

STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Unadopted minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council meeting held on 13 May, 2024

Present

Parish Councillors: Sue Bettney (SB) (Acting Chair), Richard Brisbin (RB) Harry Grafton (HG) and Tim Hill (TH)

Paula Wilde (PW) Parish Clerk and Barry Aldridge (BA) (Responsible Finance Officer)

Minute No		Action
	WELCOME	
05.24-14772	The meeting commenced at 7pm	
	1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE	
05.24-14773	Cllr O'Brian, and 2 members of the public	
	2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
05.24-14774	SMPC Cllr M Hodgson, PC Anthony Boswell & DDDC Cllr Ripton	
	3. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS:	
05.24-14775	There were no new Parish Councillors elected.	
	4. TO ELECT THE FOLLOWING FOR THE FORTHCOMING PARISH COUNCIL YEAR:	
05.24-14776	The following Parish Councillors were elected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Colin Hall was nominated by SB and seconded by RB - unopposed b) Vice Chair – There were no nominations for this post c) Appointment of Internal Auditor for Financial Year 2024/2025 – East Midlands Audit Services (proposed by SB and Seconded by RB) – unopposed. 	
	5. VARIATION OF BUSINESS	
05.24-14777	Item 25 - Bank Authorisations - brought forward and discussed in item 14.	
	6. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS	
05.24-14778	No Councillors had notified the Clerk that they needed to register a declaration of interest in the member's interests' book.	
	7. PUBLIC SPEAKING	
05.24-14779	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.	
05.24-14780	DDDC Councillor Peter O'Brian stated that there was still money available for community projects through the District Council's Local Projects Fund.	
	Cllr O'Brian advised that there had been a change in bus times for the (65) and (257) and new times are available online at Travel South Yorkshire.	
05.24-14781	SB read the Crime Report provided by PCSO Anthony Boswell – 1 road traffic collision and 1 domestic incident.	

05.24-14782	8. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2024 The minutes of the meeting 13 th May 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by SB.							
05.24-14783	9. TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY AGENDA ITEMS BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.							
05.24-14784	10. TO CONFIRM Councillors willing to continue as trustees of the Reading Room Charity All councillors wished to be Trustees of the Reading Room Fund. It was agreed that the trustees would meet after the PC meeting in June.	All						
05.24-14785	11. TO CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT IT IS APPROPRIATE TO APPOINT ANY COMMITTEES AND ANY SUBSEQUENT SUB-COMMITTEES SB confirmed the Grant Funding Sub-Committee would continue. (MH and SB) will continue as members joined by (TH). The current focus is raising funds for the partial playground refurbishment.	MH, SB TH						
05.24-14786	12. GOVERNANCE STATEMENT; INTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS The RFO reported that the annual accounts had been audited and agreed by the internal auditor. The appropriate notice will be posted in June relating to the right of examination by members of the public. It will be available on the notice board and website for 30 working days.	BA						
05.24-14787	13. GOVERNANCE STATEMENT; AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS It was RESOLVED (proposed by (SB) and seconded by (RB) to approve both the annual accounts and the annual governance statement 2023-24, which the RFO read out in full. The Annual Governance Statement and Certificate of Exemption was signed by the Acting Chair of the meeting and RFO.							
05.24-14788	14. FINANCE With (CH) on holiday for 4 weeks and (RB) waiting to be processed as a new bank account signatory, an emergency resolution was passed on 22/04/2024 for the (RFO) to act as a signatory for payments. This was agreed by (CH) & (SB) with the caveat that no payments could be authorised by the (RFO and SB) for themselves. It was proposed by (SB) and seconded by (RB) that (TH) be the fourth signatory for the accounts. An emergency resolution was passed for (SB) to purchase playground parts and matting, for Health and Safety reasons. This was agreed by CH & SB on 19 April 2024.							
05.24-14789	May 2024 Financial Payments <u>Payments since last meeting in April 2024</u>							
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	Bank Transfer 17/04//2024	Hydro International SMS Credit Bundle		£48.00	
	Direct Debit 22/04//2024	HMRC: Clerk's Salary Tax January 2024 February 2024 March 2024	£49.20 £64.60 £33.40	£147.20	
	Bank Transfer 01/05/2024	Paula Wilde Clerk's salary 01.04.2024 – 30.04.2024 25 hours @ £15.21 Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; April 2024	£380.25 £22.00	£402.25	
	Bank Transfer 01/05/2024	Guardian Angel PC Support PC Anti Virus		£33.60	
05.24-14790	<p>15. FLOOD ISSUES (HG) reported the Environment Agency were doing some cleaning work in the village. The Clerk reported that, after speaking with the Flood Warden, it was felt that the flood warning texts residents receive from TimeView Hydro International, informing residents that flood water is receding to normal levels, are unnecessary. It was RESOLVED (proposed by RB and seconded by HG) to cancel these texts but to keep the texts that inform residents when Dale Brook is rising/flooding.</p>				Clerk
05.24-14791	<p>16. ALLOTMENTS/COMMUNITY ORCHARD The Clerk has been notified that plot 11 has been left unattended for a considerable time. Another plot holder has enquired about taking it over. Clerk to contact the plot holder to find out if it's still required. Currently, there is a waiting list of two people from outside the village for allotments. Councillors agreed that any vacant plot should be advertised/offered to residents of the village first.</p>				Clerk
05.24-14792	<p>17. BATH HOUSE AND WOODS It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by RB) not to proceed with testing the Bath House water for bathing. HPBC pay about £1,000.00 per year for</p>				

	<p>water testing St Anne's Well in Buxton. The cost for SMPC would be higher than any potential financial gain.</p> <p>RB is exploring funding options to enhance the Bath House Garden and also the woodland area for the benefit of the children of Stoney Middleton.</p>	
05.24-14793	<p>18. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES</p> <p>No environmental issues were reported.</p>	
05.24-14794	<p>19. GROVE GARDENS</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
05.24-14795	<p>20. PLAYGROUND AND PLAYING FIELD</p> <p>After a playground inspection on April 16, 2024, by SB & PW, it was noted that there were urgent repairs and safety issues with some of the playground equipment. An emergency resolution was passed for SB to purchase playground parts and matting. This was agreed upon by CH & SB on April 19, 2024. It is a requirement of the Parish Council's insurance policy to check the playground and equipment on a weekly basis. TH has agreed to be the designated person to check the playground. The Clerk will check with DALC to see if there is any training required or available for this job. RB will look into putting a basic playground checklist together.</p> <p>The RoSPA playground inspection is due at the end of May. Any repairs recommended will be addressed. The Zip Wire has been re-tensioned. HG is looking into junior goal posts for the football pitch.</p>	SB Clerk
05.24-14796	<p>21. THE OLD TENNIS COURT</p> <p>The clerk reported that an email had been sent to Graham Keen of Parks Investment Delivery Partner at the LTA regarding any possible funding available to repair the tennis court. A reply had not been received. The clerk to chase this up.</p>	Clerk
05.24-14797	<p>22. VILLAGE PLAN</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
05.24-14798	<p>23. GRANT FUNDING COMMITTEE</p> <p>SB advised that 3 applications for grant funding had been submitted for replacement playground equipment; the Duke of Devonshire's Charitable Trust for £10,000 (the decision has been delayed until June), the Better Derbyshire Dales Fund for £5,000.00 and UK Shared Prosperity Fund for £10,318.00.</p>	SB,MH
05.24-14799	<p>24. CLERK'S REPORT (Standing Items)</p> <p>(a) Jacob's Ladder</p> <p>There remains an ongoing issue of off-road bikes and 4x4 vehicles using Jacob's Ladder. A member of the public offered to loan a camera to gather evidence of vehicles breaking the TRO. However, the Parish Council has been legally advised by DCC not to accept the offer. Also, currently the Council's insurance does not cover CCTV cameras. The Clerk advised that she will continue to seek advice on this matter.</p> <p>It was raised that the prohibition signs at the entrance of Jacob's Ladder were faded and needed to be replaced. Clerk to contact Police/County Council for replacements.</p>	Clerk

05.24-14800	(b) Highways Issues Clerk has made a report to DCC regarding faded road lines, the cutting back of foliage around road signage and the fallen wall opposite Meadow Close – awaiting a response. Clerk to chase.	Clerk
05.24-14801	(c) Village Maintenance The clerk has spoken to Will Brindley about organising the maintenance schedule. Will has requested flexibility to carry out the scheduled works taking into account weather conditions and the rationalisation of his equipment. It was agreed that Will can manage the maintenance workload in a way that works for him, provided the work is done, there are potential savings but no additional costs and he ensures that the July mowing requirements are completed in readiness for Well Dressing week.	Clerk
05.24-14802	(d) Defibrillator Replacement signage is required. Clerk to arrange.	Clerk
05.24-14803	(e) 5 Parishes Road Safety Group All parishes in the group have been included in the Hope Valley Active Travel Plan. A meeting with Michael Reardon, leading on the HVATP, is to be arranged for the group via Teams. All SMP Councillors will be invited to attend to save the need for a separate meeting.	SB
05.24-14804	(f) Community Speed Watch Nothing to report	
05.24-14805	25. BANK AUTHORISATIONS This item was discussed in item 14.	
05.24-14806	26. PPPF It was RESOLVED Proposed by (SB and seconded by HG) that the Peak Park Parishes Forum subscription should be cancelled.	
05.24-14807	27. INSURANCE The Parish Council insurance is due for renewal on June 1st. Clerk to check price with quotations from Clear Councils and Zurich for a 3-year deal and also increase the sum insured on the Bath House to £180,000 and the Village Cross to £80,000.	Clerk
05.24-14808	28. SMILE The Parish Council has been asked by SMILE to assist in the purchase of a storage container. The Clerk informed the Parish Council that this cannot be done due to VAT regulations.	
05.24-14809	29. AFFORDABLE HOUSING The Parish has received a number of proposed sites for affordable housing in and around the village. These will be highlighted on a map and forwarded onto DCC's Rural Housing Enabler Jeremy Mason.	Clerk
05.24-14810	30. CAVENDISH MILL The Senior Minerals Planner at the PDNPA is meeting with senior officers including legal advisers from DCC and the EA to discuss ongoing issues. The Clerk to contact for an update.	Clerk
05.24-14811	31. CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence received by the Clerk is circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.	Clerk

05.24-14812	<p>32. PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>NP/DDD/0424/0385 – Church View, The Nook Proposed side extension and conversion of outbuildings No objections were raised to this application.</p>	
05.24-14813	<p>33. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Stoney Middleton Parish Council expresses their thanks and gratitude to former Parish Clerk Anne Flint, who has served the community for the past 3 years. She has done a wonderful job, and we hope she enjoys a well-earned retirement.</p>	
	The meeting closed at 9.05pm	