

STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Unadopted minutes of the Meeting of Stoney Middleton Parish Council held on Monday 2nd
March, 2009.

PRESENT – Mr Dave Thorpe (DT), Mrs Joy Fox (JF) Mrs Jennifer Bettney (JB), Miss Shirley
Holt (SH) and Mrs Marija Nicholson (MN).

MINUTE

NO.

ACTION

03/09-4963 WELCOME SPECTATORS TO THE MEETING

The councillors welcomed Peak Park Representative Kath Potter and 5 spectators to the meeting.

03/09-4964 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTEREST

There were no declarations of members' interests.

03/09-4965 PUBLIC SPEAKING

The first spectator to speak raised concerns regarding the need for traffic lights in the village on the A623 at the butchers shop and the entrance to the Nook. He asked if the Health and Safety Executive would get involved. The councillors advised this issue has been ongoing for at least 12 months. The clerk was asked to write to the County Council again stating that we would like the results of the road traffic survey which had been carried out and that we will seek advice from Health and Safety. Concern was also expressed regarding the footpaths and that they are not very pedestrian, pushchair or wheelchair friendly. There are no dropped curbs at the crossing points on the entrance to the Nook. The spectator also requested that the councillors explore the curb and pavement at Denman Crescent and whether it could be moved backwards.

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03/09-4966 The second spectator raised concerns regarding the Parish Council and Stoney Middleton Church of England Primary School websites. The Parish Council took over the website from the Friends of Stoney Middleton School following their successful campaign to save the school; therefore, it is acknowledged that some content of the previous website should remain. However, he and the school governing body are concerned that the website appears to relate to the campaign to save Stoney School and does not focus on promoting the school and demonstrating that Stoney Middleton school is very much open for business. He felt that the school will take a number of years to recover from threatened closure and that it is being viewed by potential pupils and parents as still under threat. He asked if the content of the school closure please be removed from the Parish Council website? He and governors are working to promote the school through the school website. He has also written to the Parish Council Chairperson and this will be put on the next agenda.

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03/09-4967 The third spectator advised the councillors that a resident on Vicarage Lane had put up notices asking people to clean up after their dogs. Somebody has taken it upon themselves to pick it up and throw the carrier bags and contents into the tree where many have accumulated. The councillors agreed the behaviour is disgusting and the Parish Council will erect a sign.

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03/09-4968 NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE MARCH MEETING

Mr D Thorpe took the Chair for this meeting. As advised by DALC it is resolved to appoint a chair person for each meeting.

03/09-4969 TO WITNESS NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRPERSON MAKING THE DECLARATION

OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

No-one was elected.

03/09-4970 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cate Hunt, Nigel Allwood and the Police.

03/09-4971 NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE MARCH MEETING

No-one took the Vice Chair for the meeting.

03/09-4972 APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the February meeting were approved with the addition of the omitted word 'lines' at minute no. 02/09-4909. It should read, It was resolved that if parking on the white lines starts again then it should be put on the agenda.

REPORT FROM CLERK

- 03/09-4973 a. The clerk reported that a meeting with Joanna Wilding regarding dust monitoring had been arranged for 26th March 2009 at 10.30 am. Joanna had requested the meeting take place at Matlock Town Hall. The clerk also reported that Joanna had informed her they were changing the laboratory they use for the tests due to problems they were experiencing. The last test results she has are for June 2008. It was resolved to ask that the meeting take place in Stoney Middleton; the councillors want her to see the settled dust around the village. The clerk to write to the department and express concerns about the service level and that it used to be good. Next agenda
- 03/09-4974 b. The clerk showed a copy of the proposed letter to the councillors. The clerk was asked to check the contract and check if we can increase rents and how much notice is required. Clerk
- 03/09-4975 c. The problem of litter in the village on the side of the highway between Rock View and Housley is to be addressed by contacting DCC and quoting the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Clerk
- 03/09-4976 d. The clerk confirmed letters of thanks had been sent to John Hancock, Frank Sheldon and Howard Peters. Copies to be emailed to the councillors for their records. Clerk
- 03/09-4977 e. The clerk advised the playground inspection was booked for May 2009 at a cost of £63.00 + VAT. The report and invoice will be received in June.

PLANNING MATTERS

- 03/09-4978 I There were no planning matters.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following were all noted

- 03/09-4979 a. DDDC – Parish Council Conferences 11th and 17th February.
- 03/09-4980 b. Communities and Local Government – A Consultation.
- 03/09-4981 c. DCC – Where can I recycle my rubbish?
- 03/09-4982 d. DCC – Winter maintenance poster.
- 03/09-4983 e. DCC – Does your council publish a newsletter?
- 03/09-4984 f. Spiritra – Grounds Maintenance, Horticultural Services & Community projects
- 03/09-4985 g. DCC – SACRE Annual Report 07/08
- 03/09-4986 h. Record RSS – Playground inspection and maintenance
- 03/09-4987 i. Derbyshire Rural Comm. Council – Calor Derbys Village of the Year 09
- 03/09-4988 j. DALC Circular 01/09 – Index of 08 circulars
- 03/09-4989 k. DALC Circular 02/09 – Redundant buildings grant
- 03/09-4990 l. DALC Circular 03/09 – Age discrimination
- 03/09-4991 m. DALC Circular 04/09 – Derbyshire market towns retailer training
- 03/09-4992 n. DALC Circular 05/09 – Parish Council (Power to promote well being)
- 03/09-4993 o. DDHPAP – Development Fund (Derbys Dales High Peak Accessibility Partnership)

CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATED/CIRCULATING FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

The following were all noted

- 03/09-4994 a. Derbyshire Rural Comm. Council – Annual review 07/08

- 03/09-4995 b. Derbyshire Rural Comm. Council – Rural matters Winter 08
- 03/09-4996 c. DCC – Derbyshire’s Directory News Winter 08/09 Iss 2
- 03/09-4997 d. DCC – Safer Derbyshire Winter 08/09
- 03/09-4998 e. Derbyshire Directory News Winter 08/09 Iss 2
- 03/09-4999 f. Play Safety – ROSPA
- 03/09-5000 g. The Sheffield Star – Article re Bikers and 4x4 vehicles
- 03/09-5001 h. The Peak Times – Article re Litter
- 03/09-5002 i. DCC – Concerns in your neighbourhood
- 03/09-5003 j. DCC – Countryside events 09
- 03/09-5004 k. DCC – b-line Magazine Winter 08/09
- 03/09-5005 l. Wicksteed playscapes catalogue
- 03/09-5006 m. Clerks & Councils Direct – Jan 09 Iss 61
- 03/09-5007 n. Littlethorpe – Bus Shelters catalogue
- 03/09-5008 o. Peak District National Park Authority – Park Life Iss 7 Jan 09
- 03/09-5009 p. DCC – Derbyshire Adult Community Education Programme
- 03/09-5010 q. National Association of Local Councils – LCR Vol 60 No 5 Jan 09
- 03/09-5011 r. Fitzpatrick Woolmer - Brochure

03/09-5012 TO DISCUSS AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE VILLAGE

The councillors attended a meeting with Colin Hall at Rock Mill Thursday 12th February. DT, JB, SH, JF and the clerk were present. Colin, Alison, David and the 2 architects Neil Ibbotson and Helen Ibbotson were also present. The purpose of the meeting was to look at the proposed plans and have a general discussion prior to Neil meeting with Jim Dixon on the 4th March. The councillors stressed that affordable must mean affordable. John Keeley had advised they were considering the Rock View site. The clerk to advise the owners of the Rock View site of John Keeley’s email. The clerk to write to the owners of Rock View regarding the poor state of the grass verge due to vehicles being parked on it. The condition of the verge must be improved ready for mowing in the spring.

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03/09-5013 TO DISCUSS RISK ASSESSMENT FOR FEBRUARY

The clerk reported there were no issues. The clerk to email copies of the assessments to the councillors.

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03/09-5014 TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS FOR THE VILLAGE

The clerk to write to the County Council again chasing up the results of the last traffic count at the cross in Stoney Middleton. To be put on the next agenda.

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03/09-5015 TO DISCUSS THE FOOTPATH ON TRINKEY LANE

The clerk reported she had been advised that Trinkey Lane was unadopted with private street status. The footpath which crosses at the top, at a right angle, is definitive footpath No. 2 and leads to Coombes Dale. **The councillors were actually referring to a small path that joins Trinkey Lane to this footpath.** The clerk to investigate further. To be put on the next agenda.

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03/09-5016 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CONCESSIONERY FOOTPATH

The Councillors discussed the possibility of using Eco Blocks for the steps and it was resolved that these would be unsuitable. The councillors were pleased with the condition of the path but the condition should be monitored. Any future improvements to the concessionary footpath would have to include considering drainage.

03/09-5017 TO DISCUSS QUARRYING MATTERS

The clerk to write to Goddard’s Quarry as the blasting has been horrendous. Meetings have been arranged with Glebe for Thursday 19th March at 10.30 am and Mr Dave Bent at Peak Park for Thursday 19th March at 1.30 pm regarding concerns over all the quarries.

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03/09-5018 TO DISCUSS THE LETTER RECEIVED **BY** A RESIDENT EXPRESSING AN INTEREST IN THE PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

It was resolved to invite Mr Graham Armitage to the next Parish Council meeting as a spectator and after the meeting there would be the opportunity for an informal discussion.

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- 03/09-5019 TO DISCUSS THE PARISH NEWSLETTER Next agenda
It was resolved the newsletter should be A4 folded. The councillors to put forward ideas and suggestions for the content at the next meeting.

FINANCE

- 03/09-5020 i. It was reported that money in the Bank Accounts was – Reserve £7,215.82 and Current £100.00
- 03/09-5021 ii. Money received since the last meeting - £Nil
- 03/09-5022 iii. The monthly financial report and budget for 2009/10 was discussed
- 03/09-5023 iv. The following payments were authorised –
M Greaves – Payment made under the Data Protection Act, 1988
M Greaves – Imprest
A6 Tree Care - £150.00 Crown lifting of Walnut tree
Derbyshire Dales DC - £639.40 Grass mowing for the playing field.
- 03/09-5024 The following payment was not authorised –
Derbyshire County Council - £67.01 cost of filling the salt bin at High Street. The councillors thought this was too high and had previously been approx. £35.00. The clerk to look in to this. Clerk

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- 03/09-5025 1. The letter received from Mr Tupling was discussed. It was resolved the Website and the content of the website should be put on the next agenda. Shirley Holt to meet with Mr Tupling prior to the next meeting. Next agenda
- 03/09-5026 2. Mr Nigel Allwood has some community funding available. The councillors to consider some railings at the steps outside J Hancock's butchers at the bottom of the High Street. To be put on the next agenda. Next agenda
- 03/09-5027 3. The Community Emergency Plan to be put on the next agenda. Next agenda
- 03/09-5028 4. The councillors would like a general meeting with SMILE. A meeting to be arranged with SMILE for Thursday 16th April. agenda
- 03/09-5029 5. The dates for the Waste Skip to be put on the notice board. Clerk

- 03/09-5030 PART 11 – EXEMPT INFORMATION
There was no exempt information

- 03/09-5031 THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.45 pm

Key – Mrs J Bettney (JB), Mrs J Fox (JF), Miss S Holt (SH), Mrs M Nicholson (MN), Mr D Thorpe (DT)

The following amendments were made when the minutes were signed at the April Meeting

The minutes of the March meeting were approved with the following amendments; 03/09-4967a Letters thanking residents for their help gritting to be sent by the clerk to Brian Burkinshaw, Judy Buchanan and Gary Hancock. 03/09-4974 It was omitted that this actually related to the allotments. 03/09-5012 The clerk to write to the owners of Rock View regarding the poor state of the grass verge due to vehicles being parked on it. The condition of the verge must be improved ready for mowing in the spring. This section should have had its own minute number being 03/09-5012a. 03/09-5018 heading should read TO DISCUSS THE LETTER RECEIVED FROM A RESIDENT EXPRESSING AN INTEREST IN THE PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

