

STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Unadopted minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council meeting held on 5th February 2024.

Present

Parish Councillors: Colin Hall (CH) (Chair), Sue Bettney (SB) and Richard Brisbin (RB).
Parish Clerk Anne Flint (AF)

Minute No		Action
	<p>WELCOME The meeting commenced at 18.40.</p>	
02.24-14615	<p>1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE DDDC Councillors Peter O'Brien and Simon Ripton, Dan Hodgson SMPC Flood Warden and three members of the public.</p>	
02.24-14616	<p>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE DCC Councillor Susan Hobson, PDNPA Councillor Kath Potter, PCSO Anthony Boswell, Parish Councillor Martina Hodgson and RFO Barry Aldridge.</p>	
02.24-14617	<p>3. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS Items 18(b), 18(e), 18(i) and 22 were brought forward to allow contributions from DDDC Councillors, SMPC Flood warden and members of the public.</p>	
02.24-14618	<p>4. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS No Councillors had notified the Clerk that they needed to register a declaration of interest in the member's interests' book.</p>	
02.24-14619	<p>5. 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>	
02.24-14620	<p>DDDC Councillor Ripton reported that DDDC had set aside some funding to carry out mobile air quality inspections and are currently developing a plan to decide on locations. Councillors agreed for Councillor Ripton to put Stoney Middleton forward as a location.</p>	
02.24-14621	<p>DDDC Councillor O'Brien stated an alcohol license application had been received for the empty shop on the corner of the High Street and main road. Representations can be made by contacting Derbyshire Dales District Council.</p>	
02.24-14622	<p>DDDC Councillor O'Brien reported that they are due to receive a briefing from DDDC Housing Team on the Affordable Housing Survey which was carried out at the end of last year.</p>	
02.24-14623	<p>It was agreed for the Clerk to contact DDDC Housing and ask if the team can deliver a presentation on the survey at the Annual Parish Meeting in April.</p>	Clerk

02.24-14624	6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 4th DECEMBER 2023 The minutes of the meeting on 4 th December 2023 were agreed as a correct record. CH signed the minutes.	CH
02.24-14625	7. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.	
02.24-14626	9. FLOOD ISSUES SMPC Flood Warden Dan Hodgson reported a meeting is scheduled for next week with the Environment Agency to discuss the issues of debris falling into the brook along the main road and the build-up of silt resulting in blockages. Dan also reported that the meeting in Baslow to discuss flooding issues with the Environment Agency and DCC was well attended by village residents.	
02.24-14627	The survey ahead of the flood alleviation scheme works at the bottom of Trinkey Lane uncovered an unexplained pipe under the road; as a result it is believed DCC have stalled the work. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to Sarah Dines MP to ask if she can intervene to progress the work.	Clerk
02.24-14628	DCC were due to clear debris from the culvert near the chip shop in October 2023 but the work was called off due to bad weather. It was agreed for the Clerk to DCC to ask when this work will be done.	Clerk
02.24-14629	Councillors expressed their appreciation to Dan for all the work he does for the village.	
02.24-14630	The Clerk reported that 250 sms credits had been purchased from Hydrologic. There was an excessive amount of rainfall over the Christmas and New Year which caused the sensor in the brook to trigger. There are 17 sms recipients on the sms alert list and they all wish to remain on it.	
02.24-14631	18(b). HIGHWAYS A resident contacted the Clerk about an incident which occurred on New Year's Eve, when badly parked cars had blocked access for emergency vehicles up the High Street for a number of minutes. The resident attended the meeting to discuss what could be done and asked about the possibility of having double yellow lines at the narrow points on the road.	
02.24-14632	A discussion took place and it was agreed the Clerk would contact DCC Councillor Susan Hobson to ask her to speak to DCC Highways on behalf of the Parish Council about possible solutions.	Clerk
02.24-14633	The Clerk will also issue a request via the Parish Council email list and Facebook for photographic evidence of inappropriate parking in the village which prevents access by bin lorries and emergency service vehicles.	Clerk
02.24-14634	18(e). SPEED RESTRICTION REPORT/PETITION SB reported that the meeting with other Parish Councils in the area took place on the 12 th December 2023. The meeting agreed to send a joint letter to Julian Gould (Derbyshire County Council Highways Director) and Councillor Charlotte Cupit (Cabinet Member for Highways, Assets and Transport) asking for a meeting to discuss the rationalisation of speed limits within the communities, the urgent need for improved infrastructure for pedestrians and speed and weight restriction measures. Councillor Cupit responded to say she will discuss the matter with her officers but Julian Gould has not acknowledged the request.	

02.24-14635	<p>18(i). LOVERS LEAP LAYBY</p> <p>The Clerk reported that DCC Highways say the land falls outside the Highways boundary. Therefore permission would be required from the landowner to put in formal parking lines.</p>																																					
02.24-14636	<p>The Clerk to send Andrew Yates DCC a copy of letter received from DCC Highways in 2005 accepting the land as a publicly maintained highway due to its long-term usage and maintenance by DCC.</p>																																					
02.24-14637	<p>22. CAVENDISH MILL NEW OWNERS</p> <p>DDDC Councillors did not have any information on the possible sale of Cavendish Mill. The Clerk to contact Peak District National Park Authority to ask if they know who the new owners are and to clarify responsibility for the management of the tailings dams.</p>																																					
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	Bank Transfer 24/01/2024	A Flint 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 Reimbursement of Costs 5 th January - My Memory Hard Drive	£311.78 £22.00 £23.98	£357.76	
02.24-14639	10. ALLOTMENTS/COMMUNITY ORCHARD The Clerk reported that the cover to a manhole on one of the allotments is very rusty and ill fitting. A quote of £250 has been received from a Trinkey Lane resident to raise the level of the manhole with two more courses of brick & replace the cover. The resident is waiting to hear back from Richard Ward DCC regarding the possible solution to the amount of water which flows down Trinkey Lane following heavy rain.				
02.24-14640	The manhole is linked to the wider issue of drainage along Trinkey Lane. Therefore it was agreed to consider the repair to the manhole cover at a later date when the resolution of the wider drainage issue is known.				
02.24-14641	The Allotment Management Group has requested delivery of the skip from 1 st March 2024 to 11 th March 2024.				
02.24-14642	It was RESOLVED (proposed RB and seconded CH) to hire the skip for two weeks so long as the hire cost isn't any more to have it for a longer period of time.				
02.24-14643	11. BATH HOUSE WOOD The Clerk reported that Felicity Stout PDNPA had provided the following options regarding the ash trees in the Bath House wood which are adjacent to property				
02.24-14644	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • remove the ivy from the base of the trees so that a tree surveyor can fully assess the extent of ash dieback at the base or presence of any other secondary pathogens and to assess the crowns of the trees in full leaf (i.e. in the summer) • ask a contractor to fell to waste the 4 or 5 trees potentially at risk of impacting the property It was agreed to go with the first option and for RB to remove the ivy from the base of the trees.				RB
02.24-14645	12. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES It was RESOLVED (proposed SB and seconded RB) to adopt the SMPC Biodiversity Policy. The RFO to publish the policy on the SMPC website.				RFO
02.24-14646	RB will obtain some wild flower seed for sowing on a number of areas in the village.				
02.24-14647	13. GROVE GARDENS Nothing to report.				
02.24-14648	14. PLAYGROUND AND PLAYING FIELDS An unfortunate incident of graffiti vandalism to the playground equipment				

02.24-14649	occurred during the Christmas/New Year break. Councillors expressed their thanks to Richard Brisbin and Lucian Cottle for cleaning it off.	
02.24-14650	Councillors expressed their thanks to the Welldressing Committee for the donation of £850 toward the cost of refurbishing the playground.	Clerk
02.24-14651	Councillors expressed their thanks to DDDC Councillors for the £400 from the Local Projects Fund toward refurbishment of the playground.	Clerk
02.24-14652	SB reported a site meeting had taken place with Hi-Low ropes to discuss the options of play equipment to replace the seesaw and roundabout. Hi-Low will submit a design and quote.	
02.24-14653	The Clerk has informed E-on that it is the football club's responsibility to settle the electricity bill for the hut on the field and not the Parish Councils. E-on will chase the football club for the outstanding balance.	
02.24-14654	RB has sourced a gate to replace the rusted bollards from the car park to the field. Gate posts need to be erected to support the gate. The Clerk to contact RemidiUK to ask if installing the gate is something their participants could be involved in.	Clerk
02.24-14654	15. OLD TENNIS COURT SB suggested asking the Lawn Tennis Association if they are able to fund the resurfacing of the tennis court.	Clerk
02.24-14655	16. VILLAGE PLAN Feedback from DDDC regarding affordable housing survey has been received. DDDC consider there are 26 households in Stoney Middleton in housing need who will qualify for new housing.	
02.24-14656	17. GRANT FUNDING COMMITTEE SB & MH are to submit a funding application to Chatsworth for a grant to refurbish the playground.	
02.24-14657	18. CLERK'S REPORT <i>(Standing Items)</i> (a) Jacob's Ladder The GLEAM (Green Lanes Environmental Action Movement) Report was sent to the Clerk by a resident. The resident also attended the meeting and asked what could be done because off road bikes and 4x4's are still using Jacobs Ladder.	
02.24-14658	The matter was discussed and it was agreed for the Clerk to ask the community to provide photographic evidence of breaches of the TRO.	Clerk
02.24-14659	It was RESOLVED (proposed RB and seconded SB) to purchase a wildlife camera to capture breaches of the TRO.	
02.24-14660	(b) Highways Issues This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.	
02.24-14661	(c) Village Maintenance The concessionary path is in a very poor state of repair. Water flowing from the fields is washing the path away.	
02.24-14662	The Clerk to contact Harry White to ask if he can do anything about the drainage in the field next to the path.	Clerk
02.24-14663	Drainage pipes need to be laid under the path to drain the water from the field. The Clerk to contact RemidiUK to ask if footpath work is something their participants could be involved in.	Clerk
02.24-14664	(d) Defibrillator The playing fields defibrillator will be moved to the Alphaweld building across the road on the 20 th February 2024. The Alpha weld electrician will remove and install it.	

02.24-14665	(e) Speed restriction report/petition This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.	
02.24-14666	(f) Community Speed Watch Nothing to report.	
02.24-14667	(g) Parish Councillor Vacancy The Clerk reported no applications had been received, but two people may be interested.	
02.24-14668	(h) Parish Clerk Vacancy The Clerk reported interviews are taking place later in the week.	
02.24-14669	(i) Lovers Leap Layby This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.	
02.24-14670	19. NEW ITEM: BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2024-25 It was RESOLVED (proposed CH and seconded RB) to increase the precept by 10%. The Clerk to inform DDDC.	Clerk
02.24-14671	20. NEW ITEM: ADOPTION OF COFE OF CONDUCT FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS FOR 2024 It was RESOLVED (proposed SB and seconded CH) to adopt the Code of Conduct for Parish Councillors for 2024. RFO to publish on the website.	RFO
02.24-14672	21. NEW ITEM: AGREEMENT OF MAINTENANCE CONTRACT TENDER DOCUMENT The document was agreed with suggested changes. The Clerk to make the changes and issue the tender document to prospective bidders.	Clerk
02.24-14673	22. NEW ITEM: CAVENDISH MILL NEW OWNERS This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.	
02.24-14674	23. ADOPTION OF DOCUMENT RETENTION POLICY It was RESOLVED (proposed SB and seconded RB) to adopt the SMPC Document Retention Policy. RFO to publish on the website.	RFO
02.24-14675	24. CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence received by the Clerk is circulated to Councillors prior the meeting.	
02.24-14676	25. PLANNING APPLICATIONS : Application Number - NP/DDD/0124/0018 - Site address –Dale Lodge, The Dale, Stoney Middleton Councillors had no objection to this planning application. The Clerk to inform Peak Park Planning.	Clerk
02.24-14677	26. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING Councillors expressed their thanks to Andrew Buckley, Lawrence Flint and Andy Hibbert for putting up and taking down the PC Christmas tree. The Clerk to send a letter of thanks to all.	Clerk
02.24-14678	The Clerk has signed up for an introductory session, run by the Cabinet Office, to find out more about switching to a gov.uk domain. This can help improve website and email accessibility and security.	Clerk
02.24-14679	27. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held on 4 th March 2024.	
	The meeting closed at 9.20pm.	