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Unadopted Minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council Meeting

Held on: 4 November 2024.

Present:

Parish Councillors: Colin Hall (CH) (Chair) Sue Bettney (SB) Martina Hodgson (MH) Paula Wilde (PW) (Clerk) Barry Aldridge (BA) RFO

Minute No	Item	Minute	Action
11.24-14979	1	WELCOME TIME COMMENCED: 7pm	
11.24-14980	2	SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE: PDNPA Cllr K Potter, DDDC Cllr Ripton, DCC Cllr S Hobson & 3 members of the public.	
11.24-14981	3	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: PCSO Anthony Boswell Derbyshire Safer Neighbourhood Team, DDDC Cllr O'Brian, SMPC Cllr R Brisbin, SMPC Cllr H Grafton, SMPC Cllr T Hill	
11.24-14982	4	VARIATION OF BUSINESS: Items 11 & 22(e) were brought forward for discussion.	
11.24-14983	5	DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: No declaration of interest was made.	
11.24-14984	6	CORRESPONDENCE: All Correspondence was circulated before the meeting.	
11.24-14985 11.24-14986	7	PUBLIC SPEAKING: PDNPA Cllr K Potter informed the Parish Council that the Parishes Day held on October 12th was very informative and well attended. DDDC Cllr Simon Ripton enquired how the affordable housing scheme was progressing. The Chair advised that matters continued satisfactorily with a walk-about scheduled with SMPC Cllrs and representatives from DDDC and the PDNPA on 14 th January 2025. He encouraged completion of PDNPA's consultation which covers housing.	

11.24-14987		<p>CLlr Hobson informed the meeting that Stoney Middleton Parish may be transferred to the Bakewell Division as part of DCC's 2024 Boundary Review Electoral Division Arrangements.</p> <p>CLlr Hobson also informed the meeting that this year, Carers' Rights Day is to be held on Thursday 21 November 2024 and the Lifelong Learning Week for adults is taking place on the 4 – 8 of November.</p> <p>CLlr Hobson enquired about the flooding matters. (SB) has been reassured that the work to alleviate flooding in the Trinkey Lane/Meadow Close area is still a priority for DCC.</p> <p>A member of the public raised concerns about the ongoing flooding in the Nook from Moorwood Sough. He recollected that there had been another manhole in The Nook, possibly by the Church gates. He suggested that, if reinstated it may help to alleviate flooding. He also advised of historic changes to the Sough tail. (SB) reported that Richard Ward, DCC had agreed to fund an inspection/survey of the lower part of Moorwood Sough and, if found, reinstate the manhole.</p> <p>The resident also advised that DCC's adopted land plan for The Nook included private land.</p> <p>Another resident commented that Glebe Shaft should also be inspected.</p> <p>A member of the public informed the meeting that the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust was to release some bees in the area which would be detrimental if they entered the Sough. Clerk to advise the Flood Warden.</p>													
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11.24-14994	8	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON: 7th October 2024 were approved and signed by CLlr S Bettney (SB)													
11.24-14995	9	AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED: There were no items discussed with the public excluded.													
11.24-14996	10	<p>FINANCE:</p> <p>November 2024 Financial Payments</p> <p><u>Payments since last meeting in October 2024</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td>Sue Bettney</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Transfer</td> <td>Reimbursement for Costs</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>16/10/2024</td> <td>08/10/2024 - Defib Store - Cardiac Science Powerheart G5 Battery (4 Year Warranty)</td> <td></td> <td>£336.00</td> </tr> </table>		Sue Bettney			Bank Transfer	Reimbursement for Costs			16/10/2024	08/10/2024 - Defib Store - Cardiac Science Powerheart G5 Battery (4 Year Warranty)		£336.00	
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		Bank Transfer 28/10//2024	Hydro International Timeview Telemetry 2024-2025		£186.00	
		Bank Transfer 28/10/2024	Sue Bettney Reimbursement of Costs 3 rd September 2024 – Gardener's Dream Ltd – Grass Seed for Playground 3 rd September 2024 – Vinyl Banners Printing – Banners for Playground	£16.99 £33.84	£50.83	
		Bank Transfer 01/11/2024	Paula Wilde Clerk's salary 01.10.2024 – 31.10.2024 25 hours @ £15.84 Backpay 01.04.2024 – 30.09.2024 150 hours@ £0.63 Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; October 2024 Reimbursement of Costs 25 th October - MS365 Upgrade	£396.00 £94.50 £22.00 £1.99	£514.49	
		Bank Transfer 01/11/2024	Barry Aldridge RFO salary			

		<p>01.10.2024 – 31.10.2024 5 hours @ £17.29</p> <p>Backpay</p> <p>01.04.2024 – 30.09.2024 40 hours@ £0.62</p>	£83.35		
			£24.80	£111.25	
11.24-14997	11	<p>FLOOD MANAGEMENT ISSUES: MOORWOOD SOUGH: (Discussed in item 7) TRINKEY LANE/MEADOW CLOSE: (SB) informed the meeting that a new engineer had been appointed and the work to resolve the flooding issues remains a priority. GRANT FUNDING UPDATE: Nothing to report.</p>			
11.24-14998					
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11.24-15000	12	<p>CAVENDISH MILL: (SB) reported that a preliminary meeting took place with representatives from PDNPA and the new owners of Cavendish Mill. The owners are aware of their obligation to inspect/maintain the tailing dams and community concerns. While they showed a desire to collaborate with the community, their specific intentions for the land remain unclear. PDNPA will hold a follow up meeting with them by the end of the year. The Chair (CH) asked the Clerk to arrange a meeting with the PDNPA and the Environment Agency to discuss the Parish Council's concerns.</p>			Clerk
11.24-15001					
11.24-15002	13	<p>SMILE UPDATE: Allen Hodgkinson reported that works will soon begin to lay the footings for the concrete base. Soil from the footings will be used to level the dip at the top, left hand side of the playing field. Consequently, playground users will need to access both gates into the playground via Coombs Dale. There is a grass roller surplus to requirements if anyone would like to have it, please contact Allen Hodgkinson.</p>			
11.24-15003	14	<p>AFFORDABLE HOUSING This item was discussed in item 7.</p>			
11.24-15004	15	<p>BATH HOUSE & WOODS Nothing to report.</p>			
11.24-15005	16	<p>PLAYGROUND, PLAYING FIELD & TENNIS COURT</p>			

11.24-15006		The Parish Council is very grateful for the assistance of funders, volunteers and contractors in achieving the playground refurbishment. The Council plans to install a plaque to recognise these contributions.	
11.24-15007		While improvements to the playground continue, seasonal conditions have delayed the jet washing and painting of the equipment until Spring. The playground is currently open, but the Cantilever head of the net swing has been taken down for necessary repairs. (SB) reported that the recycled plastic playground bench had been vandalised and broken. The Clerk is to make enquiries with insurance for a replacement.	Clerk
11.24-15008	17	HOPE VALLEY TRAVEL PLAN The next step is to consult with residents and stakeholders	
11.24-15009	18	DEFIBRILLATORS The Chair (CH) advised the meeting that there is a new defibrillator located at the front of the Cupola building for everyone's use bringing the total number of defibrillators in the village to 3.	
11.24-15010	19	The Chair (CH) asked the Clerk to check that the defibrillators in the village were up to date with their battery maintenance checks and report back.	Clerk
11.24-15011	20	HIGHWAY ISSUES A Meeting with Parish Cllrs, DCC Cllrs Cupit & Hobson and Steve Alcock from Highways is scheduled for 6 th November 2024 to discuss issues in relation to the A623 and Jacob's Ladder. Clerk to advise all parties that the venue has changed to the Cupola Visitor Centre.	Clerk
11.24-15012	21	JACOB'S LADDER During the meeting, (SB) reported that a horse rider encountered an alarming incident on Jacob's Ladder while riding a horse and leading another. The rider met four 4x4 vehicles. The drivers became aggressive when challenged. It is understood that walkers captured photos of the incident.	
11.24-15013	22	VILLAGE MAINTENANCE Grove Garden: Will Brindley has informed the Clerk that works to the Grove Gardens have now been carried out. It was reported that a contractor had fallen on slippery paving in the gardens and bumped his head. The paving and the steps have now been jet-washed clean.	
11.24-15014	23	Tree above the Bus Stop opposite Toll Bar:	

11.24-15015	24	(SB) The trees located above the bus stop have been assessed by DCC, and we are currently waiting for their feedback on potential actions to resolve the issue.	(SB)
11.24-15016	25	<p>Concessionary Path: (SB) to write to Denman Estates to re-dig the trench along the top of the field adjacent to the footpath which has, historically, stopped water flooding onto the path and damaging it.</p> <p>Bottom of Jacob's Ladder: The Clerk raised the issue of the signage on Jacob's Ladder explaining that it was misleading to users. The matter is to be raised at the meeting with DCC on 6th November 2024.</p>	(SB)
11.24-15017	26	<p>PARISH COUNCIL – RAISING FUNDS The Clerk has made contact with a company that organises car boot sales and is waiting for a return call. Clerk to chase.</p>	Clerk
11.24-15018	27	<p>CLERKS REPORT</p> <p>Portrait of His Majesty King Charles II</p> <p>a) (SB) advised that the portrait of the King will be proudly displayed in the Cavendish Club at Edensor.</p>	
11.24-15019		<p>b) Parish Councillor Vacancy</p> <p>The Parish Council has posted a notice on the Parish Notice Board advertising the Councillor vacancy for 14 days. Anyone interested in joining the Stoney Middleton Parish Council as a Councillor should contact the Clerk direct at smpc.clerk@outlook.com</p>	
11.24-15020		<p>c) Clerk Vacancy</p> <p>The position of the Parish Clerk has now been advertised. Anyone interested in the position should contact the Clerk directly at smpc.clerk@outlook.com the closing date is 5pm on 22nd November 2024.</p>	
11.24-15021		<p>d) Clerk & RFO Salary Awards</p> <p>The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has reached an agreement on an increase in the rates of pay applicable from 1st April 2024 to March 2025 for Clerks and other employees in Local Government Services.</p>	
11.24-15022		<p>e) Allotments</p> <p>The allotment sub-committee has requested a skip for November to clear a backlog of rubbish from vacant plots. It was RESOLVED, proposed by (MH) & seconded</p>	

		by (SB) that the allotments could have an 8-yard skip in November. However, the RFO pointed out that there were still rents owing for allotment plots. Clerk to chase.	Clerk
11.24-15023	28	EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION FOR NEXT MEETING: Thanks to Andrew Buckley for cutting back branches in the playground and putting up Poppies around the village and Cllr Harry Grafton for emergency jet washing Grove Gardens. Purchase of the village Christmas tree from a new local grower and new lights.	
11.24-15024	29		
11.24-15025	30	CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING: 2nd December 2024	
11.24-15026	31	CLOSE OF MEETING: 9pm	