

STONEY MIDDLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Unadopted minutes of the Meeting of Stoney Middleton Parish Council held on Monday 5th
October 2009.

PRESENT – Chair Cllr David Thorpe, Cllr Jennifer Bettney, Cllr Shirley Holt, and Graham
Armitage

MINUTE NO.		ACTION
10/09-5305	WELCOME MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO THE MEETING The councillors welcomed Councillor Cate Hunt, Kath Potter, Peak Park Representative, PC Ian Richardson, Alison Clamp, Peak District Rural Housing, and two members of the public.	
10/09-5306	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from, Cllr Joy Fox, Councillor Marija Nicholson, Councillor Michael Longden, Isabel Bellamy, Rural Housing Enabler High Peak and Derbyshire Dales.	
10/09-5307	DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTEREST There were no declarations of members' interests. Kath Potter declared a prejudicial interest in item?? As a member of the Peak District National Park Authority Planning Committee	
10/09-5308	PUBLIC SPEAKING A member of the public asked about progress on a number of matters regarding the safety of roads in Stoney Middleton. It was explained that these would be dealt with later in the meeting when it was hoped that Councillor Mike Longden would be able to attend.	
10/09-5309	PC Ian Richardson presented the Police Report. PC Richardson was asked if he knew the meaning of the white lines, which had appeared on the A623 on Friday 2nd October, but he did believe they were just to mark the edge of the road. There were 25 incidents during August and September. The August incidents were recorded in the September minutes. In September there were two none serious accidents on the A623 and minor incidents concerning a trapped dog, a stuck key and notification of caving activity. Despite the use of CCTV the driver of the motorcycle causing a nuisance up High Street with no registration plate had not been identified. There were two incidents of dangerous driving and two assaults. There had been one burglary from a shed involving the theft of diesel which had not been notified by ringmaster. PC Richardson agreed to arrange for Parish Council to be notified in future so that warning could be posted on the website.	
09/09 5310	APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING The minutes of the September meeting were approved	
10/09-5311	WELCOME A NEW COUNCILLOR Graham Armitage was welcomed as a new councillor. It was agreed that the documentation to formalise his appointment would be obtained.	Phone

10/09-5312 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

- 10/09-5313 County Councillor Mike Longden had indicated when apologising during the afternoon for his absence at the beginning of the meeting that he may be able to arrive shortly after 8.00pm. It was therefore agreed to consolidate all items relating to roads at the end of the meeting and as the Council considered the state of the roads a major priority to postpone to later meetings none urgent items.
- 10/09-5314 Cllr Thorpe had agreed with DCC for the Kissing Gate at the entrance to the meadows to be dug out and replaced with a metal gate.
- 10/09-5315 Cllr Thorpe reported that Peak Park had agreed to use volunteers to repair the steps in Footpath 6 – from Middleton Lane through the Quarry to the Dale.
- 10/09-5316 Cllr Thorpe reported that a footbridge would be provided over the stream on footpath No 2 at the bottom of Coombes Dale
- 10/09-5317 The request to widen the road at the entrance to Denman Crescent was included in a letter to Cllr Mike Longden which he had requested at the September meeting to cover all the faults in the road. See minute 09/09-5362 below. Next Agenda
- 10/09-5318 The request to improve the entrance to the drainage biset at the top of High street was included in the letter to Cllr Mike Longden. See minute 09/09-5362 below. Next Agenda
- 10/09-5319 Cllr Holt confirmed the paperwork for the new litterbin in the playing fields and it was agreed this would be ordered. Order
- 10/09-5320 The request to re-open Farnsley Lane was included in the letter to Cllr Mike Longden. See minute 09/09-5362 below Next Agenda
- 10/09-5321 It was agreed a letter would be sent to Tarmac regarding the sponsorship of The Grove when the new clerk was appointed. Letter
- 10/09-5322 The request to DCC to remove the rubbish on the playing field was included in the letter to Cllr Mike Longden. See minute 09/09-5362 below Next Agenda
- 10/09-5323 Cllr Holt reported that 16 questionnaires had been forwarded to the developer and that at least another 2 were expected. It was agreed to post a reminder on the website. Website
- 10/09-5324 Cllr Thorpe reported that new guttering was needed on the Roman Bath House. Next Agenda
- 10/09-5325 Cllr Bettney reported that she had no responses to the request for help with the Community Emergency Plan from the notice on the website. She would try and make contact during the next month. Contact
- 10/09-5326 Cllr Bettney had contacted Glebe Mines for help with alerting the village and discussions are ongoing. Next Agenda
- 10/09-5327 To provide an update as to when the Community Emergency Plan will be circulated to Councillors Next Agenda
- 10/09-5328 Chris Tupling has confirmed that the next meeting to discuss the School Travel Plan is 3.30pm on Wednesday 21st October.
- 10/09-5329 SMILE has paid the insurance for the playground equipment and the three new seats. They pointed out that there is one older seat for which the Parish Council will pay.

10/09-5330 The soil has not been removed and it was agreed to discuss further action with the Police and the Environmental Health department of DDDC. Phone

PLANNING MATTERS

10/09-5331 NP/DDD/1008/0895 – Withdrawn – noted

10/09-5332 NP/DDD/0809/0741
http://217.147.178.232/pam/planning_application_search.jsp?appnum=NP%2FDDD%2F0809%2F0741

Kath Potter, who had declared a prejudicial interest, left the meeting.

The development consists of a terrace of three Local Needs two bed roomed houses at Rock View, The Dale, Stoney Middleton on land immediately to the west of the recently rebuilt houses.

The Councillors, while welcoming the development in principle, expressed a number of concerns with regard to the planning application. In particular: -

- the lack of transparency and consultation by both the PDNPA and developer
- the high price for “affordable housing”,
- the ownership of the land adjacent to the highway which the Parish Council had been mowing
- the effect of bridging of the brook to allow access on flooding in the village
- the lack of restrictions to prevent increasing the value of the properties in the future by extension.

The meeting was opened for Public Discussion.

Alison Clamp, Peak District Rural Housing, explained that developments of more than two houses for local need or “affordable houses” had to be under the auspices of the Housing Association. On receiving the planning application from PDNPA at the beginning of September she had met with the developer and PDNPA on site. While the access to Rock View off the main road was not ideal she was prepared to support the application for housing association participation on condition that the houses would be for rent. She explained that at the present time it was exceptionally difficult to obtain mortgages for shared ownership particularly when the housing association retained a permanent 20% share.

Due to the delay in approaching the housing association by PDNPA and the developer Alison Clamp had requested that consideration of the application should be postponed from the October meeting of the PDNPA planning committee to the November meeting.

A member of the public raised the possibility of building on DDDC land behind Edge View with access from the Grindleford Road. Alison Clamp explained that the overhead cost of an extended access could only be justified by a very large development which was not appropriate as it was outside the village.

The meeting was closed to Public Discussion

It was agreed that the Council would reply to PDNPA supporting the development of three terraced houses for rent under the auspices of the Housing Association. However the letter would raise their concerns regarding the following aspects.

- Lack of Consultation with the Parish Council.
- Lack of Transparency.

- Risk of Flooding
- Ownership of the land adjacent to the road which the Parish Council had been mowing – The Council do not dispute the ownership of the land on which the property is to be built but are concerned that the land immediately adjacent to the road over which the access bridge is proposed is publicly owned.

The meeting was opened for Public Discussion

A member of the public recalled being asked by DCC if he owned this land when he owned the workshops and Old Studio immediately opposite. At this point he understood that DCC could not trace the owner.

The meeting was closed to Public Discussion

10/09-5333 NP/DDD/1208/1113 - Stoneley, The Bank – granted - noted

10/09-5334 **CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATED BY EMAIL**

The following were all noted

1. **Letter** from Geoff Mason
2. **The Planning Inspectorate** – BOAT – Nether Bretton to the Road West of Broad Low
3. **Mike Longden** – Affordable Housing
4. **Letter** from SMILE
5. **DCC** – BOAT – Nether Bretton to the Road West of Broad Low
- 10/09-5335 6. **DDDC** – Gambling Act Consultation – Forward to SMILE and Well Dressing Email
7. **DALC Circular No. 48/2009** - EAST MIDLANDS PLANNING AID SERVICE (EMPAS) “GET INVOLVED IN PLANNING” CONSULTATION EVENTS (FREE OF CHARGE), THE FIFTH ANNUAL COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE AWARDS and THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT 2009 AMENDMENT BILL
8. **DALC Circular No. 49/2009** -POLICING OF LOCAL EVENTS and IT TAKES ALL SORTS – LOCAL COUNCILS: REPRESENT YOUR COMMUNITY, MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
9. **DALC Circular No. 50/2009** - AFFILIATION/MEMBERSHIP OF DALC/NALC and SUBSCRIPTIONS 2010/11
10. **DALC Circular No. 51/2009** - PAY SETTLEMENT 2009 - 2009/2010 NATIONAL FINAL SALARY AWARD FOR LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS
- 10/09-5336 11. **DCC** – Young Achievers Awards
12. **SMILE** – September minutes – The Council thanked SMILE for maintenance work on the swings and playground equipment and noted that the shelter would be removed and a new shelter to be considered in the spring.
13. **DALC Circular No. 52/2009** - PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON MEETING

10/09-5337 **CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATED FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY**

The following were all noted

1. **DDDC** – Corporate Plan 2009/10
2. Timberline Brochure – handed to SMILE
3. Clerks & Council Direct – September Issue
4. **DDDC** – Arts Matters

10/09-5338 **MEETINGS & EVENTS POSTED ON WEBSITE**

The following were all noted

1. Invitation to **Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust 3rd AGM** – 30th Sept
2. **Derbyshire Rural Community Council** AGM and 85th Birthday Celebrations – 29th Sept
3. **Peak District National Park** – Planning Surgery, Aldern House, Bakewell – 13th

Oct

4. Free Funding Surgery -**Derbyshire Dales CVS** Meeting Room, Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell – 14th Oct
5. **County Council Parish/Town Council Liaison Forum** – County Hall, Matlock – 22nd Oct
6. **Community Safety Panel** – 3rd Dec
7. **DCC – Child Car Seat Checking Events** – 28th and 29 Sept – 1st and 2nd Oct

10/09-5339 **TRAINING POSTED ON WEBSITE**

The following were all noted

1. Soc of Local Council Clerks – Human Resource Management – The Essential Guide To Employment Management.
2. DDDC – Ethics Training – 8th Oct and 14th Oct
3. Clerks Induction Training - Wednesday 28.10.09(Morning) DALC 39/2009 - Wirksworth Office
4. Clerks Induction Training - Wednesday 25.11.09(Morning) DALC 39/2009 Wirksworth Office.

10/09-5340 **TO DISCUSS THE STATE OF THE ROADS**

As County Cllr Mike Longden had not arrived this item was left until last. See minute 09/09-5362 below.

10/09-5341 **REVIEW OF HOUSING POLICY**

Postponed to November Meeting

10/09-5342 **TO DISCUSS ROSPA REPORT**

See minute 10/09-5336 above.

10/09-5343 **TO DISCUSS THE REJECTION OF THE DALG APPLICATION FOR PLAYING FIELD WALLS**

The Council reiterated their disappointment at the rejection in view of the size and productivity of the quarries in the village.

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10/09-5344 **TO DISCUSS PARISH COUNCIL RIGHTS OF WAY MINOR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

The survey forwarded by DCC was completed by Cllr Thorpe after a short discussion.

The meeting was opened for Public Discussion

It was established that a number of local councils employed “handy men” for minor maintenance around the parish.

The meeting was closed to Public Discussion

It was agreed to investigate the feasibility of this approach.

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10/09-5345 **TO REVIEW THE FINANCIAL STANDING ORDERS**

Postponed to November Meeting

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10/09-5346 **TO DISCUSS THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

No comment

10/09-5347 **TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATING TO SMILE**

See minute 10/09-5336 above.

10/09-5348 **TO DISCUSS AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE VILLAGE AND THE HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY**

See minutes 10/09-5323 and 10/09-5332 above.

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10/09-5349	TO DISCUSS ALLOTMENTS Rent of £50 had not been paid. It was agreed to forward list to Cllr Fox and remind allotment holders.	Letters
10/09-5350	TO DISCUSS THE RISK ASSESSMENT Postponed to November Meeting	Next Agenda
10/09-5351	TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS FOR THE VILLAGE AND THE TRAFFIC SURVEY. Cllr Holt reported that she had produced a preliminary report based on the DCC traffic survey but that there appeared to be a fundamental mistake in the time recording of the raw data. The meeting was opened for Public Discussion A member of the public asked about the provision of dropped curbs which are not available in Stoney Middleton. The meeting was closed to Public Discussion It was agreed to postpone the remainder of this item to the end of the meeting. See minute 09/09-5362 below	
10/09-5352	TO DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN Postponed to November Meeting	Next Agenda
10/09-5353	TO DISCUSS THE ROAD TO THE CEMETERY It was agreed to postpone the remainder of this item to the end of the meeting. See minute 09/09-5362 below	
10/09-5354	TO DISCUSS THE POST OFFICE A resident had investigated the availability of a mobile post office but reported that none was available. It was agreed to write to the post office to enquire whether the six hours a week which has been allocated could be accommodated in another public or retail business – Church, Chapel, Public House, or retail shop.	Phone
10/09-5355	TO DISCUSS HOSTING A GREEN COMMUNITIES TRAINING COURSE Postponed to November Meeting	Next Agenda
10/09-5356	TO DISCUSS FEES FOR EYAM FOOTBALL CLUB It was agreed to charge Eyam Football Club the same as last year - £25.00 per match. To date they have booked 7 matches in September and October.	Invoice
10/09-5357	FINANCE It was reported that money in Bank Accounts was –Reserve £ 10,685.33 Current £100.00	
10/09-5358	It the receipt of precept of £7875 from DDDC in April 2009 was minuted. This item was received on April 30 th by BACS but was not on the agenda and was not minuted	
10/09-5359	To report money received since last reported 1. Allotments - £17.50 2. SMILE for insurance - £523.73	
09/09-5360	A summary of the monthly financial report (attached) for 2009/10 was discussed.	

- 09/09-5361 Payments were authorized to: -.
1. DCC for School Hire for interviews -£40
 2. It was agreed to donate to the Wesleyan Chapel for the use of the vestry for the August meeting.

09/09-5362 **TO DISCUSS THE STATE OF THE ROADS**

As County Cllr Mike Longden had not arrived by 8.25pm it was agreed to write to him with an update on the issues raised in our letters of the 12th and 26th September and: a request for dropped curbs.

1. **Reduction of the speed of traffic on the A623** - Our preferred solution would be flashing warning lights at both entrances to the village.
2. **Resurfacing of the A623** - The road is now being patched. Will it be resurfaced?
3. **Re-opening of Farnsley Lane.** Highway Care Manager has confirmed that the work is still on programme to be carried out but he cannot confirm a start date at this time.
4. **Shaping and resurfacing the two Bisets at the Top of High Street.** The bottom drain has been opened up but the top drain is still blocked.
5. **Widening High Street at the entrance to Denman Crescent opposite Chuckle Cottage.** No action – when this work is carried out the curbs should be dropped.
6. **Bollards on the Corner of the Nook.** No Action
7. **Rutted Road at Lorry Crossing on Middleton Lane (Moisty Lane) above Glebe.** – Glebe will be carrying out repairs to the stock ground road crossing on Moisty Lane in the near future. This will require them to install traffic lights for about 4 weeks starting from about October 26th.
8. **The Grass at Avenue Close.** Cllr Hunt reported that this is in hand
9. **Grass Verge on Road to Cemetery** – No Action.
10. **Road Rubbish on the Playing Fields.** – The rubbish is still there although DCC are using the playing field car park to park the machinery over night.
11. **White lines between the Chip Shop and the Nook.** Who arranged this and why?
12. **Dropped Curbs** – the village should be surveyed.

Letter

09/09-5363 **EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

09/09-5364 **THE NEXT MEETING** Confirmed as - Monday 2 November 2009

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.00PM

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