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Unadopted Minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 12th May 2025

Present:

Parish Councillors: Sue Bettney (SB) Tim Hill (TH) Anne Flint (AF) Graham Goldspink (GG) Carol Duncan, Clerk (CD) Barry Aldridge, RFO (BA)

Minute No		Action
05-25-15171	1. WELCOME & TIME COMMENCED The meeting commenced at 19:00 – (CD) welcomed everyone present	
05-25-15172	2. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE DDDC Cllr Simon Ripton & seven residents (two from the allotment committee)	
05-25-15173	3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Accepted from Parish Councillors; Richard Brisbin, Harry Grafton, Colin Hall (Chair) DDDC Cllr O'Brien and PDNP Cllr Kath Potter	
05-25-15174	4. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS There were no new Parish Councillors elected	
05-25-15175	5. TO ELECT THE FOLLOWING FOR THE FORTHCOMING PARISH COUNCIL YEAR a) Chair – Colin Hall (CH) is happy to continue to be the Chair in the absence of other nominations. None forthcoming. <i>Proposed by SB and seconded by AF.</i> b) Vice Chair – No nominations so no Vice Chair appointed c) Appointment of Internal Auditor (financial year 2025/26) – Brian Wood - <i>Proposed by SB and seconded by AF.</i> (SB) chaired the meeting from this point, in the absence of (CH).	
05-25-15176	6. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS Item 18 (Flood issues) was brought forward to Item 9 (Public Speaking) Item 20 (Affordable Housing) was brought forward to Item 9 (Public Speaking) Item 29 (Allotment post repair) was brought forward to Item 9 (Public Speaking)	

	Item 17 (Village Gateway) was moved to Item 25 (Highways Issues) Items 14 & 15 (Governance Statements) have been rolled on to June's meeting	
05-25-15177	7. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS No Councillors had notified the clerk that they needed to register a declaration in the member's interests' book	
05-25-15178	8. CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence was circulated before the meeting.	
05-25-15179	9. PUBLIC SPEAKING Cllr Ripton updated the meeting regarding Affordable Housing; DDDC have written to landowners and are awaiting a response. Cllr Ripton informed the Parish Council about a national fund called the Heritage Revival Fund which has a short window of being open for applications (link sent to all Cllrs) but it has more of a town than a rural focus and the application deadline is June 9 th .	Clerk
05-25-15180	(AF) asked about Air Quality Monitoring in Stoney Middleton, such as Ashbourne now have. Cllr Ripton advised that the person to contact to request consideration for this is Ashley Walls from DDDC PLACE– <i>Clerk to contact Ashley Walls</i> (Cllr Ripton to be cc'd in)	
05-25-15181	Dan Hodgson had sent in a Flood Report: DCC Highways have been working on the drains for over 26 days now and have found a large number of blockages and breaks to fix. Dan asked for residents to be patient whilst the work is complete – thanks go to Dan for all his hard work in getting this achieved.	
05-25-15182	Allotment Committee – three items to be discussed; 1) proposed changes to the Tenancy Agreement, 2) Keeping the plots tidy and 3) repair of the water post. 1) Proposed changes are – annual skip to be in the Autumn, no shading allowed of another person's plot, mulch is organic matter only (and includes bark chippings laid on the ground) and dogs that are on the allotment have to be controlled at all times – ALL AGREED – <i>proposed by (TH) and seconded by (AF). Clerk to amend the tenancy agreement</i> 2) On the whole, the allotments are well kept but there are some issues, so to improve the overall appearance, it was agreed that the skip should be better used – (BA) advised that we use Hopkinsons who provide an 8 yard skip that can take mixed waste – see their website for details of what can/cannot be put in (https://fawkesrecycling.com). The Tenancy agreement is quite clear that plots being vacated should be cleared of all rubbish so this should not be an issue if tenants are doing this correctly. A one-off controlled bonfire was agreed, at the top of the allotments, to provide an immediate solution to the accumulation of unwanted wood and garden waste that can be burnt. Allotment Committee are to organise this and the Trinkey Lane resident present will inform the other residents about this. <i>proposed by (GG) and seconded by (TH)</i> . Initially, other issues are to be taken up by the Allotment Management Committee with the tenants involved. 3) Water Stand Post Repair – it was agreed that (TH) purchase a new post for this and get reimbursed from (BA). <i>Proposed by (SB) and seconded by (AF)</i>	
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05-25-15183	SMILE – would like to site a noticeboard on the fields with information about the proposed building and to add another Parking Notice about donating – (SB) suggested that SMILE mock up the proposed notice board/size and determine where they would like to place the car park donation signs for consideration at a future meeting.													
05-25-15184	10. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th April 2025 were approved and signed by Cllr Sue Bettney (SB)													
05-25-15185	11. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.													
05-25-15186	12. TO CONFIRM COUNCILLORS ARE WILLING TO CONTINUE TO ACT AS TRUSTEES FOR THE READING ROOM CHARITY The Councillors present agreed to act as Trustees for the Reading Room Charity. (SB) to add the 2 new councillors with the Charity Commission.	(SB)												
05-25-15187	13. TO CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT, IT IS APPROPRIATE TO APPOINT ANY COMMITTEES AND ANY SUBSEQUENT SUB-COMMITTEES There is already a fund- raising sub-committee. (SB) proposed that a Highways sub-committee is formed – this is to be put on the agenda for June’s meeting – Highways is discussed further in item 25)	Clerk												
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05-25-15190	16. FINANCE: (BA) explained the need for a 4 th signature who has access to a laptop for secure payments so (AF) agreed to be a new signature along with (SB), (CH), and (HG). May 2025 Financial Payments Payments since last meeting in April <table><tr><td>Direct Debit 25/04/2025</td><td>HMRC Carol Duncan (Tax – Jan, Feb, Mar 25)</td><td></td><td>£147.60</td></tr><tr><td>Bank Transfer 01/05/2025</td><td>Sue Bettney Reimbursement of Costs 09.04.2025 - Online Playgrounds; Playground parts</td><td></td><td>£25.44</td></tr><tr><td>Bank Transfer 01/05/2025</td><td>Carol Duncan Clerk’s salary 01.04.2025 – 30.04.2025 24 hours @ £15.84</td><td>£380.16</td><td></td></tr></table>	Direct Debit 25/04/2025	HMRC Carol Duncan (Tax – Jan, Feb, Mar 25)		£147.60	Bank Transfer 01/05/2025	Sue Bettney Reimbursement of Costs 09.04.2025 - Online Playgrounds; Playground parts		£25.44	Bank Transfer 01/05/2025	Carol Duncan Clerk’s salary 01.04.2025 – 30.04.2025 24 hours @ £15.84	£380.16		
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		Tax deduction (April 2025)	-£76.00		
		Office expenses: space, lighting, heating, electricity, broadband and telephone calls; March 2025	£22.00		
		Reimbursement of Costs 25 th April - MS365 Monthly Subscription	£1.99	£328.15	
	Bank Transfer 01/05/2025	Barry Aldridge RFO salary 01.04.2025 – 30.04.2025 5 hours @ £17.29	£86.45	£86.45	
	Bank Transfer 01/05/2025	Guardian Angel PC Support 1 x Licence Renewal Eset Nod32 Antivirus Software		£33.60	
	Bank Transfer 08/05/2025	Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC) Clerk Essential Training Part 1 & 2 - 27/01/25 & 30/01/2025		£85.00	
	Bank Transfer 08/05/2025	William Brindley Contracted Village Maintenance - April		£515.00	
05-25-15191	17. GATEWAYS FOR THE VILLAGE Moved to Item 25) (Highways)				
05-25-15192	18. FLOOD MANAGEMENT ISSUES Discussed under Item 9) (Public Speaking)				
05-25-15193	19. CAVENDISH MILL Clerk's request for the recent Tailings Dams inspection report from DCC is being processed under a FOI (freedom of information) request				
05-25-15194	20. AFFORDABLE HOUSING Discussed under item 9) (Public Speaking)				
05-25-15195	21. BATH HOUSE & WOODS The Trees are being felled on 13/05/25 – neighbour is aware of this – David Marsh has been appointed for this task – <i>Proposed by (SB), seconded by (AF)</i> . A local roofer is repairing the tiles on the Bath House for £120 <i>Proposed by (SB), seconded by (TH)</i> .				
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	Further discussions about the renovation of the Bath House moved to June's meeting	
05-25-15196	22. PLAYGROUND, PLAYING FIELD & TENNIS COURT Thanks go to (HG) for cleaning off the graffiti so quickly last month. The small climbing frame needs painting. <i>Clerk to ask Martina about Severn Trent Workforce Volunteers power washing the equipment and getting it repainted.</i> The purchase of shackles for the basket swing was approved; <i>proposed by (TH) and seconded by (AF).</i> A recent annual inspection report is pending which can be taken to the next meeting for discussion and follow up	Clerk Clerk
05-25-15197	23. WELL DRESSING (GG) attended the recent meeting and requested that the Well Dressing storage items be moved to one side of the Bath House rather than being stored on both sides. The Well Dressing Committee have asked for the Parish Council to fund half the cost of the band (2 days) as usual – up to £200 maximum was agreed <i>Proposed by (SB), and seconded by (TH).</i> This donation will be reviewed on a year-by-year basis.	
05-25-15198	24. DEFIBRILLATORS Nothing to report – <i>Clerk to email Lucian Cottle to thank him for maintaining the defibrillators and to check that he is happy to continue doing this</i>	Clerk
05-25-15199	25. HIGHWAY ISSUES SMPC were very sad to hear about the recent fatal accident that occurred in The Dale on Saturday morning 10/05/25 and they wish to express condolences to the bereaved family and friends involved. (SB) will follow up with the tree inspector regarding the dead tree overhanging the bus stop (opposite the chip shop) – DCC have now accepted that this is their responsibility.	
05-25-15200	Jacob's Ladder – BOAT signs to be removed soon by two councillors (permission granted) and the signs will be returned to DCC.	
05-25-15201	Neighbourhood Plan – (GG) informed the meeting that Neighbourhood Plans are generally more linked to Planning issues rather than Highways – Stoney Middleton has a Neighbourhood Plan which was completed in 2019 with full consultation. Highways have suggested producing a new Neighbourhood Plan but it is not clear what benefit this would have. (SB) suggested that a sub-committee is formed to explore the possible traffic calming measures put forward by Highways and progress the case for reducing speed limits through the village and pedestrian crossings. (GG) suggested that life size children signs by the school might slow down the traffic in the centre of the village. <i>Clerk to request information about all accidents on the A623 / Stoney Middleton from the Police to inform discussions with Highways regarding speed limits and traffic and pedestrian safety</i>	Clerk
05-25-15202	An email from a resident was received on 25/04/25 concerning the speed and behaviour of drivers on The Dale between Stoney Middleton and Housley – the	

	resident sent the email to all the authorities concerned expressing a worry about the state of the road, parking by climbers and there being no safe footpaths along it. <i>Clerk to reply to the resident to inform them that SMPC is liaising with the BMC (British Mountaineering Council) responsible Horseshoe Quarry. (TH) has met with officers who are aware of the concerns and have put in a new footpath from one of the lay-bys to the quarry to keep climbers off the road and have put a note on their website asking climbers to park responsibly.</i> BMC has recently improved wheelchair and emergency vehicle access at Horseshoe.	Clerk
05-25-15203	26. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE Dog poo signs designed by children were brought to the meeting and two chosen – <i>Clerk to contact parents involved and to email (CH) and Martina.</i>	Clerk
05-25-15204	An email was received on 30/04/25 from PLACE about ‘Public Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Agreement renewal for 2025/26’ – <i>Clerk to follow this up</i>	Clerk
05-25-15205	A resident at the meeting is able to progress the Pump being reinstalled in the Nook and this will be followed up at the next meeting.	
	27. CLERK’S REPORT All items already discussed – Insurance Renewal under Item 28)	
05-25-15206	28. ANNUAL INSURANCE RENEWAL Annual Insurance Renewal – CLEAR have requoted SMPC but there is an increase of £300-£400 – Zurich will not issue a quote without a professional valuation for the Bath House (which is a Grade 2 listed property). FORUM are not responding to give us a quote – therefore it was agreed to renew with CLEAR and cost a professional valuation for the Bath House for next year. <i>Proposed by (TH) and seconded by (GG). Clerk to renew insurance with CLEAR from 01/06/2025</i>	Clerk
05-25-15207	29. ALLOTMENT REQUEST FOR WATER POST REPAIR Discussed and agreed in Item 9) (Public Speaking)	
05-25-15208	30. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: Local Elections – Stoney Middleton is now under the Bakewell Ward so our DCC Councillor is Alasdair Sutton and not Cllr Hobson. (SB) suggested that SMPC write to thank Cllr Hobson for all her hard work, on-going support and attendance at the meetings – <i>Clerk to do this</i>	Clerk
05-25-15209	POLICIES – (BA) explained that SMPC Policies need updating and suggested that the task could be shared around the Councillors as well as the Clerk as it is a benefit for the Parish Council to retain knowledge and skills in this area. DALC website is a good source of knowledge for Policy updates. A Risk Assessment Policy is needed. <i>Clerk to send a link with the policies from SMPC website to all the Councillors to look at – to be followed up at the next meeting</i>	Clerk
05-25-15210	21. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING; Monday 10th JUNE 2025 at 7pm	
	The meeting closed at 21:15	