLAYING FIELDS</b> The Clerk reported that a quotation had been received for a clamber stack to replace the roundabout and seesaw. This will be used for the grant funding application to Chatsworth.			
03.24-14700	The Clerk to ask the company to provide a quote for safety matting.			
03.24-14701	The question arose regarding the necessity of planning permission for the replacement of the existing play equipment. The Clerk was asked to make further enquiries.			Clerk
03.24-14702	The Clerk has received an enquiry from Bakewell Town Juniors Football Club asking if it would be possible to hire the playing field for the next season matches from September to April/May. A discussion took place and it was agreed to decline the request due to the increased cost of maintaining the playing field for football matches.			
03.24-14703	<b>15. OLD TENNIS COURT</b> The Clerk is waiting for a reply from the Lawn Tennis Association regarding funding for hard surface courts.			Clerk
03.24-14704	<b>16. VILLAGE PLAN</b> The Clerk has received the Housing Need Report from DDDC. The Clerk to contact DDDC to ask for the next steps in the process.			Clerk

03.24-14705	<b>17. GRANT FUNDING COMMITTEE</b> This was discussed at item 14.	
	<b>18. CLERK'S REPORT</b> <b>(Standing Items)</b>	
	<b>(a) Jacob's Ladder</b>	
03.24-14706	The issue of continued usage by off road bikes and 4x4 vehicles continues to be a concern. The Clerk has issued information to residents on how to report breaches of the TRO via phone, Facebook, or Derbyshire Constabulary website.	
03.24-14707	A discussion took place on what more can be done and an offer was made of the loan of a camera to enable evidence to be gathered of vehicles violating the TRO.	
03.24-14708	It was suggested that it may be possible to ask for a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) on Jacobs Ladder. The Clerk to make enquiries with Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC).	Clerk
	<b>(b) Highways Issues</b>	
03.24-14709	The Clerk reported that Councillor Susan Hobson had spoken to DCC Highways about the issue of parking on the High Street and possible use of double yellow lines in problem areas. DCC Highways responded to say they would be reluctant to put down double yellow lines because it would move the problem to other areas.	
03.24-14710	The Clerk to explore the option of using planters at the pinch points to deter parking. The Clerk to contact DCC Highways to enquire whether permission would be required.	Clerk
03.24-14711	It was also suggested flyers could be placed on car windscreens to remind motorists to park considerately. The Clerk to contact the Police and Derbyshire Fire and Rescue to ask if they can provide specific wording or posters which could be used for this purpose.	Clerk
03.24-14712	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed SB and seconded MH) to purchase no parking bollards to place at pinch points in the village.	RFO
03.24-14713	The Clerk agreed to contact the owners of the climbing barn to ask if they are able to offer any parking space for residents.	Clerk
	<b>(c) Village Maintenance</b>	
03.24-14714	The concessionary path is in a very bad state of repair following the heavy rains over the last few months. It was agreed to establish a working party of volunteers to try to address the drainage issue. The Clerk to send a request asking for volunteers.	Clerk
	<b>(d) Defibrillator</b>	
03.24-14715	SB suggested the locations of the Defibrillators be mentioned in the next Parish Council Newsletter.	
	<b>(e) Speed restriction report/petition</b>	
03.24-14716	The Clerk has received an email from Grindleford Parish Council asking about the possibility of joining the Highways Group.	
03.24-14717	SB will organise a meeting of the Highways Group with the other Parish Councils and the request from Grindleford PC be put forward at that meeting.	
	<b>(f) Community Speed Watch</b>	
03.24-14718	It was agreed to put out a request for volunteers to join a revived Community Speed Watch Team in the next Parish Council Newsletter.	
	<b>(g) Parish Councillor Vacancy</b>	
03.24-14719	There are still three Parish Councillor Vacancies. The vacancies will be advertised in the next Parish Council Newsletter.	

03.24-14720	<b>(h) Lovers Leap Lay-by</b> The Clerk sent a letter which SMPC had received from DCC in 2005 where they accepted responsibility for the maintenance of the layby to DCC Andrew Yates who responded and advised the Clerk to contact the Highways Maintenance Team. The request for the layby to be tarmacked and marked for parking has been logged with DCC.	
03.24-14721	<b>(i) Cavendish Mill</b> The Clerk reported that PDNPA are unaware of any change in ownership of Cavendish Mill. Negotiations are ongoing and they are in contact with the company and some of its former employees. PDNPA will update the community if or when they become aware of an ownership change	
03.24-14722	<b>19. NEW ITEM: DALC OPTIONAL ENHANCED TRAINING FEE</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed SB and seconded RB) to pay the enhanced fee for the 2024/25 financial year.	
03.24-14723	<b>20. NEW ITEM: DOG WASTE</b> Residents expressed concerns about the amount of dog waste in the village. It was proposed to contact the local school to ask for the children's help in creating posters to discourage inconsiderate dog owners from leaving waste behind. The Clerk to contact the school.	Clerk
03.24-14724	<b>21. NEW ITEM: MAINTENANCE CONTRACT</b> The Clerk reported that two quotes had been received. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed SB and seconded RB) to delay awarding the contract until the April Meeting.	
03.24-14725	The Clerk to contact one of the contractors to discuss the price.	Clerk
03.24-14726	<b>22. NEW ITEM: BREAST CANCER WALK</b> The Clerk has been contacted by a breast cancer charity asking to use the playing field as a check point on Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2024. Councillors agreed and asked for a donation to be made towards the playground project. Clerk to contact.	Clerk
03.24-14727	<b>23. NEW ITEM: ANNUAL PARISH MEETING</b> The Clerk reported that the DDDC Housing Team will attend the meeting and give a 15 minute presentation on the Housing Need Survey. It was agreed to start the meeting at 6.30pm.	
03.24-14728	<b>24. CORRESPONDENCE</b> Correspondence received by the Clerk is circulated to Councillors prior the meeting.	
03.24-14729	<b>25. PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b> There were no planning applications.	
03.24-14730	<b>26. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</b> It was agreed to start future Parish Council meetings at 7pm.	
03.24-14731	<b>27. CONFIRMATION OF MEETINGS FOR 2024-15</b> The following dates were agreed: 8th April, 13 <sup>th</sup> May, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June, 1 <sup>st</sup> July, 2 <sup>nd</sup> September, 7 <sup>th</sup> October, 4 <sup>th</sup> November, 2 <sup>nd</sup> December, 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2025, and 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2025.	
03.24-14732	CH stated he wouldn't be able to attend the meeting on the 13 <sup>th</sup> May. It was agreed to hold the Annual Meeting to elect a Chairperson at the end of May. The date to be confirmed at the next meeting	
	The meeting closed at 21.30	