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Unadopted Minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council Meeting

Held on: Monday 8th June 2026

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

Present:

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

Minute No		Action
06-26-15534	1. WELCOME & TIME COMMENCED The meeting commenced at 19:00 – (CH) welcomed everyone present	
06-26-15535	2. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE Cllr Ripton and Cllr O'Brien	
06-26-15536	3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Accepted from Cllr Alasdair Sutton, PC Boswell, Cllr Harry Grafton	
06-26-15537	4. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS Item 17) Affordable Housing to be discussed under 6) Public Speaking	
06-26-15538	5. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS None received.	
06-26-15539	6. PUBLIC SPEAKING Item 17) Affordable Housing brought forward Cllr Ripton provided a brief update on affordable housing in Stoney Middleton. DDDC is continuing negotiations with the landowners, but no further progress has been reported since the last Parish Council meeting. A meeting with MP John Whitby is to be arranged for July 2026 to look at the challenges facing the whole area.	
06-26-15540	Local Government Reorganisation – there will likely be an announcement about the Unitary decision on or before 16.07.2026	
06-26-15541	DDDC news: At the recent DCC AGM, Cllr Ripton was given the position of Labour Group leader and Deputy Leader of the Council and Cllr O'Brien is Civic Vice Chair of the Council. DDDC have voted not to use glyphosate on their highways and verges. DDDC – has funding for the new financial year 2026-27 – Local Projects Fund for community groups – SMPC can apply for the funding on the behalf of groups – Clerk to let the Well Dressing Committee know this.	Clerk

06-26-15542	7. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 11^h May 2026 Minutes were approved and signed by Cllr Hall (CH)																							
06-26-15543	8. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.																							
06-26-15544	9. GOVERNANCE STATEMENT: INTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS Finances and accounting were all correct and approved by the auditor. Governance assertion 10 remains a priority to progress for compliance. SMPC needs to be registered with the ICO (Information Communications Office) – Clerk to arrange for this to be done. There is a cost. Policies – Risk Assessment needs updating – Clerk to look at this and bring to the next meeting (July 2026) Asset Register – needs to show purchase/gift price not the insurance valuations.			Clerk Clerk																				
06-26-15545 06-26-15546 06-26-15547	10. GOVERNANCE STATEMENT: AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS External Audit of accounts (i) Certificate of Exemption – approved by all (ii) Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 – Chair (CH) answered all the questions read out by the RFO (BA) (iii) Accounting statements for the year 2025/26 – signed. Will be displayed on the Parish Council noticeboard for 30 days from 10/06/26 – 09/07/26																							
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	Direct Debit 31/05/2026	HMRC Penalty Assessment – late filing of PAYE Notice		£100.00	
	Direct Debit 31/05/2026	East Midlands Audit Services Ltd Internal Audit		£80.00	
	Bank Transfer 05/06/2026	Eley Agri Services Supply and installation of new gate post for concessionary path and 2 posts including chain loop fasteners for Playing Fields		£318.00	
	Bank Transfer 05/06/2026	Hope Valley Tree Care Tree Works in Bath House Woods		£528.00	
	Bank Transfer 05/06/2026	Aquasition TimeView Flood Gauge Maintenance 2026-27		£1,884.72	
	Allotment meter reading is needed regularly to avoid overpaying on estimated readings.				
06-26- 15549	12. CO-OPTION VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR This has been advertised for the required 4 weeks from 01/06/26 - 28/06/26. Clerk to then send the information to any applicants and invite them to the next Parish Council meeting on 06/07/26.				Clerk
06-26- 15550	13. TREE MANAGEMENT - update Tree work has been completed at Bath House Woods – further work is needed along the concessionary path – there is a youngish dead tree to be taken down. Clerk to follow up. Clerk to also ask a contractor to quote for the group of (younger) trees near the path that have been identified as needing attention.				Clerk Clerk
06-26- 15551	The tree survey that PDNPA completed for the concessionary path alongside the Highway (not SMPC land) has been sent to the land agent contact for Denman Estate to make them aware.				
06-26- 15552	There is a Tree Inspection course run by DALC on 24/07/2026 which one person can attend (TBC). Clerk to follow up with booking this for (AF).				Clerk
06-26- 15553	14. FLOOD MANAGEMENT ISSUES Dale Brook flood gauge has been repaired, and an annual maintenance visit is included in the costs – it has been checked by the contractor and it is now working and it will log automatically into the system and trigger text alerts if the gauge measure the water getting too high. The flood warden (Dan) is meeting with DCC on 11/06/2026 for a site visit to discuss the Flood Alleviation grant and funding application.				

06-26-15554	15. INSURANCE The insurance has been renewed with CLEAR – the quote from Zurich is proving very difficult to obtain despite the Clerk sending them all the information requested. Clerk to follow up and chase Zurich to get the quote for use next year as a comparison and look for another insurance company as well.	Clerk
06-26-15555	16. ASSERTION 10 – GOV.UK It was decided that our website is compliant as it is org.uk not on another platform like Outlook. So the only requirement is for the GOV.UK email addresses for the Clerk, RFO and 7 councillors. Clerk to look up WISH companies website and follow up with two others as well.	Clerk
06-26-15556	17. AFFORDABLE HOUSING Discussed under 6) Public Speaking	
06-26-15557	18. BATH HOUSE WOODS Trees have been discussed under item 13) The Nook area needs weeding on the highway – Clerk to report to DDDC Some volunteers are needed to make the area tidy for the Well Dressing week (25 th July 2026) – Clerk to put this out on Facebook	Clerk Clerk
06-26-15558	19. PLAYGROUND, PLAYING FIELD & TENNIS COURT The annual playground inspection has been completed. The multi- play climbing frame steps are waiting for a repair – Clerk to seek alternative contractor if this cannot be completed soon. It also requires a repaint. The playing field access will be temporarily improved with two short fence posts and a chain across it. The concessionary path gate repair is imminent. Then the dry-stone wall needs building up to it – Clerk to seek a person to do this.	Clerk Clerk
06-26-15559	There are two Events using the Playing Fields soon: TREK 26 (Alzheimer's Society) – June 26 th – 27 th ACTION CHALLENGE – July 3 rd and 4 th Clerk to advertise this on Facebook. All vehicles parked overnight in the car park will receive a Notice from the Parish Council to remove the vehicle outside of daytime hours – Clerk to action/monitor	Clerk Clerk
06-26-15560	20. CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence has been circulated prior to the meeting. Highways subcommittee to look into the 20s Plenty request from a resident. Clerk to contact the resident about other ideas mentioned.	AF/CH/GG Clerk
06-26-15561	21 DEFIBRILLATORS (SB) to update clerk about the expiry date of recently replaced pads** G5 - opposite The Moon - replace battery 15/10/28; pads recently replaced TBC** CR2 - Alphaweld - replace battery 20/05/29; pads 31/05/29 Clerk to check with the person who inspects them that they are happy to continue to do so.	SB Clerk

06-26-15562	22. HIGHWAY ISSUES A meeting about Jacob's Ladder was organised with the Council and Police on 08/06/26. A cleaning team from DDDC has removed the debris and improved the surface. Closing the Byway is not an option and DCC are not looking to do this. Other solutions will be looked at such as improved signage for the TRO and residents reporting incidences to the Police via 101/keep records of dates and times. DCC will also investigate a vehicle logger. The Byway surface will need repairs at some point to keep it safe to legitimate users. White Lines –Clerk has requested the existing white lines to be repainted – Clerk to ask Cllr Sutton if this can be actioned as it is overdue.	Clerk
06-26-15563	No Parking signs at the pinch point on the High Street – last meeting (May 2026) it was agreed that a yellow A3 size notice will be fixed on the school wall (where existing small one is) to request that cars are not parked below the school wall where there is a pinch point. Clerk and Chair (CH) to liaise with the school about this before proceeding. Wording would be; ' <i>No Parking downhill of this sign for X metres, by order of the Parish Council</i> '. X to be clarified. A further yellow A4 sign to be mounted on the wall opposite (with owner's permission) to request ' <i>No Parking opposite this sign</i> ' (where the pinch point is). Proposed by (SB) and seconded by (AF). Clerk to follow up.	Clerk
06-26-15564	23. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: Noticeboards Colour of the noticeboard is preference brown but then black if brown is not possible. Bath House left side door - A temporary repair is pending to the left side door of the Bath House to comply with insurance and prevent further deterioration. Clerk to follow up with contractor. Concessionary Path – Clerk to follow up with a drystone waller on Facebook who is local.	Clerk Clerk
06-26-15565	24. CLERK'S REPORT All items have been covered in the meeting	
06-26-15566	25. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING Clerk to ask SMILE for an update for next meeting	Clerk
06-26-15567	26. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING Monday July 6th 2026 –at 19:00	
06-26-15568	27. CLOSE OF MEETING AT: The meeting closed at 21:05	