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Unadopted Minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 10th June 2025

Present:

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

Minute No		Action
06-25-15211	1. WELCOME & TIME COMMENCED The meeting commenced at 19:00 – (CH) welcomed everyone present	
06-25-15212	2. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE DDDC: Cllr Simon Ripton & Cllr Peter O'Brien, Dan Hodgson, Mrs Peters (resident)	
06-25-15213	3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Accepted from Parish Councillors; Tim Hill, Richard Brisbin, PDNP Cllr Kath Potter	
06-25-15214	4. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS Item 6) moved towards the end of the meeting (Correspondence) Item 13) Flood Management Issues brought forward to item 7) Public Speaking	
06-25-15215	5. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS No Councillors had notified the clerk that they needed to register a declaration in the member's interests' book	
06-25-15216	6. CORRESPONDENCE Moved to Item 26) to be nearer to the end of the meeting	
06-25-15217	7. PUBLIC SPEAKING Cllr O'Brien - information about the Community Resilience Grant has been circulated to all the Councillors – potentially useful to fund feasibility projects for future developments. Cllr Alasdair Sutton is to be added to all the emails and invitations to meetings. The new cabinet member for Highways is not known yet - Clerk to find this out	Clerk Clerk

06-25-15218	<i>Item 16) Bath House was now brought forward to be discussed during Item 7)</i> Mrs. Peters, a neighbouring resident, enquired about previously minuted reference to potential development ideas for the Bath House. CH clarified that, at present, there are no defined proposals or plans for development. Mrs. Peters requested it be formally noted that she is opposed to any form of development beyond essential maintenance. She expressed a strong preference for the Bath House to remain unchanged, with public engagement limited to viewing the interior through the existing windows Previously, the Bath House has been opened for short periods for one-off, supervised events during Well Dressing festivities. Mrs Peters raised concern regarding the potential impact of increased visitor numbers to the site in respect of the already limited parking in the area. Mrs Peters advised that the slab near the seat was in poor repair – Councillors agreed that the Clerk is to ask Richard Grant to check this when he repairs the roof tiles. There are a few Horse Chestnut saplings near the Bath House that need to be checked as they are growing quickly. Clerk to see if Cllr Brisbin could take a look at them.	Clerk
06-25-15219	Dan Hodgson (flood warden) brought a written report to the meeting about all the actions and follow up tasks he was involved in regarding the drain repairs and on-going flood management issues. Dan has written to thank all of the DCC employees involved with the nearly completed extensive drainage work in the village – SMPC also to thank them – Dan to provide email addresses – Clerk to write to them Dan is in touch with NUAR (National Underground Asset Register) to obtain the drawings for future building and planning use for the village. Dan will contact Mr Ward, DCC Highways regarding the quote from High Peak Geotechnical to remove the root dam from Moorwood Sough. The trough by The Moon needs to be made functional again as part of the ongoing works. (SB) said that Denman Estates have agreed to pay to re-dig the trench across the top of the field. This will relieve flooding on the concessionary path (not the road) Dan will request an FOI to Trent Rivers Trust to see the survey that they have undertaken. Dan is in contact with a resident in Eyam regarding shared upstream flood issues and solutions.	Clerk Dan Dan
06-25-15220	8. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th May 2025 were approved and signed by Cllr Sue Bettney (SB) All correspondence was circulated before the meeting.	
06-25-15221	9. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.	
06-25-15222	10. GOVERNANCE STATEMENT; INTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS (BA) internal audit has been completed and everything was in order. The auditor has suggested that all the SMPC policies on the website are updated according to DALC's latest templates. There is a Service Policy on Provision and Allocation of Allotments	

	which SMPC can consider adding. Clerk to look at all DALC policy templates and circulate to the Councillors by email.	Clerk																								
06-25-15223	11. GOVERNANCE STATEMENT; AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS This External audit is needed due to the >£25K income for last year. (BA) read out the statements for (CH) as the Chair to agree with or not. (CH) agreed with all of the statements. Signed by (CH) Chair and (CD) Clerk.																									
06-25-15224	12. FINANCE: (BA) asked that when an urgent payment needs to be made, that it can be done on the App if two signatories have agreed it by email – proposed by (CH), seconded by (SB). This would be for time-critical payments only. June 2025 Financial Payments <u>Payments since last meeting in May</u> <table><tr><td>Bank Transfer 19/05/2025</td><td>East Midlands Audit Services Ltd Independent Internal Audit of Parish Council Finances 2024-25</td><td></td><td>£76.00</td></tr><tr><td>Bank Transfer 19/05/2025</td><td>Playsafety Annual Inspection of Playground</td><td></td><td>£115.20</td></tr><tr><td>Bank Transfer 19/05/2025</td><td>Clear Insurance Management Ltd Parish Council Insurance 2025-25</td><td></td><td>£1,411.84</td></tr><tr><td>Direct Debit 25/04/2025</td><td>Water Plus Allotments Water Supply May</td><td></td><td>£27.39</td></tr><tr><td>Bank Transfer 01/06//2025</td><td>Carol Duncan Clerk's salary 01.05.2025 – 31.05.2025 24 hours @ £15.84 Tax reimbursement (to be refunded to SMPC) Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; May 2025 Reimbursement of Costs 25th May - MS365 Monthly Subscription</td><td>£380.16 91.00 £22.00 £1.99</td><td>£495.15</td></tr><tr><td>Bank Transfer 01/06/2025</td><td>Barry Aldridge RFO salary 01.05.2025 – 31.05.2025 5 hours @ £17.29</td><td>£86.45</td><td>£86.45</td></tr></table>	Bank Transfer 19/05/2025	East Midlands Audit Services Ltd Independent Internal Audit of Parish Council Finances 2024-25		£76.00	Bank Transfer 19/05/2025	Playsafety Annual Inspection of Playground		£115.20	Bank Transfer 19/05/2025	Clear Insurance Management Ltd Parish Council Insurance 2025-25		£1,411.84	Direct Debit 25/04/2025	Water Plus Allotments Water Supply May		£27.39	Bank Transfer 01/06//2025	Carol Duncan Clerk's salary 01.05.2025 – 31.05.2025 24 hours @ £15.84 Tax reimbursement (to be refunded to SMPC) Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; May 2025 Reimbursement of Costs 25 th May - MS365 Monthly Subscription	£380.16 91.00 £22.00 £1.99	£495.15	Bank Transfer 01/06/2025	Barry Aldridge RFO salary 01.05.2025 – 31.05.2025 5 hours @ £17.29	£86.45	£86.45	
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06-25-15225	13. FLOOD MANAGEMENT ISSUES Discussed under Item 7) Public Speaking Ref 06-25-15219	
06-25-15226	14. CAVENDISH MILL Clerk's request for the recent Tailings Dams inspection report from DCC is being processed under a FOI (freedom of information) request – Clerk to chase this	Clerk
06-25-15227	15. AFFORDABLE HOUSING Awaiting further information – Clerk to chase contact (Jeremy Mason) for an update	Clerk
06-25-15228	16. BATH HOUSE AND WOODS This was brought forward to Item 7) Public Speaking	
06-25-15229	17. HIGHWAY ISSUES Following up from Steve Alcock's (DCC Highways) recent communication and ideas: (SB) suggested that the Councillors form a Highways sub-committee to progress the issues about traffic calming, village gateway and other ideas. (GG) suggested that this committee could engage with the residents about what specific issues they want to be looked at on their behalf. Clerk to email all Councillors to invite them to be on the committee. Clerk to email Steve Alcock to ask about the repainting of the white lines once all drainage works are completed.	Clerk Clerk
06-25-15230	18. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE - The trees overhanging the bus stop have now been removed (CD) Clerk suggested laminating the children's posters about dog waste and stapling them to telegraph poles etc in the village for a simple solution to signage – all agreed this would be effective. Clerk to action - The Councillors wish to express their thanks to Allen Hodgkinson for reinstalling the Pump at the Nook following it being removed illegally	Clerk
06-25-15231	19. PLAYGROUND, PLAYING FIELD & TENNIS COURT RoSPA Report May 25 follow up actions - - The Goal Posts are to be checked to see if they need re-installing - Clamber Stack – The report, with image, states a bolt is loose on one of the wooden posts. (Also mentions splits in some posts that need monitoring). We purchased the equipment from Premier Play less than 12 months ago so it's still under warranty. Clerk to ask Premier Play to tighten the bolts - Zip Wire – The report states: The cable wire is loose and needs tightening but then states the main cable needs replacing. The traveller needs replacing as the brakes are worn; and the tyre needs refixing 2 meters from the supports. Clerk to ask RoSPA for advice as a new traveller was fitted, the cable tightened and tyres reset in September, 2024 - Metal Climbing Frame – repainting – Clerk to ask Martina if Severn Trent Workforce Volunteers might be able to do this - Basket Swing – The report states we need to dismantle and inspect the supporting components. Clerk to advise RoSPA that the cantilever head was removed, inspected, new bushes fitted and the top set of shackles replaced earlier this year. (AF) mentioned that there is a DALC Course run regarding Playgrounds for Parish Councils – Clerk to ask Martina if she is interested in doing it	Cllrs Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk

06-25-15232	20. WELL DRESSING Clerk reported that Nick Ladd from the Well Dressing Committee had emailed to thank the Parish Council for the £200 donation to pay for the Brass Band for one day	
06-25-15233	21. PLAYING FIELD DAY HIRE RATE 2026 (CD) Clerk has had a provisional re-booking with Action Challenge for 2026 and wanted to know what the Day Rate should be (currently £400/day) – (AF) proposed an increase to £415/day in line with inflation. (CH) seconded. Clerk to inform all new enquiries and to let Action Challenge know this – they book two days. Clerk also to contact a local fencing contractor regarding a quote for installing a field gate onto the playing field in place of the bollards	Clerk Clerk
06-25-15234	22. DEFIBRILLATORS A defibrillator was recently used for an emergency situation on Jacob's Ladder. It has been collected and returned to Stoney Middleton with new pads supplied by East Midlands Ambulance Service	
06-25-15235	23. AIR POLLUTION MONITORING Cllr Ripton has provided useful information about this and confirmed there is already an air pollution monitoring system in Stoney Middleton on the High Street (near to the butchers). This issue will be followed up by the Highways sub-committee as it may be more useful to place a monitor in The Dale	
06-25-15236	24. CLERK'S REPORT Action Challenge Event on the playing fields June 27/28 th – village to be reminded	Clerk
06-25-15237	25. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING (SB) requested that the following items need to be added as standing agenda items: • Allotments • Concessionary Footpath • Jacob's Ladder	
06-25-15238	26. CORRESPONDENCE (SB) has been dealing with correspondence in (CD)'s absence whilst away. (SB) has received notification that Bendle has stepped back from the Allotment Management Committee (AMC). The two other members also wish to step back but are happy to show new allotment holders around and monitor the water meter. Therefore, the management of the Allotments is to revert back to the Parish Council and all enquiries/issues are to be emailed to the Parish Clerk who will forward them to the Councillors. (CD) Clerk to monitor how much time is spent on this new task to ensure that costs are covered. The Councillors wish to thank Rosie, Bendle and Cathy for all their work with the Allotments over the years. The decision to allow a one-off, controlled bonfire has been reconsidered in view of concerns regarding smoke nuisance and ongoing fire risk warnings across Derbyshire. Instead, a skip will be provided for a weekend to allow allotment holders to clear unwanted or inherited items from their plots. Proposed by (SB) and seconded by (CH).	

