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Unadopted Minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council Meeting

Held on: Monday 3rd March 2025

Present:

Parish Councillors: Colin Hall (CH) (Chair) Sue Bettney (SB) Tim Hill (TH) Anne Flint (AF) Graham Goldspink (GG) Barry Aldridge (BA) (RFO finance officer) Carol Duncan (CD) (Clerk)

Minute No		Action
03-25-15112	1. WELCOME & TIME COMMENCED: The meeting commenced at 19:00 – the two new co-opted Councillors, Anne Flint and Graham Goldspink were welcomed to the meeting and their papers signed	
03-25-15113	2. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE PDNPA Cllr K.Potter & Flood Warden Dan Hodgson. (Cllr Potter left after item 7)	
03-25-15114	3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Accepted from Parish Councillors Harry Grafton & Richard Brisbin and DDDC Cllr Simon Repton	
03-25-15115	4. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS There was no variation in the order of business	
03-25-15116	5. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS No Councillors had notified the clerk that they needed to register a declaration in the member's interests' book	
03-25-15117	6. CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence was circulated before the meeting.	
03-25-15118	7. PUBLIC SPEAKING Cllr Potter gave an update about the 9% cut in the annual grant for the PDNPA for the 2025/26 period. This will make it very difficult – there is some English National Park Capital Funding next year which may help a bit and the PDNPA will make savings in the year ahead where they can. Budget update in Autumn 2025 so no decisions will be taken until then. Cllr Potter also mentioned Farming in Protected Landscapes Funding.	
03-25-15119	8. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3rd FEBRUARY 2025 were approved and signed by Cllr Colin Hall (CH)	

03-25-15120	9. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED: There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.																																		
03-25-15121	10. FINANCE: (BA) informed the meeting that he expected there to be approximately £2,000 balance at the end of the financial year (March 2025) to carry forward to the new financial year April 2025 – March 2026.																																		
03-25-15122	Monies due IN: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMILE contribution towards the Insurance – payment is pending • Reimbursement from DDDC for the playground Expenses:																																		
03-25-15123	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DALC invoice to be paid (higher rate membership) – proposed by Cllr Hill (TH) and seconded by Cllr Bettney (SB) • (BA) said that due to the Income/expenditure being > £25,000 (playground) an external auditor will be needed for this year’s accounts 																																		
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03-25-15125	<p>11. FLOOD MANAGEMENT ISSUES: Flood Warden Dan Hodgson gave a thorough explanation of the recent CCTV survey of the Moorwood Sough which DCC undertook – a large root ball was found amongst other issues. High Peak Geotechnical has quoted for the work and hope to start soon. Dan also updated on DCC’s plan to repair significant faults and make improvements to the underground drainage systems in the Meadow Close area. SMPC to make contact with Graham Watkins (land agent for Denman Estates) to seek permission for contractors to work on Denman land, if need be. The chamber at the end of Trinkey Lane is not being worked on but Dan wanted its location noted. The Councillors acknowledged Dan’s major involvement and determination, over a period of 8 years, to get flood alleviation works to this point. Richard Ward at Highways is to be contacted to check that they have approved the funding for repair work to Moorwood Sough. (CH) asked about Moorwood Sough where it meets the old mines – Dan will ask his contact about this and report back.</p>	Clerk Clerk DH
03-25-15126	<p>12. CAVENDISH MILL: DCC has given a generic email address, but not the name of an officer, for the department dealing with the new owner’s responsibilities regarding Tailings Dam 4. An inspection report may be overdue. However, we can follow this up under the appropriate legislation which (GG) has offered to do. Clerk to liaise with (GG) about this</p>	Clerk GG
03-25-15127	<p>13. AFFORDABLE HOUSING: No update as yet from DDDC but the PDNPA were considering other sites. Clerk to write to PDNPA and ask if they do have any other sites to be considered. If not, clerk to get back to DDDC to request that consideration of the site proposed by SMPC (Goddard’s Quarry) is progressed.</p>	Clerk
03-25-15128	<p>14. BATH HOUSE & WOODS There is a delay on getting the trees felled which have been identified as diseased by the PDNPA. Clerk to locate the PDNPA tree inspection report and obtain quotes for the work.</p>	Clerk
03-25-15129	<p>15. PLAYGROUND, PLAYING FIELD & TENNIS COURT Wall repairs beside the main road and along the field boundary. A contractor was chosen to do the roadside work at a cost of £290, proposed by (SB) and seconded by (TH). The other work is on hold as ownership/responsibility for the wall boundary is unclear. Clerk to get back to all the contractors who quoted to inform them.</p>	Clerk
03-25-15130	<p>16. PLANNING: Application Number: NP/DDD/1224/1327: Janesway: no comments to make</p>	
03-25-15131	<p>17. DEFIBRILLATORS: Nothing to report</p>	
03-25-15132	<p>18. HIGHWAY ISSUES: Councillor Susan Hobson has reported that DCC Highways (Cllr Cupit and Steve Allcock) are preparing a report following their meeting with us regarding the need for traffic calming measures. This has not been received yet. Clerk to follow up.</p>	Clerk

03-25-15133	The lowering of the speed limit to 40 mph on the approach to Rock Mill was agreed at the meeting. Clerk to ask for an update.	Clerk
03-25-15134	The BOAT signs at the top and bottom of Jacob's Ladder can now be removed – Clerk to request this from the Right of Way Team at DCC (Vicky)	Clerk
03-25-15135	A Village entrance Gateway is an idea that needs further information such as where it could be sited – Clerk to contact Highways about this. It was thought that it would be helpful to contact MP John Whitby regarding the traffic issues through the village and to see if he can help at all. Clerk to contact	Clerk
03-25-15136	19. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concessionary path – waiting approval to get the ditch re-dug and then re-surfacing can be looked at • Coombs Dale – work has now been completed on the tree - cutting there • School Bus drop off – this issue will be managed by the school 	
03-25-15137	20. CLERK'S REPORT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After doing some internet research, it does indicate that the playing field, as it stands, is best suited to an Events rather than a Sports use – due to a lack of toilets or a building and a restricted amount of off-field parking • FIELD event rental – we already do this – two events booked for 2025 with TREK 26 (09/08/25) and ACTION CHALLENGE (26 - 27/06/25) - full access to the field is needed for both events including tents, gazebos, toilets and parking. Clerk to look into how we can increase rentals like these through advertising • Car Boot Sales – are no longer being considered as appropriate 	Clerk
03-25-15138	21. LITTER BINS / DOG WASTE: Moving DDDC litter bin response – DDDC require the public to log complaints for this before they will move the bin – (via their logging a ticket online system).	
03-25-15139	Clerk to follow this up and inform residents and request dog litter signs from DDDC and promote the local school children designing some too as suggested by a resident.	Clerk
03-25-15140	22. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE: It was agreed that any local business can request an advert on the SMPC website. Process would be to email the Clerk with their advert or to discuss it.	
	23. CONFIRM DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS FROM APRIL 2025 – MARCH 2026 All at 7pm – THESE ARE CONFIRMED AS: Monday April 7th - Annual Parish Meeting (18.30) and PC Meeting (19.00) Monday May 12th – Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Financial Auditor Tuesday June 10th Monday July 7th Monday September 1st	

	Monday October 6th Monday November 3rd Monday December 1st Monday February 2nd (2026) Monday March 2nd (2026)	
	24. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: A resident has asked for the litter, spread all along the Dale towards Tideswell, to be cleared. Clerk to log a ticket with DDDC to carry this out.	Clerk
02.21-12873	25. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING; 7th APRIL 2025 at 7pm	
	The meeting closed at 21:00	