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Unadopted Minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council Meeting

Held on: Monday 6th July 2026

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

Present:

Parish Councillors: Anne Flint (AF), Graham Goldspink (GG), Sue Bettney (SB), Carol Duncan, Clerk (CD), Harry Grafton (HG)

Minute No		Action
07-26-15569	1. WELCOME & TIME COMMENCED The meeting commenced at 19:00 – (AF) acting Chair welcomed everyone present	
07-26-15570	2. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE Cllr O'Brien and 3 residents	
07-26-15571	3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Accepted from Cllr Alasdair Sutton, PC Boswell, Cllr Colin Hall, Cllr Richard Brisbin, Barry Aldridge, RFO.	
07-26-15572	4. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS Item 14) Affordable Housing and Item 19) Highways to be discussed under 6) Public Speaking	
07-26-15573	5. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS None received.	
07-26-15574	6. PUBLIC SPEAKING Item 14) Affordable Housing brought forward Cllr O'Brien reported that there has been no further progress on the proposed affordable housing scheme despite DDDC continuing to contact the landowners weekly. A multi-agency approach was suggested; the Clerk will ask DDDC whether this would be beneficial. SMILE update: Allen explained that SMILE is looking at a smaller scale building (15m x 7.5m including a small kitchen and toilets) that would be a wooden sports type pavilion rather than a hall. This is much more affordable. It would either sit on a concrete base or a frame structure – to be decided nearer the time. SMILE are getting quotes at the moment. Then they will approach PDNPA planning once they have a design they are happy with. Funds would be kept aside for ongoing maintenance etc. This was felt to be very positive.	
07-26-15575	Item 19) HIGHWAY ISSUES A resident attended the meeting to ask about the TWENTY'S PLENTY initiative which she felt would be a good thing to do in the village – we could have stickers and signage put up in the village along the railings and on bins. The resident would lead on it. The	

	Parish Council agreed that this would be a useful project and that they would fund reasonable costs and support it. A further discussion followed about the possibility of getting the cut-out children traffic calming signs – clerk to investigate and get back with information – would be near the Toll Bar Chip Shop to encourage traffic to slow down. The idea of a village gate at each end of the 30 mph zone was also thought to be worth following up if funding can be sought for this – Clerk to contact Cllr O'Brien re funding. The actual sites are to be identified where a village gate would be possible.	Clerk/resident Clerk Clerk ALL																								
07-26-15576	7. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 8th June 2026 Minutes were approved and signed by Cllr Bettney (SB)																									
07-26-15577	8. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.																									
07-26-15578	9. CO-OPTION VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR Andy Hibbert was the only application for the advertised vacancy and he had a short informal interview and was offered the post – all councillors present approved (4). Clerk to process the necessary forms and register with the Electoral department.	Clerk																								
07-26-15579	10. FINANCE July 2026 Financial Payments <u>Payments since last meeting in June</u> <table><tr><td>Bank Transfer 30/06/2026*</td><td>Gordon Ellis & Co: Replacement Aluminium Noticeboard</td><td></td><td>£832.33</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Barry Aldridge RFO salary 01.06.2026 – 30.06.2026 7 hours @ £19.25</td><td>£124.95</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Reimbursement of Expenses 16.06.2026 – 123 Reg: Website Domain</td><td>£15.59</td><td>£140.54</td></tr><tr><td>Bank Transfer 30/06/2026</td><td>Carol Duncan Clerk's salary 01.06.2026 – 30.06.2026 25 hours @ £16.62 Tax</td><td>£415.50 -£83.00</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; June 2026</td><td>£22.00</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Reimbursement of Expenses 30.05.2026 – Guangzhou Xingqichen; Chains for Playing Fields</td><td>£14.39</td><td>£375.38</td></tr></table>	Bank Transfer 30/06/2026*	Gordon Ellis & Co: Replacement Aluminium Noticeboard		£832.33		Barry Aldridge RFO salary 01.06.2026 – 30.06.2026 7 hours @ £19.25	£124.95			Reimbursement of Expenses 16.06.2026 – 123 Reg: Website Domain	£15.59	£140.54	Bank Transfer 30/06/2026	Carol Duncan Clerk's salary 01.06.2026 – 30.06.2026 25 hours @ £16.62 Tax	£415.50 -£83.00			Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; June 2026	£22.00			Reimbursement of Expenses 30.05.2026 – Guangzhou Xingqichen; Chains for Playing Fields	£14.39	£375.38	
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		03.06.2026 – Universal Signs & Silk Screen Printers; No Parking Sign	£6.49		
07-26-15581	11. TREE MANAGEMENT - update Clerk has got a quote for £480 for 3 dead trees on the concessionary path to be felled and left – all agreed to get this done. Proposed by (SB) and seconded by (AF). Clerk to inform contractor to go ahead.				Clerk
07-26-15582	12. FLOOD MANAGEMENT ISSUES (SB) reported the current situation regarding the Area Flood Alleviation funding that Dan has been trying to get assistance with. Clerk to contact Dan to see what help he needs from the Parish Council for this.				Clerk
07-26-15583	13. ASSERTION 10 – GOV.UK Clerk has presented 3 options for getting just the 9 GOV.UK emails – one from Community Action Suffolk for a one-off charge of £270.50 inc VAT and no annual charges. The other two organisations (Aubergine and Parishonline) have annual fees of £250 - £300 plus set up costs. It was agreed that the first option was best to minimise the costs. Clerk to contact them to arrange the new email being set up – GOV.UK				Clerk
07-26-15584	14. AFFORDABLE HOUSING This was discussed under item 6) Public Speaking				
07-26-15585	15. BATH HOUSE WOODS Tree work has been carried out – one still to be checked whether it is in the woods or belongs to the property nearby. A weeding session around the Bath House to be advertised to prepare for the Well Dressing week. Planned for Wednesday 15/07/26 at 11am. Clerk to publicise.				Clerk
07-26-15586	16. PLAYGROUND, PLAYING FIELD & DISUSED TENNIS COURT The repair to the climbing frame steps (and repaint) is due in the next few weeks Clerk to get a 'use at your own risk' sign for the tennis court area as it is not maintained. There will be a plan going forward (linked to SMILE) for its renovation and relaunch but that is not underway yet.				Clerk
07-26-15587	17. CORRESPONDENCE A resident wrote in to ask about the planning situation for holiday homes in the village. The Parish Council has a responsibility to look at planning applications when they come in. The current situation in the Peak District is for the property owner to check with the local authority about any rules about 'change of use' (C5) when setting up a home for a holiday let. The C5 use class does not appear to be in place yet.				
07-26-15588	18. 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 and that they use the online reporting system.				(SB) Clerk

07-26-15589	19. HIGHWAY ISSUES Already discussed under item 6) Public Speaking apart from below: Parking signs on the High Street: Clerk to contact the school about replacing the current sign on their wall get with a larger more directive one. Another site is being looked at as well once property owner has been approached. The cost is around £140 for them both – proposed by (SB) and seconded by (HB). Clerk to progress this.	Clerk
07-26-15590	20. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: • New noticeboard has been ordered • Bath House left side door has been beautifully repaired by a contractor and they have also re-sanded and treated the bench very nicely • The stone slab however cannot be fixed because the water levels are still too high around the Bath House so the contractor cannot lay them properly • Concessionary Path wall – Clerk to follow up with another drystone waller in the village as the Facebook one did not respond. Clerk has a contact number • Concessionary path flooding – Clerk to ask Dan whether any work can be done to mitigate the path flooding when we get rain and storms again	Clerk Clerk
07-26-15591	21. CLERK'S REPORT All items have been covered in the meeting	
07-26-15592	22. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING Bath House water level and possible survey needed due to damp issues – clerk to make contact with someone who may be able to help – for next meeting's Agenda as well	Clerk
07-26-15593	23. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING Monday September 7th 2026 –at 19:00	
07-26-15594	24. CLOSE OF MEETING AT: The meeting closed at 21:05	