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Unadopted Minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council Meeting

Held on: Monday 9th March 2026

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

Present:

Parish Councillors: Colin Hall (CH) Chair, Anne Flint (AF), Graham Goldspink (GG), Richard Brisbin (RB), Sue Bettney (SB), Carol Duncan, Clerk (CD)

Minute No		Action
03-26-15448	1. WELCOME & TIME COMMENCED The meeting commenced at 19:00 – (CH) welcomed everyone present	
03-26-15449	2. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE PCSO Boswell and six members of the public	
03-26-15450	3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Accepted from Parish Councillor Harry Grafton, and Cllr Sutton, Cllr Simon Ripton, Cllr O'Brien and RFO Barry Aldridge	
03-26-15451	4. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS Items 14) Flood Management and 22) Community Speed Watch were brought forward to Item 6) Public Speaking.	
03-26-15452	5. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS Cllr Flint (AF) notified the clerk that she needed to register a declaration in the member's interests' book with regard to Item 21) SMILE. (AF) signed the book.	
03-26-15453	6. PUBLIC SPEAKING Item 14) Flood Management Issues brought forward Dan Hodgson (flood warden) explained to the meeting that a comprehensive Study was done in 2021 which identified a range of natural flood alleviation measures in the Stoney Middleton and Eyam flood catchment. Dan and Cllr Bettney have had a meeting with Mr Ward, DCC Flood Team about funding for the scheme and Dan is in contact with him to move things on. If approved he asked the PC to be on stand-by to submit an application for matched funding for the scheme from Severn Trent. The Environment Agency may also contribute	

03-26-15454	<p>Item 22) Community Speed Watch brought forward</p> <p>PCSO Antony Boswell attended the meeting to explain how Community Speed Watch (CSW) works. He also updated the meeting to report that no crimes had been recorded in the village for the last two months.</p> <p>(CD) updated the meeting that potentially there are now 5 people interested which means the scheme can proceed if all people confirm. Clerk to check with people to confirm and then email their details to PC Boswell.</p> <p>CSW can only be done in 30mph and 40mph zones. Volunteers do an online training session and a roadside training session and arrange with themselves how often they do the Speed Watch. The locations are agreed with the Parish Council and the volunteers. PC Boswell explained that the data is recorded and sent to the Police and then the data is deleted by the CSW team. The Police then send warning letters to any drivers who were witnessed speeding. Multiple warning letters results in a Police visit to the driver's home address and any vehicles are inspected.</p>			Clerk												
03-26-15455	<p>7. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 2nd February 2026</p> <p>One correction made for minute number 02-26-15422 ; 2016 not 2019 for the TRO date. Minutes were then approved and signed by Cllr Colin Hall (CH) Chair All correspondence was circulated before the meeting.</p>															
03-26-15456	<p>8. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED</p> <p>There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.</p>															
03-26-15457	<p>9. FINANCE</p> <p>The IT Policy was recently updated by RFO Barry Aldridge (BA) and this was approved by (GG) and seconded by (SB). This policy will now be adopted by SMPC. (BA) to upload this onto the website.</p>			(BA)												
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03-26-15459	<p>10. ALLOTMENTS</p> <p>All the plots are taken and there is one person on the waiting list. Clerk to check if the water has been turned back on and request a meter reading.</p>	Clerk
03-26-15460	<p>11. WELL DRESSING</p> <p>Mark Jones said he was opening his garden for a day in June as part of the National Gardens Scheme. He asked if the lay-by could be signposted for parking. He was advised to contact DCC as the Parish Council do not own it. However, the playing field car park can be used.</p> <p>Mark asked if SMPC can contribute towards the band again (£200) – this was discussed and agreed but needs to be reviewed each year. (SB) proposed, (AF) seconded. During the Well Dressing week, there are a few areas that need weeding and tidying up – the wall opposite the Bath House and near the Spring. Mark requested to see if the Parish Council would do this as the Well Dressing volunteers are not able to manage this anymore. (SB) and (AF) can support with this for the week beginning 25/07/2026. Will Brindley does the church area as part of his contracted schedule. Clerk to request.</p> <p>An area is also needed for a small gazebo for the birds of prey display – agreed. The birds will be tethered to their posts and not flown.</p>	Clerk
03-26-15461	<p>12. CONCESSIONARY FOOTPATH</p> <p>The concessionary footpath has become very wet and muddy in parts and requires some stone chippings to be laid on it to make it useable. Dan is working on how the runoff water can be slowed down (which is the cause). A member of the public present kindly offered to drop some off as he has some surplus – clerk to email to request this formally.</p>	Clerk
03-26-15462	<p>13. JACOB'S LADDER</p> <p>(CH) went over the long-standing issues with Jacob's Ladder which has had an approved TRO in place since 2016 which prohibits mechanical propelled vehicles, including motorbikes and 4x4s, using it. Drivers and riders are ignoring this and are still using it illegally (it is not blocked off) and are causing damage and a nuisance to local residents. SMPC have not been able to progress this with the Police or DCC and are currently taking it to the local MP (John Whitby) to see if he can help. Residents take photos and sometimes videos of the offending vehicles using it and send them to the Police, but it does not result in any action. All sightings still need to be reported, though, to build evidence of the misuse of this byway. It was decided to add this item to the Highways meeting next week (19/03/26) which is for parking issues. Clerk to email the village to inform them.</p>	Clerk
03-26-15463	<p>14. FLOOD MANAGEMENT ISSUES</p> <p>Discussed under Item 6) Public Speaking</p> <p>Flood gauge to be discussed in April's meeting. Clerk to ask Dan about this.</p>	Clerk
03-26-15464	<p>15. TREE RISK ASSESSMENT</p> <p>This includes Bath House Woods, Grove Gardens, Playing Field trees and Concessionary Path. PDNPA have carried out the tree inspection and sent the comprehensive report to the Parish Council (circulated). Some trees require action to be taken within a few months and are highlighted on the report – the ones on the highway (A623) will be reported to DCC Highways and the full report shared with them. Clerk to contact Highways to report this through their online portal so</p>	Clerk

	<p>that they are fully aware of the situation. DCC are responsible for trees on the roadside and can contact the landowner if needed to arrange the necessary work to be completed.</p> <p>Clerk to discuss with the councillors before the next meeting which trees need to be booked in for tree work so that this can be agreed at the next meeting (13/04/26).</p> <p>Clerk to also check re concessionary path responsibilities regarding the trees on the path.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
03-26-15465	<p>16. DEFIBRILLATORS</p> <p>(SB) to update clerk about the expiry date of recently replaced pads**</p> <p>G5 - opposite The Moon - replace battery 15/10/28; pads recently replaced TBC** CR2 - Alphaweld - replace battery 20/05/29; pads 31/05/29</p>	(SB)
03-26-15466	<p>17. AFFORDABLE HOUSING</p> <p>Two members of the public and a parish councillor raised concerns about the suitability of the plot currently under discussion as it is characterised by significant water runoff and natural springs. At present this site, adjacent to The Moon and owned by Denman Estates, is the only site in the parish that PDNPA is prepared to consider.</p> <p>Should the landowner agree to sell to DDDC a full flood risk assessment – alongside other mandatory technical studies – would be required before any proposal could progress.</p> <p>A question was also raised about the involvement of a Housing Association. It was explained that DDDC would work with a housing Association to build and manage any local affordable housing.</p> <p>Meetings have been arranged with DDDC and also PDNPA to discuss the feasibility of delivering local affordable housing, including the possibility a small number of open market houses to achieve funds to reinvest into village amenities. (Thought this is outside PDNPA planning policy)</p>	
03-26-15467	<p>18. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noticeboards – in a poor state and only one working, they are too warped to be repaired – Clerk to follow up with the options discussed for a new aluminium wall-fixing noticeboard (£700 approx.) to replace two of the wooden ones proposed by (GG) and seconded by (SB) – Clerk to ask permission from the owners of the building before proceeding (JH) • Dog Bins – DDDC are still awaiting a response from Samantha Grisman at DCC about getting a bin moved to the layby. Clerk to chase this until a response is received • Maintenance jobs – Clerk has arranged for the concessionary path gate post to be repaired and some low posts at the field entrance for a chain and sign to go across. Clerk to contact contractor to confirm. • Bath House doors – both wooden doors need repair – Clerk to follow up • The PROW (Public Rights of Way) Form 2 was signed off by (CH) for a reimbursement of £290 for the two footpaths 6 and 14. Clerk to email them to the PROW team for processing 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

03-26-15468	<p>19. PLAYGROUND, PLAYING FIELD & TENNIS COURT</p> <p>The metal climbing frame is getting repaired and repainted soon.</p> <p>Clerk has looked at the online company PSS Live to monitor the playground maintenance and inspections – unable to proceed without identifying a playground inspector that can link to this system – (RB) suggested contacting Helen Dennis at DDDC about this – Clerk to follow up</p> <p>Playing Fields – two low posts and a chain to be fixed at the field entrance.</p>	Clerk Clerk
03-26-15469	<p>20. BATH HOUSE & WOODS</p> <p>The Parish Council had no business to discuss on this particular item (other than door maintenance) but addressed concerns raised by residents at the meeting. These concerns were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The make-up of the trustees of a Charitable Trust set up to preserve, support and understand the history of the Bath House; 2) The purpose of the Trust and future use of the Bath House <p>On 1), the Council confirmed the names of the 7 Trustees involved with the Trust as notified to SMPC. The Trustees do not include any SMPC councillors. SMPC re-iterated that the make-up of the Trust is not within the control of SMPC. Several local residents expressed interest in participating in this Trust and requested that a resident from the Nook be appointed as a trustee. Again, this is not in the control of SMPC but the Clerk will follow this up with the trustees for consideration.</p> <p>On 2, SMPC re-iterated that it had not received any proposal from the Trust and has given no right to occupy the Bath House nor given any consent or approval to any use other than the current use. The Bath House remains a village asset and owned by SMPC. The Trust is an entirely independent group from SMPC. If, and when, a proposal for the Bath House is received from this group or any other, SMPC will consider any proposal on its merits. It was agreed that any such proposals would be discussed at a public meeting and community input considered.</p>	Clerk
03-26-15470	<p>21. SMILE</p> <p>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. An architect is involved looking at a timber cladding rather than stone.</p> <p>(CH) is looking at the community hall being one of the extra things to be potentially funded by the affordable housing scheme (see Item 17).</p> <p>The lease arrangements need to be drawn up between SMILE and The Parish Council (who own the land) – Clerk has asked SMILE for some dates and will chase this up.</p> <p>SMILE to pay the £160 annual payment towards the playground insurance.</p>	SMILE/Clerk
03-26-15471	<p>22. HIGHWAY ISSUES</p> <p>All Highways issue are deferred to the extra meeting on Thursday 19/03/26 at 7pm which will be emailed to the village – Meeting Room at Rock Mill.</p>	Clerk

03-26-15472	<p>23. GRIT: ordering and planning</p> <p>Currently there is a lot of grit stored at agreed place and any new orders need to be done ahead of the winter as needed.</p>	
03-26-15473	<p>24. CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>All correspondence circulated ahead of the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter was received from the Pensions Regulator forwarded from the wrong address – Clerk has emailed them to give the correct address 	
03-26-15474	<p>25. CLERK'S REPORT</p> <p>Clerk has had a better estimate of the bus shelter rebuild costs from a visit with a contractor and will reduce them by 50% for insurance renewal - May</p> <p>No nominations for a Councillor were received during the advertised period so a councillor can be co-opted onto the Parish Council if appropriate.</p> <p>All other items covered in the meeting.</p>	Clerk
02-26-15445	<p>26. POLICY UPDATES</p> <p>Risk management policy to be updated – Clerk to look at this and then discuss with the councillors</p>	Clerk
02-26-15446	<p>27. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</p> <p>None received.</p>	
02-26-15447	<p>29. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Monday April 13th 2026 – 18:30 APCM and then meeting at 19:00</p>	
02-26-15448	<p>30. CLOSE OF MEETING AT:</p> <p>The meeting closed at 21:00</p>	