

# STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Unadopted minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

### Present

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

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

Minute No		Action
	<p><b>WELCOME</b> The meeting commenced at 19:00.</p>	
07.22-13706	<p><b>1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE</b> DCC Councillor Susan Hobson, PDNPA Councillor Kath Potter and three members of the public.</p>	
07.22-13707	<p><b>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> DDDC Councillor Helen Froggatt, PC Linda Hancock.</p>	
07.22-13708	<p><b>3. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS</b> It was agreed to move item 8 Finance to the end of the meeting and to defer item 18(h) to the next meeting.</p>	
07.22-13709	<p><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.</p>	
07.22-13710	<p><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.</p>	
07.22-13711	<p>PDNPA Councillor Kath Potter reported that Councillor Patrick Brady had been voted as Chair to the Planning Committee.</p>	
07.22-13712	<p>Councillor Potter also stated that she intends to write to the Minister Responsible for National Parks and Sarah Dines MP to express her concern about the PDNPA blanket ban on converting empty barns within the Peak National Park into homes. Many of the barns are being allowed to fall into disrepair due to this policy.</p>	
07.22-13713	<p>DCC Councillor Susan Hobson expressed her thanks for the invitation from SMPC to the Jubilee Tree Planting Ceremony.</p>	
07.22-13714	<p>Councillor Hobson also stated she had written to Sarah Dines MP about the dilapidated state of the hut on the playing field and is hoping to arrange a meeting to discuss this with her in September.</p>	

07.22-13715	Councillor Hobson reported that she had asked DCC Steve Alcock to provide reasons for the speed limits which are set on the A623 but he has only reiterated what has been previously said.	
07.22-13716	Brian Nicholls from the Peak & Derbyshire Vehicle User Group reported that an open day had been arranged at the Eyre Arms on 23 <sup>rd</sup> July to help off road users understand the meaning of a TRO and which routes users are able to legally use. Police and Councillors have also been invited.	
07.22-13717	CT pointed out that Stoney Middleton Welldressing opening would be taking place on 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2022. Brian Nicholls noted this.	
07.22-13718	SB passed on some information which a resident had received from DCC Project Engineer Andrew Yates for the Lovers Leap Rock works. It has been agreed to place signs at the bottom of the High Street and at Castlegate/Thunderpit Lane to inform traffic that it is not a through route to dissuade queuing motorists from using the High Street as an alternative.	
07.22-13719	<b>6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b> The minutes of the meeting on Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 were agreed as a correct record. CT signed the minutes.	CT
07.22-13720	<b>7. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED</b> There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.	
07.22-13721	<b>9. FLOOD ISSUES</b> Nothing to report since the last meeting.	
07.22-13722	<b>10. ALLOTMENTS/COMMUNITY ORCHARD</b> AC reported a Whatsapp Group had been set up to communicate with allotment holders.	
07.22-13723	It was also reported that the idea to plant a raspberry hedge along the boundary of the community orchard could cause access problems. AC will give this some further thought.	AC
07.22-13724	AC is to gather interest from allotment holders about providing a composting toilet.	AC
07.22-13725	AC reported that Curbar School have declined the offer for school children to take part in allotment activities but offered for allotment holders to help at the school with their vegetable patch.	
07.22-13726	It was reported that branches from an ash tree near to the allotments were overhanging the concessionary path. Martin Games has agreed to remove the branches.	
07.22-13727	AC will be contacting allotment holders who have not been working their plots in the next few weeks, as there are a number of people on the waiting list.	AC
07.22-13728	The fruit trees in the community orchard require pruning by an arboriculturist. It was agreed to look at this again once the trees have fruited.	
07.22-13729	The Clerk has asked Judsons for a quote to produce a sign for the Community Orchard gate.	Clerk
07.22-13730	The Clerk has spoken to the contractor who will clear the undergrowth around the gate when he next cuts the grass in the community orchard.	
07.22-13731	<b>11. BATH HOUSE WOOD</b> Thanks were given to LF and Lance Dayton for clearing an area within the wood to make space for the five cherry trees.	
07.22-13732	The Clerk has put the delivery of the cherry trees back to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 due to the increased watering required over the summer months	
07.22-13733	Thanks were expressed to the Clerk and LF for the time taken to purchase the jubilee trees and arrange delivery.	

07.22-13734	<b>12. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES</b> LF reported a local resident has agreed to build a compost bin to be placed in the Bath House Wood.	
07.22-13735	<b>13. GROVE GARDENS</b> SB reported that the chip shop owner had removed the bin without the lid which will help to deter vermin.	
07.22-13736	<b>14. PLAYGROUND</b> PS reported that he and Andrew Buckley had secured the composite bench and readjusted the roundabout to make it turn easier.	
07.22-13737	Thanks were expressed to PS and Andrew Buckley for this and other maintenance work they have recently carried out in the village. The Clerk to email thanks to Andrew Buckley.	Clerk
07.22-13738	The Play Safety report states that the swivelling swing should have a safety chain fitted. PS to check the Specification Sheet from Sovereign to see if one should have been fitted.	PS
07.22-13739	PS will get in touch with Creative Play to obtain a quote for multi play equipment to replace the roundabout and seesaw.	PS
07.22-13740	<b>15. PLAYING FIELDS</b> PS reported that he and Andrew Buckley had secured the plaque next to the tree planted for the Jubilee and dismantled the fencing from the tree next to the gate to the concessionary path.	
07.22-13741	Thanks were expressed to AC for watering the new tree planted for the Jubilee.	
07.22-13742	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (Proposed SB and seconded AC) to accept the quote of £275.00 to repair the A623 boundary wall.	Clerk
07.22-13743	The Clerk reported that Helen Dennis DDDC would be inspecting the area requested to site an additional bin on the playing field.	
07.22-13744	The Clerk will contact SMFC to ask for copies of electricity bills to determine the contribution the Parish Council should pay for the electricity used by the defibrillator.	Clerk
07.22-13745	<b>16. OLD TENNIS COURT</b> A discussion took place about ways to enhance the tennis court to increase its use. AC suggested installing a basketball hoop at one end and agreed to cost this and report back to the next meeting.	AC
07.22-13746	PS agreed to look into the cost of a multi-use outdoor gym and report back to the next meeting.	PS
07.22-13747	<b>17. VILLAGE PLAN</b> CT reported he had drafted a letter to send to the Denman Estate to ask their views on using land adjacent to the concessionary path for parking and affordable housing.	CT, Clerk
07.22-13748	AC to contact BMC for their views on providing additional parking for climbers on the land they are responsible for.	AC
07.22-13749	CT reported he has drafted a Memorandum of Understanding between the Parish Council and SMILE for the construction of the Community Building and will send it to Councillors for review.	CT
	<b>18. CLERK'S REPORT</b> <i>(Standing Items)</i>	
07.22-13750	<b>(a) Jacob's Ladder</b> Nothing to report.	
07.22-13751	<b>(b) Village Cross and Steps</b> Nothing to report	

07.22-13752	<p><b>(c) Highways Issues</b></p> <p>CT reported that he, SB and LF had met with DCC, Eurovia (Contractor) about the work which will be taking place to secure the rock face at Lovers Leap. Traffic lights will be configured to ensure westbound traffic moves more quickly to prevent a build-up of traffic through the village. This will be monitored in the first week. The businesses affected have been consulted. Car parking in the layby opposite Lovers Leap will be taken up by contractor's equipment but they are expected to leave a few parking spaces available. The work is expected to last for 19 weeks.</p>	
07.22-13753	<p><b>(d) Village Maintenance</b></p> <p>The Clerk has received the report from Felicity Stout PDNPA on the ash trees along the concessionary path. All the trees requiring work have been marked with an orange dot with 19 smaller ash trees identified. PS agreed to remove the 19 smaller trees. It was agreed on completion of this work the Clerk will go out to contractors for a quote to remove the remaining trees identified in the report.</p>	Clerk
07.22-13754	<p><b>(e) Defibrillator</b></p> <p>AC reported that Lucien Cottle had agreed to carry out the checks on both defibrillators on behalf of the Parish Council. Thanks were expressed to Lucien.</p>	
07.22-13755	<p><b>(f) Community Resilience</b></p> <p>The Clerk agreed to issue a communication to residents via the mailing list, Facebook, Website and Community Facebook page to ask for people to come forward who could help in the event of a major incident in the village.</p>	Clerk
07.22-13756	<p><b>(g) 20's Plenty for Derbyshire</b></p> <p>Nothing to report. It was agreed to remove this item from future agendas.</p>	
07.22-13757	<p><b>(h) Compliance with General Data Protection Act</b></p> <p>Item deferred to the next meeting</p>	
07.22-13758	<p><b>(i) Speed restriction report/petition</b></p> <p>The Clerk will arrange a meeting with Calver PC and Froggatt Community Speed Group to discuss the next steps.</p>	Clerk
07.22-13759	<p><b>(j) Community Speed Watch</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that volunteers will receive roadside training with PC Boswell on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022.</p>	
07.22-13760	<p>A discussion took place about traffic speeds and it was agreed to write to haulage firms who regularly use the A623 to ask if they can encourage their drivers to decrease speeds through the village preferably to the 20/30 speeds the Parish Council are campaigning for. CH to draft a letter and SB to provide a list of hauliers.</p>	CH,SB& Clerk
07.22-13761	<p><b>(k) Parish Councillor Vacancy</b></p> <p>The Clerk has issued a Councillor Vacancy Notice and contacted the Returning Officer to report the vacancy.</p>	
07.22-13762	<p><b>(l) Footway Parking Request</b></p> <p>CT reported the request to consider partial parking on the pavement on an area of the A623 by the chip shop had been turned down by DCC Highways because the pavement is too narrow.</p>	
07.22-13763	<p><b>19. NEW ITEM: PDNPA'S LOCAL PLAN SURVEY – PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE REQUIRED BY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022</b></p> <p>All Councillors agreed to respond to the survey by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.</p>	All

07.22-13764	<b>20. NEW ITEM: RESOLUTION TO CONFER POWERS ON THE CHAIRPERSON TO ACT ON URGENT MATTERS DURING SUMMER RECESS</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (Proposed SB and seconded CH) to confer powers to CT to act on urgent matters during the summer recess.	CT																																			
07.22-13765	<b>21. NEW ITEM: RESOLUTION TO CONFER POWERS ON THE CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER TO DEAL WITH URGENT FINANCIAL MATTERS DURING SUMMER RECESS</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (Proposed SB and seconded CT) to confer powers to the Clerk and RFO to deal with any urgent financial matters during recess.	Clerk, RFO																																			
07.22-13766	<b>22. CORRESPONDENCE</b> Correspondence received by the Clerk is circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.																																				
07.22-13767	<b>23. PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b> NP/DDD/0622/0788 –Rock View, The Dale, Stoney Middleton No objection with the following comment – Stoney Middleton Parish Council support hybrid/home working because this contributes to a decrease in congestion on the road and increases security within the village environment and contributes to the life of the village during the day.																																				
07.22-13768	<p><b>8. FINANCE</b> <b>July 2022 Accounts</b> Bank Statements to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022</p> <table> <tr> <td>Current account:</td> <td>£</td> <td>100.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community Account 1:</td> <td>£</td> <td>14,260.85</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community Account 2:</td> <td>£</td> <td>10,063.75</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td></td> <td><u>£24,424.60</u></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>July Payments</u></b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td rowspan="2">1875</td> <td><b>A Flint</b> Clerk's salary 01.06.2022 – 30.06.2022      20 hours @ £13.48</td> <td>£269.60</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; June 2022</td> <td>£22.00</td> <td><b>£291.60</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1876</td> <td><b>B Aldridge</b> RFO salary 01.06.2022 – 30.06.2022      10 hours @ £14.67</td> <td>£146.70</td> <td><b>£146.70</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1877</td> <td><b>Will Brindley</b> Village Maintenance - June</td> <td></td> <td><b>£418.00</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1878</td> <td><b>Tideswell Brass Band</b> Well Dressing performance</td> <td></td> <td><b>£175.00</b></td> </tr> </table>	Current account:	£	100.00		Community Account 1:	£	14,260.85		Community Account 2:	£	10,063.75		<b>Total</b>		<u>£24,424.60</u>		1875	<b>A Flint</b> Clerk's salary 01.06.2022 – 30.06.2022      20 hours @ £13.48	£269.60		Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; June 2022	£22.00	<b>£291.60</b>	1876	<b>B Aldridge</b> RFO salary 01.06.2022 – 30.06.2022      10 hours @ £14.67	£146.70	<b>£146.70</b>	1877	<b>Will Brindley</b> Village Maintenance - June		<b>£418.00</b>	1878	<b>Tideswell Brass Band</b> Well Dressing performance		<b>£175.00</b>	
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07.22-13769	<b>25. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</b> There was no exchange of information.	
07.22-13770	<b>26. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING</b> The next meeting will be held on 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022.	
	The meeting closed at 9pm.	