

STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Unadopted minutes of the Stoney Middleton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th March 2022.

Present

Parish Councillors: Chris Tsielepi (CT) (Chair), Sue Bettney (SB) (Vice Chair), Lawrence Flint (LF), Colin Hall (CH), Paul Spooner (PS) and Angie Cottle (AC).

Parish Clerk Anne Flint (AF)

Minute No		Action
03.22-13413	WELCOME The meeting commenced at 19:00.	
03.22-13414	1. SPECTATORS IN ATTENDANCE PDNPA Councillor Kath Potter, Derbyshire Dales District Councillor Helen Froggatt, Derbyshire County Councillor Susan Hobson and five members of the public.	
03.22-13415	2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Parish Councillor Reuben Thorpe (RT), Responsible Finance Officer Barry Aldridge (BA) and PC Linda Hancock who provided the following written report - There has been 1 common assault in Stoney Middleton 7 th Feb – 6 th March. A speeding enforcement was conducted last week and no one caught speeding. Last weekend we monitored Jacobs Ladder. No one found contravening. It was put out on Facebook and seen by off roaders who indicated they would congregate near The Nook just to annoy locals.	
03.22-13416	It was agreed to ask if the Police could avoid publicising the policing of Jacobs Ladder due to the anti-social response and if any anti-social response be investigated.	Clerk
03.22-13417	3. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS It was agreed to bring forward items – 19 – Hope Valley Climate Action presentation on renewable energy 20 – Suggestion from resident to install hydro-generators along Dale Brook 18(m) – Speed restriction report/petition 22 – Community Speed Watch	
03.22-13418	4. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS No Councillors had notified the Clerk that they needed to register a declaration of interest in the member's interests' book.	
03.22-13419	19. NEW ITEM: HOPE VALLEY CLIMATE ACTION (HVCA) PRESENTATION ON RENEWABLE ENERGY Steve Platt from HVCA gave a presentation on the findings of a recent survey of Hope Valley residents about renewable energy. The scope of the survey covered energy savings, retrofitting and electric vehicles as well as attitudes to renewable options. Of the 675 people who responded to the survey over half (61%) are prepared to consider large-scale renewables in the Peak Park; a quarter might consider them and 13% said no. Steve explained the next steps for HVCA is to	

03.22-13420	begin conversations with the Peak Park, Local Authorities and Government on increasing renewables in the Hope Valley. It was agreed the Parish Council would offer their support when conversations start with the Peak Park.	
03.22-13421	20. NEW ITEM: CONSIDER SUGGESTION TO INSTALL HYDR-GENERATORS ALONG DALE BROOK TO PROVIDE POWER TO THE VILLAGE A discussion took place on the feasibility and it was agreed to investigate further and talk to local landowners and businesses to understand the viability.	LF
03.22-13422	18(M). SPEED RESTRICTION REPORT/PETITION CT gave some background to the speed restriction report and petition which was submitted to DCC in 2020 by Stoney Middleton and Calver Parish Councils. SMPC have gone back to DCC to refute some of the statements in their report which rejected the request to reduce the speed limits along the A623 in both villages. SMPC are awaiting a response from DCC.	Clerk
03.22-13423	Two members of Froggatt Village Community Speed Watch Group explained they have also submitted a report to Highways DCC in November 2021, on the issue of speed through the village and have received a similar rejection from DCC.	
03.22-13424	A discussion took place and it was agreed SMPC would work collaboratively with Froggatt Village Community Speed Watch Group and Calver Parish Council to agree a collective approach to this issue.	
03.22-13425	The Clerk agreed to forward the SMPC response to the DCC report on speed restrictions to Froggatt Village Community Speed Watch Group and Calver Parish Council.	
03.22-13426	DCC Councilor Susan Hobson expressed her disappointment with the response from DCC and said she would alert Angelique Foster Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner to this issue because one of the Commissioners priorities for Derbyshire is road safety.	
03.22-13427	22. NEW ITEM: COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH The members of Froggatt Village Community Speed Watch Group explained the effectiveness in their experience of Community Speed Watch and the process to sign up and run it effectively. They also offered SMPC the use of their equipment.	Clerk
03.22-13428	The Clerk reported five people had volunteered to take part in Community Speed Watch, in addition to that SB, AC, LF and PS also agreed to take part.	
03.22-13429	The Clerk to contact PC Boswell to start the process of signing up for Community Speed Watch in Stoney Middleton.	
03.22-13430	5. PUBLIC SPEAKING The Chair reminded those assembled that members of the public could voice their views, which were warmly welcomed, but that deliberations by councillors could not be interrupted or unduly influenced by public participation. These procedures followed official guidance on the conduct of Council meetings. At the beginning of each agenda item, members of the public, who had expressed an interest, would be invited to speak. No further contributions from the public could be made, unless the Chair invited comment, on points of clarification.	Clerk
03.22-13431	PDNPA Councillor Kath Potter reported that the Chief Executive of the PDNPA was leaving and a new officer would need to be appointed.	
03.22-13432	DDDC Councillor Helen Froggatt reported that Parish Councils are invited to apply to the DDDC Jubilee Fund and each council could apply for £500. The	

03.22-13433	Clerk to complete an application online.	SB																																			
03.22-13434	DCC Councillor Susan Hobson asked for further information regarding the problems with loose chippings on the High Street since it was resurfaced last year. SB agreed to provide Councillor Hobson with the information required.	Clerk																																			
03.22-13435	Councillor Hobson also asked to be informed when the funding for the tree for the Platinum Jubilee is received.																																				
03.22-13435	Councillor Hobson reiterated she would provide as much support as possible for speed reduction on the A623.																																				
03.22-13436	6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 31ST January 2022 The minutes of the meeting on 31 st January 2022 were agreed as a correct record. CT signed the minutes.	CT																																			
03.22-13437	7. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED There were no items which needed to be taken with the public excluded.																																				
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03.22-13439	CT reported that the forecasted expenditure for the remainder of this financial year is lower than forecast because some of the large expenditure items for work required along the Concessionary footpath, Bath Garden Woods, other Tree Work and the Playground hadn't happened. It was agreed to carry this spend into the 2022-23 forecast because the work still needs to be done.																																				
03.22-13440	CT reported the Zoom subscription is up for renewal. It was agreed to cancel the subscription because Parish Council meetings must now be face to face.																																				

03.22-13441	CT reported that DALC subscription Enhanced Training Option is due to be paid. It was agreed to continue with the subscription but for the Clerk to monitor the uptake of training throughout the year to ensure value for money.	
03.22-13442	9. FLOOD ISSUES SB reported that DCC Highways engineers are in the process of understanding the pipe work (gas, sewer, low voltage electric and phone lines) buried beneath Trinkey Lane/Avenue area to enable them to draw up a plan of works to deal with all the surface water which collects at Trinkey Lane and floods Meadow Close during heavy rain.	
03.22-13443	The recent heavy storms had been a challenge for the drainage systems in the village but no homes were flooded. Thanks were given to Dan Hodgson for his persistence in negotiating the clearance of drains and culverts which helped to prevent homes from flooding particularly on Meadow Close and Edge View.	
03.22-13444	Thanks were also expressed to the volunteers who were out in the bad weather clearing drains of debris along the Dale.	
03.22-13445	LF reported that The Nook had flooded again but the gridded manhole cover had prevented damage to the road. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact Dan Hodgson to ask if he knows the location of the manhole which was covered over on The Nook. The installation of another gridded manhole in this location may further alleviate the issue.	Clerk
03.22-13446	10. ALLOTMENTS The Clerk reported that all allotment holders have now paid. Plot 25b is in the process of being let to the next person on the waiting list.	
03.22-13447	11. BATH HOUSE WOOD LF reported a group of four volunteers cleared a number of the ash saplings and some of the brambles in the Bath House Woods.	
03.22-13448	SB has drafted a tender document for the major tree works required in the Bath House Wood. The Clerk to issue the tender document to three contractors asking for quotes for the work.	Clerk
03.22-13449	12. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES CT reported he had written to the school asking them to advise parents not to leave engines running.	
03.22-13450	13. GROVE GARDENS It was RESOLVED (proposed PS and seconded CH) to accept the quote of £373.00 from Handyman Dan to repair and varnish the bridge, varnish the three benches and replace the damaged post for the Jubilee Plaque.	Clerk
03.22-13451	The Clerk reported that Will Brindley would clear the build-up of silt following recent flooding and jet wash the path by the beginning of next week at the latest.	
03.22-13452	It was agreed to delay the repointing of the slabs until better weather.	
03.22-13453	CT reported that a brass band will play in the Grove Garden on 16 th April 2022 at 6pm for 1 hour.	
03.22-13454	14. PLAYGROUND It was RESOLVED (proposed PS and seconded AC) to accept the quote of £500 from Handyman Dan to prepare and paint swing set frame, prepare and paint large swing frame, prepare and paint climbing frame and affix safety fixings to bouncer apparatus.	Clerk
03.22-13455	The Clerk agreed to contact TPD in Wirksworth to ask if they are able to supply fixtures for the composite bench.	Clerk
03.22-13456	PS reported Playdale Playgrounds will supply a quote for a multi-play equipment as a possible replacement for the roundabout and see-saw.	

03.22-13457	PS reported he has been unable to get a quote to replace the zip wire.	
03.22-13458	15. PLAYING FIELDS It was RESOLVED (proposed CT and seconded SB) to accept the quote of £250 from Will Brindley to reseed the top goal mouth.	Clerk
03.22-13459	The Clerk to contact the SMFC to ask for final fixture dates and remind them they must pay for the use of the playing field for matches held since September 2020.	Clerk
03.22-13460	16. OLD TENNIS COURT SB reported on an article in Derbyshire Now stating organisations can apply for grants from Derbyshire Grant Scheme to fund community projects. SB agreed to explore possibility of gaining funding to refurbish the tennis court.	SB
03.22-13461	17. VILLAGE PLAN The Clerk in her capacity as Community Building Co-ordinator to organise a meeting of residents who have expressed an interest in the Community Building for 28 th March 2022 in St Martins Church.	Clerk
03.22-13462	18. CLERK'S REPORT <i>(Standing Items)</i> (a) Jacob's Ladder The Clerk reported that work carried out by Jason Smith DCC has greatly improved direction of water and prevented build-up of water and mud in the Nook during heavy rain.	Clerk
03.22-13463	It was RESOLVED (proposed SB and seconded AC) to accept the quote of £179.00 from Handyman Dan to prepare area adjacent to wall and re-set footings for bench and prepare timber work and varnish bench.	
03.22-13464	The Clerk reported that an email had been received from PC Hancock advising that the Roads Policing Unit had purchased off road bikes to proactively police the off road locations.	
03.22-13465	(b) Village Cross and Steps Nothing to report.	
03.22-13466	(c) Highways Issues The Clerk reported that Emma Mortimer DDDC has informed that their contractor has no alternative to glysohate and unless glysohate is banned DDDC is unlikely to request an alternative way of controlling weeds and moss build up.	
03.22-13467	LF agreed to try putting salt on the moss which had built up on Dale Mouth to discover if this would be a viable alternative to keep the moss build up under control.	
03.22-13468	The Clerk agreed to contact the Highways tree inspector Mark Wilson to report the hazardous overhanging branches from trees along Dale Mouth.	
03.22-13469	(d) Village Maintenance The Clerk reported that Felicity Stout from PDNPA had confirmed the precarious tree alongside A623 is in the area owned by DCC. The Clerk has reported this to the Highways tree inspector Mark Wilson and is awaiting a response. The Clerk to follow up.	
03.22-13470	The Clerk has received an email from DDDC Councillor Helen Froggatt advising to contact DDDC depot supervisor directly about the relocation of the bin from Old Hall Gardens to Mill Lane.	
03.22-13471	(e) Defibrillator Nothing to report.	
03.22-13472	(f) Community Resilience It was agreed for CT to approach local Trusted Traders contractors to ask for their permission to include contact details in the Community Resilience Plan.	CT

03.22-13473	(g) Training Nothing to report.	
03.22-13474	(h) 20s Plenty for Derbyshire Nothing to report.	
03.22-13475	(i) Parish Council Facebook Page Nothing to report.	
03.22-13476	(j) Parish Council Policies It was agreed to adopt the Equalities and Diversity Statement and the Financial Risk Assessment. CT signed the Financial Risk Assessment.	CT
03.22-13477	It was agreed to adopt the Accessibility Statement with the caveat that the statement ' <i>Disproportionate burden will be considered in exceptional cases for the near future but may not mean forever.</i> ' Is either removed or reworded in plain English.	RFO
03.22-13478	(k) Tree for Platinum Jubilee Nothing to report.	LF
03.22-13479	(l) Compliance with General Data Protection Act LF to present options at the next meeting.	
	21. NEW ITEM: LONG TERM MAINTENANCE OF THE PLAYING FIELD CAR PARK	
03.22-13480	It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.	Clerk
	23. NEW ITEM: WEIGHT LIMIT ON THE HIGH STREET	
03.22-13481	It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.	Clerk
	24. NEW ITEM: ANNUAL PARISH MEETING	
03.22-13482	It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on 4 th April 2022 at 18.45 in St Martins Church.	Clerk
	25. CORRESPONDENCE	
03.22-13483	The Clerk received an email from Genna Rowbotham regarding a children's book she has written which is set in Stoney Middleton. She has asked if the Parish Council could write an article about the book and for the Parish Council website. It was agreed for the Clerk to purchase a book to understand the relevance to the village.	Clerk
03.22-13484	The Clerk has received an email from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust regarding Natural Flood Management. The Clerk to contact DWT and reiterate the information provided by Dan Hodgson about ongoing discussions with DDDC about Natural Flood Management, thank them for their interest and ascertain our desire to work together to help resolve the issues of flooding in a more sustainable way.	Clerk
	26. PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
03.22-13485	There were no planning applications to consider.	
	27. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING	
03.22-13486	There was no exchange of information.	
	28. CONFIRMATION F NEXT MEETING	
03.22-13487	The meeting dates to March 2023 will be as follows 4 th April, 9 th May, 13 th June, 4 th July, 5 th September, 3 rd October, 7 th November, 5 th December, 6 th February 2023 and 6 th March 2023.	
	The meeting closed at 9.30pm.	