

# STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Unadopted minutes of the virtual meeting of Stoney Middleton Parish Council held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021.

### Present

Parish Councillors: Sue Bettney (SB) (Chair), Colin Hall (CH), Lawrence Flint (LF), Paul Spooner (PS)  
Chris Tsielepi (CT) and Reuben Thorpe (RT)

Parish Clerk & RFO: Barry Aldridge (BA)

Minute No		Action
	The meeting commenced at 18:02 with the clerk outlining the protocol for holding a virtual meeting.	
02.21-12804	<b>1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE</b> Flood Warden Dan Hodgson and two members of the public.	
02.21-12805	<b>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Accepted from DCC Councillor Jason Atkin, Parish Councillor Karen Esposito (KE) PDNPA Councillor Kath Potter and PC, Linda Hancock.	
02.21-12806	<b>3. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS</b> There was no variation in the order of business	
02.21-12807	<b>4. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS</b> No Councillors had notified the clerk that they needed to register a declaration in the member's interests' book	
02.21-12808	<b>5. PUBLIC SPEAKING</b> As the meeting was being held virtually, the Chair asked members of the public in attendance to raise any questions at the appropriate agenda item.	
02.21-12809	<b>6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020.</b> The minutes of the last meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> December were agreed as a correct record. SB will sign the minutes at the next physical Parish Council Meeting.	SB
02.21-12810	<b>7. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED</b> There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.	
02.21-12811	<b>8. FLOOD ISSUES</b> Dan Hodgson summarised the flood events that had happened throughout the village, around the 20 <sup>th</sup> of January, and praised residents and business owners for their proactive response to the episodes.	
02.21-12812	Dan also explained that he'd had a site meeting with a DCC Highway's engineer about the ineffective drainage in the area of Trinkey Lane/The Avenue and under the A623. The engineer is arranging several surveys, including a Ground Penetration Radar Survey, and will then produce a report of the remedial works needed to channel water under the A623 to the outflow pipe and drainage ditch behind Meadow Close/Edge View.	

02.21-12813	SB had drafted a report outlining the unresolved flood issues that needed addressing across the parish, with proposed solutions, including those repeatedly reported to DCC by Dan. It was unanimously agreed that the report should be sent to relevant senior councillors at DCC, the Director for Highways at DCC and the Chair of DDDC.	SB
02.21-12814	The flooding of Coombs Dale was not included in the report but had been reported to British Fluorspar. The clerk to contact Chris Large for an inspection update now the water has subsided.	Clerk
02.21-12815	Dan reported positive news that DCC may obtain a grant to work with The Trent River Authority to develop natural flood defence systems in the Eyam/Stoney Middleton flood catchment area.	
02.21-12816	Dan also agreed to provide a map of the underground drainage around the Bath House, later in the year, for future reference.	
02.21-12817	CT reported that no water was running into the trough on the A623 despite such heavy rainfall, suggesting that there are problems with drainage in the fields above the concessionary footpath.	
02.21-12818	A member of the public expressed his view that Dan Hodgson should be recommended for a community award. This opinion was fully supported by parish councillors.	
	<b>9. ALLOTMENTS</b>	
02.21-12819	Thanks were extended to Martyn Games for turning off the water.	
02.21-12820	CT had pursued a tenant about non-payment of rent.	
	<b>10. BATH HOUSE &amp; WOODS</b>	
02.21-12821	The guttering has now been cleared of debris and the drainpipe is clear.	
02.21-12822	The tree in Old Hall Gardens, linked to the flooding of The Bath House, has been cut down.	
	<b>11. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES</b>	
02.21-12823	LF reported that DDDC had agreed to scarify the grass verge by Avenue Close in readiness for wildflower planting. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (Proposed by SB and seconded by CH) to pay for seed with the money donated by the Horticultural Society.	LF
02.21-12824	CT had reported broken glass, from the tip, being found on the lane in Coombs Dale to PDNPA. The clerk to email PDNPA to report that the recent heavy rains had washed down more broken glass and pottery significantly increasing the hazard.	Clerk
02.21-12825	CT is co-ordinating an environmental project, with Stoney Middleton Primary School, to update wildlife signage in the village.	CT
	<b>12. GROVE GARDENS</b>	
02.21-12826	Grove Gardens is open again following the re-laying and cleaning of paving slabs.	
02.21-12827	A member of the public reported that, following the recent flooding, the slabs were covered in a layer of silt. The clerk to liaise with village contractor, to arrange an early Spring clean.	Clerk
02.21-12828	The possibility of re-seeding the opposite bank with wildflowers was also discussed and agreed in principle.	LF

02.21-12829	<b>13. PLAYGROUND</b> New Playground Equipment has been scheduled to be installed on 1 <sup>st</sup> March. PS is coordinating the installation with the suppliers and will ensure that the old equipment is removed in readiness for the job.	PS
02.21-12830	<b>14 PLAYING FIELD</b> Nothing to report	
02.21-12831	<b>15. OLD TENNIS COURT</b> Nothing to report	
02.21-12832	<b>16 VILLAGE PLAN</b> CH has been liaising with Adele Metcalf from PDNPA on action plans. Two of the three key issues identified during consultations; the need for a community building and traffic issues are progressing. The issue of parking will be explored next.	
	<b><u>17. CLERKS REPORT</u></b>	
	<b><i>Standing Items</i></b>	
	<b>a) Jacob's Ladder</b>	
02.21-12833	After weighing up the considerable cost of installing a data logger on Jacob's Ladder v. the benefits of doing soon, it was agreed not to pursue the matter further.	
02.21-12834	Concern was again raised on the poor state of Jacob's Ladder. During the recent heavy rainfall, Jacob's Ladder had been like a river and water went into the garden of a property on Old Hall Gardens.	
02.21-12835	Several requests have been made to DCC to reinstate the duct, below the cemetery, to divert surface water into The Meadows. However, as surface water run-off is now posing a flood risk to property, details have been included in the report to DCC asking for a full survey of the area to identify all possible flood management solutions.	
	<b>b) Village Cross and Steps</b>	
02.21-12836	Nothing to report. The clerk to again ask the Solicitor for a progress report.	Clerk
	<b>c) Highways Issues</b>	
02.21-12837	SB had written to Tim Gregory, Director of Highways, expressing disappointment about the lack of support from DCC regarding parking solutions around the Toll Bar.	
02.21-12838	DCC has confirmed that, subject to budget, the rockface by Lovers Leap will be stabilised, probably with netting, during 2021/22.	
02.21-12839	Concerns were raised that recycling bins haven't been emptied since 2 <sup>nd</sup> January, despite DDDC tweeting that 98% of recycling collections had been made. The clerk to pursue with DDDC.	Clerk
02.21-12840	The deep potholes on Mill Lane have been reported to DCC but not repaired. This may be because Severn Trent needs to repair sewer pipes in the area. SB will contact DCC Highways to ask for an update.	SB
02.21-12841	LF reported that the use of Mill Lane by heavy farm vehicles seems to be reducing. He will continue to monitor the situation.	LF
02.21-12842	SB reported that 177 signatures had been added to the speed reduction petition. CT will remind residents about the petition on the community Facebook page and the clerk will do the same via the village email circulation list. The petition closes	

02.21-12843	on 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2021. SB had spoken with a resident who had agreed to inspect the trees on their land that may be overhanging Dale Mouth and part of The Dale. However, there may be a query about the ownership of some of the land bordering The Dale.	CT/Clerk																				
	<b>Ongoing and Outstanding Items</b>																					
02.21-12844	<b>d) Village Maintenance</b> Covered under Flood Issues																					
02.21-12845	<b>e) Dalton Quarry Filming</b> Following communication with film company representatives from Libra, SMPC has supported the planning application.																					
02.21-12846	Although a planning decision from PDNPA is not expected until 10 <sup>th</sup> February, preparatory work is believed to have started.																					
02.21-12847	RT understood that an Archaeological condition will need to be built into the planning process.																					
02.21-12848	<b>f) Urgent financial matters during the winter recess</b> The following urgent financial payments were made during the winter recess.																					
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02.21-12849	Also, the Clerk ordered 750 new Alarm Credits for the Hydrologic Flood Warning System as all were used up around the 20 <sup>th</sup> of January. The clerk has agreed on a new low-credits notification level to ensure this doesn't happen in the future.																					
02.21-12850	SB has paid for replacement Defibrillator pads for the device on loan.																					
02.21-12851	SB also reported that she had agreed for Harry White to grit the village side roads on three occasions.																					
02.21-12852	<b>18. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE</b> It was agreed that SMPC should provide DCC with contact details of the clerk and councillors, for use in an emergency, as part of their community resilience initiative	Clerk																				
02.21-12853	CT will investigate whether St Martin's Church and the Wesleyan Chapel could be used as emergency centres. A member of the public also suggested the primary school and The Moon Inn.	CT																				
02.21-12854	<b>19. DEFIBRILLATOR</b> Following the incident with the I-Pad Defibrillator, in December 2020 the distributor for the device (Wel Medical) has not yet provided an analysis of why it failed. The Defib Store is pursuing Wel Medical for a report, on behalf of SMPC.																					

02.21-12855	RT will continue to check the two community defibrillators every month.	RT
02.21-12856	RT will contact the East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) to ask for a reply to his first email advising them of the situation and asking for guidance on the way forward.	RT
02.21-12857	SB to update DALC on the situation and seek advice on the best way to share information with other parish councils.	SB
02.21-12858	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (Proposed by SB, seconded by CH and agreed by all Councillors) to purchase a Cardiac Science G5 Defibrillator with CPRE feedback, subject to conformation of DALC and EMAS advice. This has been recommended by The Defib Store and the cost will be £1273.20 including VAT. In the meantime, SB to confirm with The Defib Store that SMPC can continue to loan the Zol Defibrillator.	
	<b>20. WOODLANDS MANAGEMENT</b>	
02.21-12859	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (Proposed by SB and seconded by CH) to ask the PDNPA's Tree Inspectors to undertake the management of Bath House Woods, including a 15-monthly inspection schedule recorded on an electronic system. This will allow SMPC to tender the work.	Clerk
	<b>21. CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
02.21-12860	Correspondence received by the Clerk was circulated to Councillors before the meeting. The following was raised:	
02.21-12861	Census 2021 Engagement & Promotion. SB will contact the organiser.	SB
02.21-12862	A zoom meeting to discuss 'The Future of Sustainable Rural Travel in the High Peak', CT attended the meeting.	
02.21-12863	A letter from a resident asking for the rationale behind SMPC's majority vote against continuing with the PSPO, on the playing field, in respect of keeping dogs on leads. The resident was in attendance at the meeting and expressed his dissatisfaction with the decision. SB explained that the votes in respect of the 3 PSPOs on the playing field were to give DDDC an indication of parish views. However, DDDC would be carrying out a full public consultation exercise regarding PSPOs in early 2021. SB said the consultation would be publicised to residents to ensure everyone had an opportunity to express their views.	
02.21-12864	The 'Live & Local - Community Arts during Lockdown' initiative. The clerk will pass on details to the local scout group.	Clerk
	<b>22. PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b>	
02.21-12865	NP/DDD/0520/0456 – Lost Brook Cottage – Planning Appeal has been dismissed	
02.21-12866	NP/DDD/1220/1172 – Highfields Barn, Middleton Lane – SMPC repeated the concern about the siting of the septic tank	
02.21-12867	NP/DDD/1219/1344 - Rock Mill Business Park - Application for removal or variation of conditions has been granted	
	<b>26. FINANCE</b>	
02.21-12868	Bank Statements to 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2021; Current account: £ 100.00 Community Account 1: £ 6,043.09 Community Account 2: £ 10,061.78 <b>Total</b> £ <u>16,204.87</u>	

02.21-12869	<p><b>Payments:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> for the Invoices below to be paid. (Proposed by CT and seconded by PS). Cheques were signed post-meeting by SB and KE.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="279 212 1340 1064"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Payments</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td><b>B Aldridge</b> Clerk's salary</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>01.12.20 – 31.12.20      25 hours @ £13.51</td> <td>£337.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>01.01.21 – 31.01.21      25 hours @ £13.51</td> <td>£337.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1793</td> <td>Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; December 2020 &amp; January 2021</td> <td>£44.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Reimbursement of costs – National Trust Christmas Tree</td> <td>£200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Reimbursement of costs – 6 x First Class Stamps</td> <td>£5.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td><b>£924.60</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1794</td> <td><b>Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) Membership</b> Membership Renewal 2020/21</td> <td><b>£36.00</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1795</td> <td><b>Hydrologic Services</b> 750 Timeview Telemetry Alarm Credits (250 credits @ £40)</td> <td><b>£144.00</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Payments	Total		<b>B Aldridge</b> Clerk's salary			01.12.20 – 31.12.20      25 hours @ £13.51	£337.75		01.01.21 – 31.01.21      25 hours @ £13.51	£337.75	1793	Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; December 2020 & January 2021	£44.00		Reimbursement of costs – National Trust Christmas Tree	£200.00		Reimbursement of costs – 6 x First Class Stamps	£5.10			<b>£924.60</b>	1794	<b>Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) Membership</b> Membership Renewal 2020/21	<b>£36.00</b>	1795	<b>Hydrologic Services</b> 750 Timeview Telemetry Alarm Credits (250 credits @ £40)	<b>£144.00</b>	Clerk
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02.21-12870	The clerk has reclaimed £1,616.93 of VAT from 2019-20.																															
02.21-12871	<p><b>23. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</b> CT reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The recent floods had damaged the surface of Coombs Dale. The clerk will report to PDNPA</li> <li>- SMILE had appointed a consultant to assist with the business plan and seek funding from the National Lottery and other sources to progress the Community Building</li> <li>- Stoney Middleton Primary School is looking to federate with Peak Forest and Great Hucklow Primary Schools</li> </ul>	Clerk																														
02.21-12872	SB reported that a resident had pointed out an error on one of the boards in the bus shelter near Grove Gardens.																															
02.21-12873	<p><b>24. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING;</b> Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021. The meeting will be held virtually using the video conferencing software 'Zoom'</p>																															
02.21-12874	The meeting closed at 19:58																															