

STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Unadopted minutes of the virtual meeting of Stoney Middleton Parish Council held on Monday 5th October 2020.

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 18:00 with the clerk outlining protocol for holding a virtual meeting.	
10.20-12630	1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE Four members of the public.	
10.20-12631	2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Accepted from Parish Councillor Karen Esposito (KE)	
10.20-12632	3. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS It was agreed to combine item <i>9h Community Building</i> with <i>9j Parish Council Village Plan</i> and bring forward item <i>11 Eaton Fold / Vicarage Lane Flooding</i> to allow a member of the public to speak.	
10.20-12633	4. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS No Councillors had notified the clerk that they needed to register a declaration in the member's interests' book	
10.20-12634	5. PUBLIC SPEAKING 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.	
10.20-12635	6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7TH SEPTEMBER 2020 The minutes of the last meeting held on 7 th September were agreed as a correct record. SB will sign the minutes at the next physical Parish Council Meeting.	SB
10.20-12636	7. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.	
10.20-12637	Before the meeting continued SB paid tribute to local resident John Ball who had suddenly and sadly passed away. John had done a lot of work for the village over the years and the clerk will send a letter to his widow passing on the Parish Council's condolences.	Clerk
10.20-12638	8. FLOOD WARDEN'S REPORT The Clerk reported that Dan was liaising with British Fluorspar regarding their contact regarding the monitoring of water flow in Moorwood Sough. Dan had also been in touch with an officer from Trent Rivers Trust regarding their forthcoming investigation into eyam/Stoney Middleton's water catchment and possibilities of	

	<p>funding for natural flood risk management. He had also reported that Chatsworth Estates will be felling Ash trees with die back along The Dale starting in October. This work would impact on traffic management through the village for a while, but will greatly reduce the risk of Dale Brook flooding.</p>	
10.20-12639	<p>11. EATON FOLD / VICARAGE LANE FLOODING (carried forward) A resident raised concern regarding the risk of further flooding to properties from surface water run-off down Vicarage Lane into Eaton Fold. SB reported that she had been in touch with a member of the flood team at DCC who said that they had met with residents but since DCC had no statutory role or enforcement powers regarding surface water run-off, they were not able to assist in any further meaningful way. It was agreed that SMPC would facilitate a meeting with home and land owners in the Eaton Fold area to try to seek solutions, subject to clarification that meetings for work purposes were exempt from the rule of 6.</p>	Clerk SB
10.20-12640	<p>The clerk will seek advice from DALC on whether SMPC can adopt a protocol, as suggested in exemption guidance, which would allow the meeting to take place.</p>	
10.20-12641	<p>Subject to clarification SB will organise the meeting.</p>	
10.20-12642	<p>The resident also clarified the location of the potentially dangerous hole in the Lime Kiln on the corner of Black Harry Lane. RT said that he was in contact with PDNPA about the matter.</p>	
	<p>9. CLERK'S REPORT <i>(Standing Items)</i></p>	
10.20-12643	<p>(a) JACOBS LADDER SB had been informed by a resident that a high volume of motorcycles had been driven through the Nook over the weekend. It was thought that some had used Jacob's Ladder.</p>	SB / KE
10.20-12644	<p>(b) BATH HOUSE The scrap metal from the bath house was still on site. SB/KE will arrange for its removal.</p>	
10.20-12645	<p>(c) BATH GARDEN WOODS Concerns had been raised by a resident that the flow of water in the spring was being diverted and the trough was sometimes dry. It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by CT) to commission a sign asking for the stones (used to divert the water) not to be moved.</p>	Clerk
10.20-12646	<p>(d) VILLAGE CROSS AND STEPS SMPC's solicitor clarified that the transfer of the remaining land will be completed shortly.</p>	
10.20-12647	<p>(e) ALLOTMENTS CT reported that two of the recently vacated plots had been taken and he was meeting with applicants on the waiting list soon to allocate two more.</p>	
10.20-12648	<p>Following a complaint from an allotment holder about the poor mowing of the grass paths, the contractor had been contacted. He explained that due to finding glass bottles on the central verge he had started to strim them on H&S grounds. However, he will return to regular mowing in 2021. The clerk will ask the contractor to give the allotment paths an additional cut in October.</p>	Clerk

10.20-12649	<p>(f) INSPECTION OF PLAYGROUND & AREA</p> <p>PS reported that he'd received one quote to update the playground equipment with more to follow. The clerk to circulate the quote to all councillors once received from PS.</p>	PS, Clerk
10.20-12650	<p>(g) HIGHWAYS ISSUES</p> <p>SB had finally managed to speak to the DCC Highways Officer for Stoney Middleton about the issues of parking around the Toll Bar. He is amenable to a site meeting with other stakeholders. Once clarification of the <i>rule of 6</i> exemptions is received, a meeting will be arranged.</p>	Clerk
10.20-12651	<p>It was agreed to inform DDDC not to apply a treatment of weedkiller around the village during October as scheduled. A decision about the use of weedkiller will be made before the next scheduled treatment in April. In place of weedkiller, LF said he would strim the weeds around the village, including those under the high wall on The Nook.</p>	Clerk LF
10.20-12652	<p>Following a request from a resident, SB had asked DCC Highways for confirmation that High Street will be surfaced dressed next summer.</p>	SB
10.20-12653	<p>It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by CH) to obtain 10 more lamppost poppies; donating £50 towards the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. SB & PS will again put them up and let the clerk have the post reference numbers.</p>	Clerk, SB, PS
10.20-12654	<p>The clerk had received an anonymous complaint about parking along The Avenue. Unless parking was causing an obstruction (which is a Police matter), there is little that SMPC can do. CT will speak with residents about the concerns raised.</p>	CT
10.20-12655	<p>(h) COMMUNITY BUILDING</p> <p>Discussed under 9j Parish Council Village Plan</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Ongoing and Outstanding Items)</i></p>	
10.20-12656	<p>(i) PLAYING FIELD</p> <p>It was RESOLVED (proposed by CT and seconded by RT) to commission the purchase of a 3-way Chain Harrow (£198 incl VAT) to improve the playing field surface.</p>	Clerk
10.20-12657	<p>The clerk to ask the mowing contractor about options for rolling the pitch.</p>	Clerk
10.20-12658	<p>The clerk to liaise with the Saturday morning fitness class to ensure they are aware when the football team are playing.</p>	Clerk
10.20-12659	<p>Concern was also raised about the hazard caused by turf being cut from the field. This situation will be monitored.</p>	
10.20-12660	<p>(j) VILLAGE PLAN</p> <p>Once clarification has been sought from DALC on exemptions for business to the Government's rule of 6 (see item 11 <i>Eaton Fold / Vicarage Lane Flooding</i>), a decision will be made on how to hold a meeting to progress the realisation of the community building; zoom or a meeting on the playing field.</p>	Clerk, CH
10.20-12661	<p>(k) VILLAGE MAINTENANCE</p> <p>The mowing contractor has begun work to cut back bushes and shrubs in Grove Gardens.</p>	

10.20-12662	It was RESOLVED (proposed by SB and seconded by LF) to seek further quotes from local contractors to make the necessary repairs to Grove Gardens which John Ball was planning to undertake.	Clerk
10.20-12663	It was agreed by the majority, not to accept the offer from Dr Grafton, to arrange and pay for the repairs.	
10.20-12664	It was agreed to consider the painting and staining of the bridge and seating in Grove Gardens in the spring.	
10.20-12665	SB reported that residents of Mill Lane had asked for a litter bin to be provided due to an increase in litter and dog poo bags being left along the lane. It was thought that this was due to an increase in people walking the circular route from Mill Lane to Eyam and back via The Cliff. The clerk to pursue with DDDC.	Clerk
10.20-12666	A resident had reported that the bottom of Jacobs Ladder had still not been cleaned. SB had been reported it via 'report a fault'. SB will pursue with DCC.	SB
10.20-12667	SB will also pursue the reinstatement of bollards on A623 by the hairdressers which have been smashed out by vehicles mounting the pavement.	SB
	(l) FIXED ASSETS REGISTER	
10.20-12668	The Fixed Assets Register has been updated and will be published on the website. Re-evaluation of assets will be revisited in the spring.	Clerk
	(m) BUS SHELTER IMAGES	
10.20-12669	CH will circulate the final proofs before commissioning.	CH
	(n) OLD LIME KILN	
10.20-12670	The was discussed under item 11 <i>Eaton Fold / Vicarage Lane Flooding</i>	
	(o) WOODLANDS MANAGEMENT	
10.20-12671	To be carried forward to the next meeting	
	10. HOUSING AND HOLIDAY LETS	
10.20-12672	CT raised the issue of the increasing number of houses being sold for holiday accommodation in Stoney Middleton and pointed to successful initiatives in both Cornwall and Northumberland which had restricted the selling of properties (mainly new builds) as holiday lets or second homes. It was unanimously agreed to address this as part of the Village Plan.	
	12. CORRESPONDENCE	
10.20-12673	Correspondence received by the Clerk was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. This included the virtual Low Carbon Homes Conference (6 th to 8 th October) which LF would attend and the Right to Contest survey which needed to be completed by 9th October	
	13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
10.20-12674	NP/DDD/0920/0852 - End Cottage, Old Hall Farm – There are no objections from SMPC.	Clerk
	14. FINANCE	
10.20-12675	Bank Statements to 15 th September 2020; Current account: £ £100.00 Community Account 1: £ £7,029.29 Community Account 2: £ £10,061.43 Total £ £17,190.72	

10.20-12676	<p>Payments: It was RESOLVED for the Invoices below to be paid. (Proposed by CT and seconded by RT). Cheques were signed post meeting by SB and KE.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="284 255 1362 869"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Payments</th> <th></th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>B Aldridge Clerk's salary 01.09.20 – 30.09.20 30 hours @ £13.51</td> <td>£405.30</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1778</td> <td>Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; September 2020</td> <td>£22.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Salary Backpay to 1st April 2020 130 hours @ £0.36p</td> <td>£46.80</td> <td>£474.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1779</td> <td>DALC Planning Training – Colin Hall</td> <td>£50.00</td> <td>£50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1780</td> <td>William Brindley Village Maintenance - September</td> <td>£585.00</td> <td>£585.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Payments		Total		B Aldridge Clerk's salary 01.09.20 – 30.09.20 30 hours @ £13.51	£405.30		1778	Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; September 2020	£22.00			Salary Backpay to 1 st April 2020 130 hours @ £0.36p	£46.80	£474.10	1779	DALC Planning Training – Colin Hall	£50.00	£50.00	1780	William Brindley Village Maintenance - September	£585.00	£585.00	Clerk
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10.20-12677 10.20-12678 10.20-12679	<p>15. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING It had been RESOLVED during September (proposed by SB and seconded by CT) during September for CH to attend DALC's In-depth Planning Training on 21/09/2020 at a cost of £50.</p> <p>It was agreed to amend future agenda's for councillors to report on their lead areas.</p> <p>SB commented on a Countryfile report about traffic pollution testing. LF will watch the programme to see if it's relevant to Stoney Middleton.</p>	LF																								
10.20-12680	<p>16. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING; Monday 2nd November; time and type of meeting to be agreed.</p>																									
10.20-12681	The meeting closed at 20:18																									