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Unadopted Minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council Meeting

Held on: Monday 2nd February 2026

At: The Meeting Room, Rock Mill, The Dale, Stoney Middleton

Present:

Parish Councillors: Colin Hall (CH) Chair, Anne Flint (AF), Carol Duncan, Clerk (CD), Graham Goldspink (GG), Harry Grafton (HG), Richard Brisbin (RB), RFO Barry Aldridge (BA)

Minute No		Action
02-26-15415	1. WELCOME & TIME COMMENCED The meeting commenced at 19:00 – (CH) welcomed everyone present – Cllr Tim Hill's resignation has been received (not present at the meeting). Thanks were expressed to Cllr Hill for his valued service to the Parish Council.	
02-26-15416	2. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE DDDC: Cllr Simon Ripton, Cllr O'Brien and five members of the public	
02-26-15417	3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Accepted from Parish Councillor: Sue Bettney, and Cllr Sutton	
02-26-15418	4. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS Items 22) Highway Issues, 17) Affordable Housing, 20) Bath House and Woods, 13) Jacob's Ladder were all brought forward to Item 6) Public Speaking.	
02-26-15419	5. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS Cllr Hall (CH) notified the clerk that he needed to register a declaration in the member's interests' book with regard to Item 20) Bath House charity involvement.	
02-26-15420	6. PUBLIC SPEAKING Item 22) Highway Issues brought forward There are two areas of concerns about inconsiderate/problematic parking – the High Street and The Bank – residents from both were present at the meeting. Two residents from The Bank are experiencing a negative impact of a holiday let near them with guests parking on a narrow part of the road making it impossible for the residents to reverse out of their drive onto The Bank and it also blocks emergency vehicles getting through. They have	

approached the guests to request that they move the car/s with mixed response. This is causing distress to the residents.

The High Street parking issues are more extensive and involve multiple issues. One resident present reported problems with the refuse lorry getting access to properties higher up where there is a 3.5m pinch point. Delivery vans also experience issues getting up to the top at busy times and when people have parked and caused an obstruction. The main concern is for emergency vehicle access – fire engines and ambulances being able to get through at speed. This resident has met with DDDC regarding the access to Denman Crecent where vehicles park on the sides where it meets the High Street. Another concern is that cars are parking on footpaths and this affects the school children as well as residents. There was a no-waiting cone in place near to the school, but this is not effective as it gets moved by unknown person/s. A resident requested that the Parish Council request double yellow lines from DCC at certain points – apparently DDDC have already written to DCC about this after their visit and a response is awaited. There was a discussion about double yellow lines following this and the Clerk updated the meeting with advice from the Police – they do not respond to minor parking issues (capacity reasons) and would only attend if there was a major obstruction. So, would double yellow lines be effective? There is now a policy in place for community traffic wardens to monitor parking on yellow lines, but the outlying villages do not get that much cover compared to say Bakewell where they mostly attend. The resident said that the DCC website states that the Police can deal with all parking problems and have contact details to report parking problems. Agreed that it was important to report incidences.

Restricted parking on the High Street would also cause problems for the residents. One of the residents experiences frequent disturbance with lorries knocking on his door due to vehicles causing issues outside (not theirs).

The school are willing to have a meeting to discuss the parking nearby them and see if a solution can be found – zigzag lines by the school with time restrictions might be a way forward. Clerk to email the head teacher to arrange a meeting to discuss things further. Another possible solution is to update the signage at the pinch-point to make it clear that emergency vehicles need access through there at all times.

Regarding The Bank problems – it was suggested that the Parish Council put more signs up but there has to be a neutral wall to do this or with resident's permission which is unlikely to be obtained in this case.

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02-26-15421	<p>Therefore, it was agreed that a non-Parish Council meeting is needed to follow these and the High Street issues up. (CH) can take the issues to the new DCC Council members – all present were asked to email the clerk who can then arrange this meeting with the Highways sub-committee</p> <p>Item 20) Bath House and Woods brought forward</p> <p>(CH) spoke about the Charity/Trust that is being set up to secure the long-term preservation and public benefit of the Bath House in the village (which the Parish Council owns). (CH) has declared an interest in this and is therefore not leading the discussion as the Chair of the Parish Council.</p> <p>Some of the residents present had concerns about any interference of the water flow and any extra interest generated by this such as too many visitors or people excavating. The Parish Council would continue to maintain ownership of the land and building and would not allow anything to go on that is not beneficial or agreed. No decision on allowing access to the Trust has been taken and it was re-iterated that no decision will be taken until a clear proposal outlining the proposed actions etc. of the Trust is submitted for approval by the Parish Council.</p> <p>(GG) explained the need for a Trust which would be separate from the Parish Council and the advantages of this (fund raising etc). The Trust could potentially raise money to get the woods around the Bath House better managed. The residents do want the Bath House and the woods to be looked after properly and a couple of them would like to be involved – this will be followed up by the Clerk.</p>	Clerk
02-26-15422	<p>Item 13) Jacob's Ladder brought forward</p> <p>Jacob's Ladder has a TRO (traffic regulation order) in place since 2019 which 'prohibits any mechanically propelled vehicle along it' therefore all the motorbikes and 4X4s using it are committing an offence which the Police can prosecute riders and drivers for. However, there are some practical problems getting this to happen especially if the offences are committed after 10pm (which they often are) as the Police response after 10pm has less capacity. The local PCSO has spoken to the residents recently about this. The residents present reported that there is now significant damage to the walls lining the route and it is getting worse. The original byway was for farm traffic which is hardly active now. All incidences need to be reported to the Police regardless of whether the Police attend so that a profile of the problem can be built up. This can be done by Facebook messenger or 101 service. The Police are keen to hear from residents about the problems that they are concerned about via a survey – this has been emailed to the village – https://survey.derbyshirealert.co.uk/</p>	Clerk

	Cardiac Science G5 Standard Adult Pads (non CPR)			
Bank Transfer 02/12/2025	Will Brindley Village Maintenance August to October 2025			£1,240.00
Bank Transfer 02/12/2025	John Naylor Village Christmas Tree			£90.00
Bank Transfer 05/12/2025	Kevin Cotton Allotments Fence Post Repair			£14.22
Bank Transfer 02/01/2026	Carol Duncan Clerk's salary 01.12.2025 – 31.12.2025 24 hours @ £16.35 Less Tax Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; December 2025	£392.40 -£2.20 £22.00		£412.20
Bank Transfer 02/01/2026	Barry Aldridge RFO salary 01.12.2025 – 31.12.2025 5 hours @ £17.85			£89.25
Bank Transfer 02/01/2026	High-low Ropes Course Consulting Ltd: Village Playground Remedial Work on Zip-Line and Swing Seat			£900.00
Bank Transfer 13/01/2026	Harry White Village Gritting 04/01, 05/01. 09/01			£324.00
Bank Transfer 13/01/2026	Sue Bettney Reimbursement of Costs 07/01/2026 - Markovitz - Order and delivery of Grit			£132.00

	Bank Transfer 23/01/2026	HMRC Employee Tax			£4.60	
	Bank Transfer 31/01/2026	Carol Duncan Clerk's salary 01.01.2026 – 31.01.2026 23 hours @ £16.35 Less Tax Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; January 2026 Reimbursement of Costs 22nd January 2026 – Mobile Phone Top Up	£382.26 -£0.40 £22.00 £11.89		£415.75	
02-26-15427	Bank Transfer 31/01/2026	Barry Aldridge RFO salary 01.01.2026 – 01.01.2026 5 hours @ £17.85			£89.25	
	<p>Precept for 2026 – 2027 was agreed to go up by 4% - (HG) proposed, (GG) seconded. An increase from £72.87 to £75.51 per year for a Band D property.</p>					
02-26-15428	10. ALLOTMENTS Nothing to report					
02-26-15429	11. INCIDENT reported Not discussed – no time left due to Public Speaking items					
02-26-15430	12. CONCESSIONARY FOOTPATH Not discussed - no time left due to Public Speaking items					
02-26-15431	13. JACOB'S LADDER Discussed under Item 6) Public Speaking					
02-26-15432	14. FLOOD MANAGEMENT ISSUES Not discussed - no time left due to Public Speaking items					
02-26-15433	15. TREE RISK ASSESSMENT This includes Bath House Woods, Grove Gardens, Playing Field trees and Concessionary Path. PDNPA have been asked to carry out the tree inspection – Clerk to chase up					Clerk
02-26-15434	16. DEFIBRILLATORS G5 - opposite The Moon - replace battery 15/10/28; pads recently replaced TBC CR2 - Alphaweld - replace battery 20/05/29; pads 31/05/29					

02-26-15435	<p>17. AFFORDABLE HOUSING Discussed under Item 6) Public Speaking</p>	
02-26-15436	<p>18. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noticeboards – in a poor state and only one working – to discuss at next meeting • Dog Bins – Cllr Ripton has helped with this and DDDC are awaiting a response from Samantha Grisman at DCC • Maintenance jobs – awaiting quote from contractor – Clerk to chase 	Clerk
02-26-15437	<p>19. PLAYGROUND, PLAYING FIELD & TENNIS COURT</p> <p>Playground - Cableway and the Swings have been repaired/serviced by High-Low who did a good job. The metal climbing frame is still waiting for a repair and repaint when the weather improves. Clerk to check with current contractor about this.</p> <p>Clerk has looked at the online company PSS Live to monitor the playground maintenance and inspections – need a quote for an inspection from a person that links to this system and then can go ahead – only costs £4 per visit. No other costs.</p> <p>Playing Fields – field access issue is now resolved. Next meeting - discuss gate/barrier</p>	Clerk Clerk
02-26-15438	<p>20. BATH HOUSE & WOODS Brought forward to Item 6) Public Speaking</p>	
02-26-15439	<p>21. SMILE Anne Flint (AF) updated the meeting as a SMILE representative -The design of the village hall is being looked at to see if PDNPA can accept a different style which would be more affordable to build and within budget. The lease arrangements need to be drawn up between SMILE and The Parish Council (who own the land) – (GG) can help with this in a professional capacity but not through his work or as a Parish Councillor – another Parish Councillor would represent the Parish Council at any meetings. SMILE need to organise a meeting date with the Parish Council for this - Clerk to get some dates from them for this. (AF) to follow up with SMILE about the £160 annual payment towards the playground insurance.</p>	SMILE/Clerk AF
02-26-15440	<p>22. HIGHWAY ISSUES There is a local area group of 5 villages that wish to discuss Highways issues together but it was agreed by all the councillors that SMPC would decline to join this. The issues that Stoney Middleton face with the amount of traffic including HGVs, speeding up the Dale, narrowness of the road and no crossing are not exactly the same issues as other villages on the A623. SMPC will not be partaking in this at the moment for capacity reasons. Clerk to inform the group.</p>	Clerk

02-26-15441	23. GRIT: ordering and planning To be followed up at the next meeting	
02-26-15442	24. CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence circulated ahead of the meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No objections re planning application NP/DDD/0126/0093 at 2 Edge View, Meadow Close 	
02-26-15443	25/28. CLERK'S REPORT (and Item 28. Parish Council meeting dates 2026) Clerk has had a better estimate of the bus shelter rebuild costs from a visit with a contractor and will reduce them by 50% - Clerk to inform Clear Insurance with the new valuations. Cllr Hill has resigned before the end of the 4-year term so a casual vacancy for a Councillor has now occurred so Clerk to let the Electoral Officer know so it can be advertised. Clerk has arranged all the Parish Council meeting dates for 2026 and booked the room. The dates are as follows at 7pm: Monday Feb 2 nd Monday March 9 th Monday April 13 th – 6.30 pm AGM , 7pm meeting Monday May 11 th Monday June 8 th Monday July 6 th <i>No meeting in August</i> Monday September 7 th Monday October 5 th Monday November 2 nd Monday December 7 th	Clerk Clerk
02-26-15444	26. POLICY UPDATES Risk management policy to be updated – Clerk to look at this and then discuss with the councillors	Clerk
02-26-15445	27. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING Cavendish Mill security fencing remains unsafe as it can be accessed – Clerk had written to Matthew Hulley at DCC regarding this but not had a reply. Clerk to chase.	Clerk
02-26-15446	29. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING Monday March 9th at 7pm	
02-26-15447	30. CLOSE OF MEETING AT: The meeting closed at 21:15	