

# STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Unadopted minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

### Present

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

Parish Clerk Anne Flint (AF) & Responsible Finance Officer: Barry Aldridge (BA)

Minute No		Action
	<p><b>WELCOME</b> The meeting commenced at 19:00.</p>	
04.22-13488	<p><b>1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE</b> PDNPA Councillor Kath Potter, PC Linda Hancock, SMILE representative Allen Hodgkinson and two members of the public.</p>	
04.22-13489	<p><b>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Derbyshire County Council Councillor Susan Hobson, Parish Councillor Sue Bettney and Parish Councillor Angie Cottle.</p>	
04.22-13490	<p><b>3. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS</b> It was agreed to bring forward items – 8(a) Finance – report on bank account balance and budget forecast 25 – Proposal from SMILE to split the construction of the Community Building into phases and to commence the first phase this year It was agreed to defer items 18 (j) and (l).</p>	
04.22-13491	<p><b>4. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS</b> No Councillors had notified the Clerk that they needed to register a declaration of interest in the member's interests' book.</p>	
04.22-13492	<p><b>5. PUBLIC SPEAKING</b> The Chair reminded those assembled that members of the public could voice their views, which were warmly welcomed, but that deliberations by councillors could not be interrupted or unduly influenced by public participation. These procedures followed official guidance on the conduct of Council meetings. At the beginning of each agenda item, members of the public, who had expressed an interest, would be invited to speak. No further contributions from the public could be made, unless the Chair invited comment, on points of clarification.</p>	
04.22-13493	<p>PDNPA Kath Potter reported that the PDNPA are in the process of shortlisting for a new CEO and six candidates have been invited for interview. Councillor Potter also expressed her displeasure with PDNPA for the blanket ban they have adopted regarding the conversion of barns within the peak park into homes. This policy is allowing many barns to fall into disrepair.</p>	
04.22-13494	<p>PC Linda Hancock reported there had been two recorded crimes in Stoney Middleton in the last month; both of which were domestic.</p>	
04.22-13495	<p>PC Hancock also said there had been no reported issues with off roaders in The</p>	

	Nook. LF stated he had received reports from residents of an increasing number of off roaders in The Nook and Jacobs Ladder area over the last month but hadn't reported them to the police because no action seems to be taken. PC Hancock said the police are purchasing a number of off road bikes to enable them to police the lanes more effectively and they intend to be present on Jacobs Ladder most weekends. However no action can be taken unless the Police witness the offence.	
04.22-13496	<b>6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022.</b> The minutes of the meeting on Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 were agreed as a correct record. CT signed the minutes.	CT
04.22-13497	<b>7. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED</b> There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.	
04.22-13498	<b>25. NEW ITEM: PROPOSAL FROM SMILE TO SPLIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING INTO PHASES AND TO COMMENCE THE FIRST PHASE THIS YEAR</b> Allen Hodgkinson gave a presentation on behalf of SMILE to ask for SMPC's backing to allow the construction of the community building to be split into phrases and for the first phase to commence this year. The first phase will allow the existing hut to be demolished (which is in a very bad state of repair) and a block and beam construction to be built in its place to form the foundations of the community building.	
04.22-13499	It was proposed by CH and seconded by PS to allow SMILE to split the construction into phases and to start the first phase this year. A debate took place; concern was expressed that an up to date business plan hadn't been provided by SMILE and to allow this change would go against the conditions previously agreed by SMPC. Concern was also expressed that all documentation wasn't available to enable councillors to make a decision plus two councillors wouldn't have the opportunity to put forward their views. CT agreed and a vote on the proposal did not take place. At this point PS left the meeting.	
04.22-13500	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed CT and seconded RT) to adjourn the debate and hold an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 with all Councillors present and for a detailed proposal to be made available to Councillors before the meeting.	Clerk
04.22-13501	The Clerk to circulate minutes from the meeting in 2019 which detailed SMPCs agreements on the community building at that time.	Clerk
04.22-13502	<b>8 (a). FINANCE – BANK ACCOUNTS AND BUDGET FORECAST</b> <b>April 2022 Accounts</b> Bank Statements to 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 Current account: £ 100.00 Community Account 1: £ 3,666.76 Community Account 2: £ 10,062.96 <b>Total</b> <u>£13,829.72</u>	
04.22-13503	The RFO reported that unspent forecasted expenditure for 2021-22 has been carried forward to the budget forecast for 2022-23 to cover the cost of large expenditure items required such as tree work in the Bath House Woods, Concessionary Path and Grove Gardens.	

04.22-13504	<b>9. FLOOD ISSUES</b> CT reported that Flood Warden, Dan Hodgson, had been corresponding with George Jones from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust about Natural Flood Management and how we can work together on flood preventative measures.	
04.22-13505	<b>10. ALLOTMENTS</b> The Clerk reported the final allotment plot had been let.	
04.22-13506	<b>11. BATH HOUSE WOOD</b> The Clerk reported the survey of the trees along the concessionary path & playing field had been received.	
04.22-13507	Felicity Stout PDNPA recommended a revisit to check the Ash Trees in the Bath House Woods and the concessionary path in June when the trees are in leaf to confirm recommended course of action.	
04.22-13508	The Clerk reported the Tender document has been redrafted to include a dead sycamore tree at the bottom end of the concessionary path along with the Bath House Wood trees, Grove Garden tree.	
04.22-13509	The Tender was issued to Hope Valley Tree Care, A6 Tree Care and Chatsworth Forestry for a quote for the work identified.	
04.22-13510	<b>12. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES</b> Nothing to report.	
04.22-13511	<b>13. GROVE GARDENS</b> The Clerk reported Handyman Dan will start the repair/varnish of the bridge, and three benches and the replacement the damaged post for the Jubilee Plaque after the danger of frost has passed.	
04.22-13512	<b>14. PLAYGROUND</b> The Clerk has received an email from Sovereign safety offering a 3 year maintenance and inspection package of the playground equipment at a cost of £770. It was agreed to decline the offer and stay with the annual RoSPA inspection offered by Play Safety.	Clerk
04.22-13513	The Clerk reported Handyman Dan will start the agreed work in the playground after the danger of frost has passed.	
04.22-13514	<b>15. PLAYING FIELDS</b> The Clerk reported that Will Brindley will re-seed goal mouth as agreed after the last football fixture on 23 <sup>rd</sup> April.	
04.22-13515	The Clerk also reported SMFC had paid and arranged for Will Brindley to carry out four rolling's and three aerations of the area. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact Will Brindley to ensure he doesn't complete any further work he is asked to do by SMFC before contacting the Clerk first.	Clerk
04.22-13516	The RFO reported he still hadn't received payment from SMFC for the matches they've held on the playing field since September 2020. However, SMFC have queried payment for the electricity used by the defibrillator. The RFO has asked SMFC for a breakdown of costs.	RFO
04.22-13517	<b>16. OLD TENNIS COURT</b> Nothing to report.	
04.22-13518	<b>17. VILLAGE PLAN</b> The Clerk has established with DCC that the layby near to Lovers Leap is part of the Highway and has contacted DCC Highways to ask if the layby can be resurfaced and parking spaces marked. A response is yet to be received.	Clerk
04.22-13519	RT will investigate if a geophysical survey can be undertaken of the area alongside the concessionary path which has been identified as a possible location for additional parking in the village.	RT

	<p><b>18. CLERK'S REPORT</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Standing Items)</i></p> <p><b>(a) Jacob's Ladder</b></p> <p>04.22-13520 The Clerk reported Handyman Dan will re-set the footings, prepare the timber work and varnish the bench at the bottom of Jacobs Ladder after the last frost.</p> <p><b>(b) Village Cross and Steps</b></p> <p>04.22-13521 Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>(c) Highways Issues</b></p> <p>04.22-13522 The Clerk has written to DCC Councillor Susan Hobson providing details of the issues caused by re-surfacing the High St. Councillor Hobson has confirmed she will take this up on our behalf with DCC Highways.</p> <p>04.22-13523 LF reported he has spread salt on the build-up of moss on Dale Mouth but does not as yet know if it has been effective. He will monitor the situation and also try spraying it with patio cleaner.</p> <p>04.22-13524 The Clerk has informed DCC tree inspector Mark Wilson about the overhanging trees along Dale Mouth.</p> <p><b>(d) Village Maintenance</b></p> <p>04.22-13525 The Clerk reported the Concessionary Path and Playing Field tree survey highlighted an ash tree on The Avenue which required urgent work. The tree is on land owned by DCC. The Clerk has informed DCC tree inspector Mark Wilson and also informed the owners of the horse box which is parked next to the tree.</p> <p>04.22-13526 The Clerk reported DCC tree inspector Mark Wilson is querying the area along the concessionary path which SMPC believe belongs to DCC with their searches team to establish the extent of ownership.</p> <p>04.22-13527 The Clerk received an email from Will Brindley informing that he is increasing the prices for village maintenance by 10% to cover rising costs. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed CT and seconded CH) to accept the 10% increase to the charges within the maintenance contract.</p> <p><b>(e) Defibrillator</b></p> <p>04.22-13528 RT reported he had completed his check of both defibrillators and found them both to be in working order.</p> <p><b>(f) Community Resilience</b></p> <p>04.22-13529 Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>(g) 20's Plenty for Derbyshire</b></p> <p>04.22-13530 Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>(h) Parish Council Facebook Page</b></p> <p>04.22-13531 Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>(i) Tree for the Platinum Jubilee</b></p> <p>04.22-13532 The Clerk has applied to DDDC Jubilee Fund for £500 to help with the cost of village celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.</p> <p><b>(j) Compliance with General Data Protection Act</b></p> <p>04.22-13533 Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>(k) Speed restriction report/petition</b></p> <p>04.22-13534 The Clerk reported SMPC have suggested a joint meeting with Calver PC, Froggatt Village Community Speed Watch Group, DCC Councillor Susan Hobson, DDDC Councillor Helen Froggatt and DCC Highways Officer Steve Alcock to discuss the Highways issues in the area. Each group will identify their three biggest issues for discussion at the meeting.</p> <p>04.22-13535 Calver PC will meet on 21st April 2022 and will provide their three issues after that date and Froggatt Group will provide theirs in due course.</p>	
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04.22-13536	It was agreed SPMC's three biggest issues to focus on are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A crossing in the centre of the village</li> <li>• 20-30mph zone from Calver traffic lights until after Rock Mill, and</li> <li>• Formalisation of laybys into car parks</li> </ul> <b>(l) Dale Brook hydro-generator feasibility</b>	
04.22-13537	LF reported he had not had the opportunity to consult with local businesses. <b>(m)Community Speed Watch</b>	
04.22-13538	The Clerk has supplied a list of volunteers and email addresses to PC Boswell who will organise theory based training. <b>(n) Children's book set in Stoney Middleton</b>	
04.22-13539	The Clerk reported AC had reviewed the book and didn't think it would be appropriate for SMPC to promote the book as it had little mention of Stoney Middleton. It was agreed not to promote the book on the Parish Council website.	
	<b>19. NEW ITEM: LONG TERM MAINTENANCE OF THE PLAYING FIELD CAR PARK</b>	
04.22-13540	A discussion took place on the long term maintenance of the playing field car park. RT expressed his concern that financial responsibility and liability for its maintenance hadn't previously been accepted by the Parish Council.	
04.22-13541	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed RT and seconded LF) that SMPC should accept the liability for maintenance of the playing field car park and this should be reviewed every five years.	
	<b>20. NEW ITEM:WEIGHT LIMIT ON THE HIGH STREET</b>	
04.22-13542	It was agreed to defer to the next meeting.	
	<b>21. NEW ITEM: MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST TO USE SMPC MEMBERSHIP TO ACCESS ORDNANCE SURVEY MAPPING AGREEMENT</b>	
04.22-13543	A member of the public is developing a free online interactive not for profit guide which will provide information about Stoney Middleton. He wants to access the Ordnance Survey's mapping portal via SMPC's membership to enable him to provide good information on accessibility of walks around the village.	
04.22-13544	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed CT and seconded LF) to allow access to SMPC's membership area of the Ordnance Survey mapping portal for this purpose, so long as it doesn't breach membership rules. On completion of the guide membership will be withdrawn.	
04.22-13545	The Clerk to check member ship rules and arrange access if this is appropriate.	Clerk
	<b>22. NEW ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF CONTENT OF THE STONEY MIDDLETON MAPPING PORTAL PRODUCED BY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC</b>	
04.22-13546	The Clerk reported the content of the online interactive guide referred to in item 21 which has been developed so far has been shared with Councillors.	
04.22-13547	The member of the public answered questions regarding the purpose and extent of the content. LF asked that the content described only the popular well known walks around the area of the village.	
04.22-13548	It was agreed in principal to give Parish Council backing to the interactive guide provided the final version was shared with the Parish Council prior to publication.	
	<b>23. NEW ITEM: CONFIRM PARISH RENEWALS OF CONTRACTS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2022-23</b>	
04.22-13549	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed RT and seconded CT) for the following annual, quarterly and monthly payments/subscriptions/renewals to be paid, as and when required for 2022-23: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 123Reg – Website Domain Renewal</li> </ul>	

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04.22-13550	<p><b>24. NEW ITEM: CHANGES TO GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTATION FOR 2022-23</b></p> <p>The RFO asked all Councillors to review the Governance documents which are on the website to ensure they are fit for purpose and report any changes required to the next meeting.</p>	All				
04.22-13551 04.22-13552	<p><b>26. CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>Correspondence received by the Clerk was circulated before the meeting. The Clerk reported that an email had been received from Helen Ware (Peak District Rural Housing Team) offering to set up a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss affordable housing in the village. The Clerk has responded to accept the offer but hasn't received a reply as yet.</p>	Clerk				
04.22-13553	<p><b>27. PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>There were no planning applications to consider.</p>					
04.22-13554	<p><b>8. FINANCE</b></p> <p>(b)To discuss monthly financial report (c) To authorise payments</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>March Payments</u></b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;">1858</td> <td style="width: 55%;"> <p><b>A Flint</b> Clerk's salary 01.03.2022 – 31.03.2022      23 hours @ £13.21</p> <p>Backpay 01.05.2022 to 28.02.2022</p> <p>Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; March 2022</p> </td> <td style="width: 15%; text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;"> <p>£303.83 £48.26</p> </td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;"> <p><b>£374.09</b></p> </td> </tr> </table>	1858	<p><b>A Flint</b> Clerk's salary 01.03.2022 – 31.03.2022      23 hours @ £13.21</p> <p>Backpay 01.05.2022 to 28.02.2022</p> <p>Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; March 2022</p>	<p>£303.83 £48.26</p>	<p><b>£374.09</b></p>	
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	1859	<b>B Aldridge</b> RFO salary 01.03.2022 – 31.03.2022      12 hours @ £13.75 Backpay 01.05.2022 to 28.02.2022	£165.00 £30.00	<b>£195.00</b>	
	1860	<b>DALC</b> Membership Renewal 2022-23		<b>£374.56</b>	
	1861	<b>Peak Park Parishes Forum</b> Annual Renewal 2022-23		<b>£12.00</b>	
	1862	<b>Printworks Ltd</b> 250 Leaflets		<b>£105.00</b>	
04.22-13555	The RFO reported that he had been underpaid for the last three years because his salary hadn't adhered to the nationally agreed pay scale structure. This was noted.				
04.22-13556	<b>28. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed LF and seconded CT) to aid debate and to ensure all information is provided, that the proposer of a motion will outline the reasons for the proposal, the relevance and possible options and send it to the Clerk to include in documentation issued to Councillors prior to the meeting.				All
04.22-13557	<b>26. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING</b> The next meeting will be held on 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2022.				
	The meeting closed at 9.32pm.				