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Unadopted Minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council Meeting

Held on: Monday 6th October 2025

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

Present:

Parish Councillors: Graham Goldspink (GG) Sue Bettney (SB) Chair, Harry Grafton (HG), Richard Brisbin (RB), Tim Hill (TH), Anne Flint (AF), Carol Duncan, Clerk (CD) Barry Aldridge, RFO (BA)

Minute No		Action
10-25-15310	1. WELCOME & TIME COMMENCED The meeting commenced at 19:00 – (SB) welcomed everyone present	
10-25-15311	2. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE DDDC: Cllr Simon Ripton & Cllr Peter O'Brien, Cllr Kath Potter (PDNP), Cllr Alasdair Sutton (DCC)	
10-25-15312	3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Accepted from Parish Councillor Colin Hall and Cllr Charlotte Hill (DCC)	
10-25-15313	4. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS Item 16) Affordable Housing and Item 18) Village Maintenance both brought forward to Item 7) Public Speaking. Item 24) Laptop brought forward to Item 9) Finance.	
10-25-15314	5. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS No Councillors had notified the clerk that they needed to register a declaration in the member's interests' book.	
10-25-15315	6. PUBLIC SPEAKING Cllr Potter reminded everyone about the Parish Day on Saturday 11/10/25	
10-25-15316	Cllr Sutton introduced himself and said that after the main DCC meeting (08/10/25), he will be in a better position to report back. Cllr Sutton said that he was available in the daytime if needed. (SB) told him that Stoney Middleton Parish Council and residents are extremely grateful for all the flood works carried out by DCC this year which were co-ordinated with DCC departments and our flood warden, Dan Hodgson. Cllr Sutton will pass this on to DCC.	
10-25-15317	Cllr O'Brien reported that Eyam Parish Council had recently had a positive meeting with Cllr Charlotte Hills (Highways) who will be visiting Eyam regarding their issues.	

10-25-15318	Item 16) Affordable Housing brought forward Cllr O'Brien asked for an update regarding the Housing site search and progress. (GG) informed the meeting that a landowner had been contacted by DDDC and we are awaiting a response. (GG) explained that the Parish Council was not pursuing Chatsworth Estate regarding the Goddard Quarry site as Niki Wells (DDDC) had followed this up thoroughly with them and the PDNPA. Item 18) Village Maintenance brought forward (CD) recently met with two DDDC employees regarding getting a litter bin moved to the layby (discussed further under Item 18). The layby land is unregistered, as shown on the Land Registry map supplied by DDDC. However, SMPC have a letter from DCC in 2005 confirming that DCC accepted that the layby was Highways responsibility. Clerk to follow this up with the DDDC contacts. (SB) suggested that we move one of our existing bins to the layby so DDDC's workload was not increased. (SB) asked for support with this from Cllr O'Brien and Cllr Ripton which was agreed.																	
10-25-15320	7. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st September 2025 were approved and signed by Cllr Sue Bettney (SB) All correspondence was circulated before the meeting.																	
10-25-15321	8. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.																	
10-25-15322	9. FINANCE (BA) updated the meeting with the monthly payments. Annual budget remains on target. Some maintenance invoices are expected as planned. <u>Payments since last meeting in September</u> <table><tr><td>Bank Transfer 23/09/2025</td><td>William Brindley Contracted Village Maintenance – August 2025</td><td></td><td>£420.00</td></tr><tr><td>Bank Transfer 23/09/2025</td><td>PKF Littlejohn LLP External Audit 2024-25</td><td></td><td>£252.00</td></tr><tr><td>Direct Debit 25/09/2025</td><td>Graham Watkins Allotments Ground Rental</td><td></td><td>£3.50</td></tr><tr><td>Direct Debit 29/09/2025</td><td>Water Plus Allotments Water Supply September</td><td></td><td>£54.66</td></tr></table>	Bank Transfer 23/09/2025	William Brindley Contracted Village Maintenance – August 2025		£420.00	Bank Transfer 23/09/2025	PKF Littlejohn LLP External Audit 2024-25		£252.00	Direct Debit 25/09/2025	Graham Watkins Allotments Ground Rental		£3.50	Direct Debit 29/09/2025	Water Plus Allotments Water Supply September		£54.66	
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	Bank Transfer	Carol Duncan Clerk's salary			
	01/10//2025	01.09.2025 – 30.09.2025 25 hours @ £16.35 Less Tax	£408.75 -£5.60		
		Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; September 2025 Reimbursement of Costs 25 th September - MS365 Monthly Subscription	£22.00 £1.99	427.14	
10-25-15323	Bank Transfer	Barry Aldridge RFO salary			
	01/10/2025	01.09.2025 – 30.09.2025 5 hours @ £17.85		£89.25	
10-25-15323	(BA) has updated the Asset Register (circulated) and included recent acquisitions. He has listed the assets as Fixed and Current. The Parish Council need to check and agree the register. (AF) and (SB) agreed to meet to do this. It was brought to the attention of the meeting that both bus stops require some maintenance and regular tidying (leaves etc). Clerk to put this out on Facebook as there used to be someone who did this. Clerk also to get an insurance quote for the bus shelters (currently valued at £47K each). The Parish Clerk's printer is broken and has been removed from the asset list – Clerk to dispose of it appropriately. Personal printer is used by the Clerk as part of the office allowance.				(SB) (AF) Clerk Clerk Clerk
10-25-15324	Item 24) Clerk's Laptop brought forward The current laptop is over 10 years old and cannot upgrade to Windows 11 (checked) so a new one is required for security of data. A budget of £500 has been agreed and the Clerk has found one from Curry's which is suitable. Proposed by (GG) and seconded by (TH). Essential equipment. Clerk to order and set up.				Clerk
10-25-15325	10. ALLOTMENTS The allotment tenancy renewals from 01/10/25 have all been sent out – about 50% have paid. Two plots are changing over and two new tenants are waiting to start once they have been shown the plots. A large tree branch near the allotment car park came down and was reported by the Clerk to DCC as it was on the roadside.				

10-25-15326	11. WEBSITE (SB) has contacted a local photographer who will update and improve the images on the website.	
10-25-15327	12. CONCESSIONARY FOOTPATH A tree was brought down by the recent storm onto the path and fence – the tenant farmer kindly removed it so the path is clear again. Path is now drier after the remedial works that have been completed so it can be repaired in the Spring.	
10-25-15328	13. PSPO CONSULTATION Following the recent consultation, a Public Space Protection Order remains in place for the following: <i>Item 72 – Stoney Middleton Playing Fields: Dogs to be on leads at all times and no dogs allowed into the enclosed Children's Playground Area.</i> All signage is up and correct.	
10-25-15329	14. FLOOD MANAGEMENT ISSUES Unfortunately, Dan Hodgson was not able to attend the Eyam PC meeting as planned on 29/09/25, so we do not have an update about the flood management proposal. To be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting in November.	
10-25-15330	15. TREE RISK ASSESSMENT SMPC is responsible for trees in Bath Wood Gardens, the Playing Field and Grove Gardens which are due for inspections to inform a risk assessment. Clerk has contacted the Woodland Manager at PDNPA who will get back to us about whether they can assist or not. Clerk to follow up. There is also going to be some further tree works completed by PDNPA in November at Coombs Dale, by the playing fields, which needs publicising so that residents are aware – Clerk to put on Facebook and email to the village. The path will remain open with the work stopping when people are nearby.	Clerk Clerk
10-25-15331	16. DEFIBRILLATORS We have a named person who routinely checks that the two Defibrillators in the village (Alphaweld site and near Moon Inn) are working but the Parish Council have responsibility for checking that the pads and batteries are renewed so it was agreed that the renewal dates will be routinely noted on future agendas. (SB) to send an update to the Clerk. G5 - opposite The Moon - replace battery 15/10/28; pads 01/05/27 CR2 - Alphaweld - replace battery 20/05/29; pads 31/05/29	(SB)
10-25-15332	17. AFFORDABLE HOUSING Discussed under Item 6) Public Speaking	
10-25-15333	18. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE Litter bin/ dog bin needed in layby - DDDC currently considers the layby to be unregistered and therefore not within their remit for routine bin emptying.	

	Therefore, DDDC would charge £1.50 for a weekly collection of waste if they had capacity to do the work. They would also charge for moving an existing bin to the layby. However, the Parish Council holds documentation that contradicts this position. Specifically: • A letter dated 2005 from DCC Highways confirming their acceptance of responsibility for the layby. • In 2023, DCC further demonstrated this responsibility by partially closing the layby for an extended period to store vehicles and equipment during works to the Lover's Leap Buttress. These actions indicate that the layby is treated as part of the public highway network and not private land. In light of this evidence, it was resolved that the Clerk write back to the DDDC to request them to either: (i) Move the Litter Bin from the concessionary path near Avenue Close to the Layby (currently serviced by DDDC) (ii) Or move the Dog Waste bin (also currently serviced by DDDC) next to the Community Orchard to the Layby That way there is no additional collection of waste, just a different, and easier, location. Clerk to also put up the new dog fouling signs in the Layby. Village noticeboards – have now been renovated by a local person and they have been remounted onto the wall where they were before. Parish Council one is locked, Clerk has the key. The others are unlocked.	Clerk Clerk
10-25-15334	19. PLAYGROUND, PLAYING FIELD & TENNIS COURT Playground - Two main items for repair are the Cableway and the Swings. Clerk has 2 quotes for these and High-Low are the cheapest but they have not itemised the jobs so Clerk to request they quote for just the Cableway. It was agreed that the cost is likely to be around £1,000; proposed by (HG), seconded by (TH), Clerk to confirm before repair is actioned. (RB) will have a look at the Swings and shackles before we go ahead with replacing them. Metal climbing frame – the paint is with the contractor doing the repairs and repainting. It is still have sectioned off until the steps that are damaged are repaired. Clerk is doing weekly inspections of the playground. Playing Fields – was recently accessed by a lot of vehicles due to an emergency response on 05/10/25 and there was minimal disturbance to the grass. This is a reminder that we need to get the gate installed so that vehicles (other than emergency situations) can be prevented from parking in the field. This incident has highlighted the need to have a phone number for emergency access on the gate.	Clerk (RB)
10-25-15335	20. BATH HOUSE & WOODS Clerk to request that Bagshaws do a valuation of this grade 2 building to check that insurance is covering the sufficient value (currently valued at £185,000). The minor repair to the stone slab can be added to the contractor doing the drystone wall	Clerk

	repairs at the playing fields. Clerk to ask Well Dressing team about the boxes outside The Bath House and to move the Well Dressing items to the righthand side.	Clerk
10-25-15336	21. SMILE The access gap for the gate has to be moved further along which is being co-ordinated between SMILE and the Clerk and the installer. Car park is not to be moved onto the grass area as that would incur further costs to make the ground suitable for parking vehicles driving on. Clerk to check that moving the pop stones will not enable cars to park on the grass area.	Clerk
10-25-15337	22. HIGHWAY ISSUES There are ongoing issues with Jacob's Ladder and 4x4 vehicles using it and creating a disturbance in the Nook area. The Police have been involved on one occasion witnessed by a councillor. Any disturbances need to be reported to the Police on 101. The Byway sign will be removed soon.	
10-25-15338	23. CORRESPONDENCE Timeview renewal agreed £155 + VAT. Proposed by (GG) seconded by (RB)	
10-25-15339	24. LAPTOP Discussed under Item 6) Public Speaking. Authorised to purchase a new one for the Clerk..	
10-25-15340	25. INSURANCE: bus stop valuations Discussed under Item 9) Finance.	
10-25-15341	26. CLERK'S REPORT All items have been covered. Playground inspection course has been cancelled by DALC and no other one scheduled as yet .	
10-25-15342	27. POLICY UPDATES Four are now completed: Media, Data Protection. Asset Register and Standing Orders. Clerk to email the updated policies to (BA) to upload onto the website.	Clerk
10-25-15343	28. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING No items	
10-25-15344	29. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING Monday November 3rd at 7pm	
10-25-15345	30. CLOSE OF MEETING AT: The meeting closed at 21:05	