

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 AT 7.15PM AT STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, STENSON FIELDS**

Present: - Cllrs C Fellows (Chair), P Richardson, K Rogers, R Lisewski, I Baker, Dhillon and K Butterworth.

In attendance: - County Cllr R Davison, District Cllr D Shepherd, 1 resident and J Irons (clerk).

**792/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Peter Bonnell (work commitments) and Manjit Chahal (work commitments).

**793/16 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The chairman explained to the resident that she may speak at agenda item 4.

**794/16 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** None

**795/16 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

a) Police - No representative from the police was present and no report had been provided.

b) District and County Councillor Reports

**DCllr Dave Shepherd**

1. The councillor and planning officers met Barrett Homes at a liaison meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February to address lack of maintenance at Saxon Gate. Topics discussed included the school, roads, lighting, balancing pond, dog bins, poor hedge abutting Stenson Road, motorbikes, upkeep generally and the £100 service charge recently demanded of residents by the builder. SDDC's planning officer Chris Nash is looking into the latter although there will be no reduction in council tax to compensate. DCllr Shepherd protested at the lack of a Community Facility being started and told the builder that any further delay is unacceptable.

2. Boundary changes were agreed by SDDC on 1<sup>st</sup> March with option 2 being chosen; boundaries of Barrow upon Trent and Stenson Fields parish councils be amended as requested by those parish councils. The new governance arrangements will take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April.

3. The Infinity Garden Village proposal has been clarified; 2000 homes are intended with another 1000/1300 possibly being built. District council recommended the measure although he and DCllr Chahal voted against. DCllr Shepherd regretted the secrecy surrounding the procedure.

4. The Number 7 bus has been renamed and will now terminate at the Asda store.

5. DCllr Shepherd is pursuing the state of dog bins at Saxon Gate.

6. DCllr Shepherd prefers to keep the present library which is under threat of closure.

7. Unlit street lights have recently been repaired.

8. Noise from lorries at the industrial unit on Grampian Way are causing residents concern so the district councillor will raise this at the next planning committee meeting. He will also ask about mud on roads.

9. DCllr Shepherd has asked Barrett Homes for another liaison meeting and awaits a reply.

Cllr Butterworth is wary that bus route 37 becoming part of route 7 may incur 2 sets of fares; DCllr Shepherd to clarify. Cllr Richardson noted that flooding at Earles Drive renders the footpath unusable. The resident thought new trees planted at Saxon Gate will create a haven for muggers once they grow, especially as little street lighting exists.

DCllr Shepherd said he met the tree officer who assured that the correct, ornamental trees have been laid but will raise the issue again.

**Cllr Rob Davison.**

1. Cllr Davison highlighted an error in the minutes which was immediately corrected by the clerk.
2. He and DCllr Shepherd have written to Highways voicing their concerns over the absence of a pedestrian crossing on Stenson Road.
3. Cllr Davison and Cllr Baker inspected the areas to be planted with trees and wish the clerk and Cllr Baker to take-up progress from now.
4. He voiced his regret over the secrecy surrounding the Infinity Garden Village scheme.
5. Cllr Davison attended the recent SDDC Environment Committee meeting.
6. Unfortunately County Council has little money available to repair potholes in Deepdale Lane.
7. Cllr Davison donated funds from his allotted community leadership fund to be used against parish's costs for new tree planting and a new memorial bench. The chairman gave his appreciation and thanked him on behalf of the council.
8. Cllr Davison was also concerned that 2 amounts of fares may be charged when the bus routes mentioned above are combined and will make enquiries.

Cllr Lisewski was concerned that Traffic Lights should have been installed in January/February of this year at the junction of Blagreaves Lane & Stenson Road/Goodsmoor Rad; it is a requirement of the 106 agreement for the new development. Cllr Davison replied saying that these are intended. Water leaks are evident at the railway bridge and Severn Trent does not believe it is mains water. Also, the road at Merevale Way shows standing water and the road is poor; Cllr Davison will enquire. Cllr Richardson added that a dropped kerb at Stenson Road/Wragley Way (east side) floods as do the drains at the Grampian Way traffic island (extending through the hedge for c5metres). He believed that the new times for the revised number 7 bus service will create blocked traffic at some bus stops. Cllr Rodgers asked how much of the budget is ring-fenced for adult social care; Cllr Davison said he will arrange access to this information.

The resident noted that one of the children's rides at the Fox Close play area was loose; clerk to report to the contactor.

Both the county and district councillor left at 8.05pm.

**796/16 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

These were approved and accepted as a true record once a minor amendment had been made after which they were signed by the chairman.

**797/16 TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY TO BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED - None.**

**798/16 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

None.

**799/16 CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk received an email from the website technician explaining web domain renewal fees.

**800/16 Matters for Decision or Discussion:**

a) Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety. Discussed earlier although Cllr Rogers showed his chagrin at the road's rumble strips while Cllr Butterworth noted a pothole. Cllr Lisewski asked members to report road problems on the 'FixMyStreet' website.

Members recently rued speeding drivers at the Grampian Way traffic island believing 'Give Way' signs should be added to the existing markings on the road. Simon Tranter from DCC Highways confirmed this at the last meeting which he attended. SDDC however has since replied to the clerk to say that the road markings have been inspected and that they are considered to be in a good condition and no action is required. Members accept this but are concerned that cars park on these markings and believe moving the kerb of the island out may alleviate this, as Simon suggested. Clerk to contact him again.

b) Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road. Discussed earlier

c) Lengthsman Scheme. The chairman handed the lengthsman's work sheets to the clerk. Their holiday pay entitlement is paid in this meeting (see minute 802/16 below).

d) To consider areas to benefit from planting of bulbs and trees. Discussed earlier.

e) To consider the replacement of a bench with a memorial bench for Mrs. P Harvey. **Resolved:** the chairman has agreed the style of bench and quote of around £650 with Zoe Sewter at SDDC and is now progressing it. He once again thanked CClr Davison for a contribution from his allotted community leadership fund towards this expense.

f) Update on the installation of 2 new 90 litre waste bins. **Resolved:** clerk to ask SDDC for 2 replacement litter bins (90 litre) at Zetland Crescent and Arleston Lane; as these are replacing damaged bins the parish should be exempt from cost. Also, one new dog bin (90 litre) to be ordered for installation at Wragley Way.

g) Tax technician payroll contract. Clerk obtained 2 quotes for the same work resulting in the present technician being the cheapest. Members **agreed** to retain her services.

## 801/16 PLANNING

### Applications

9/2016/0860 - CHANGE OF USE OF OPEN SPACE TO RESIDENTIAL GARDEN LAND AND ERECTION OF TWO METRE CLOSE BOARD FENCING AT 166 Wragley Way. NB.Subject to appeal.

9/2017/0147 - THE ERECTION OF AN EXTENSION AT 170 WRAGLEY WAY STENSON FIELDS. **Resolved:** clerk to comment that this constitutes a big change and as such should be reconsidered, especially as parking congestion will probably once again be at issue.

9/2017/ 1187 - CREATION OF A COMPOUND, MATERIALS STORAGE AND ASSOCIATED PARKING/TURNING SPACE IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE (ADJACENT) APPROVED SCHEME FOR 130 DWELLINGS (DERBY CITY REF: 03/16/00338) ON LAND AT SK3330 7748 WRAGLEY WAY STENSON FIELDS. In its last reply SDDC stated that no access is proposed and traffic should enter the site from Derby City. **Resolved:** clerk to request that access should be from the building site itself and not from Wragley Way.

Decisions. None further.

### Consultations.

Updates (if any) on 7 Glencroft Drive and 1 Glendon Road. SDDC confirmed on 20<sup>th</sup> Feb that the enforcement team will visit and answer our queries in due course.

Clerk enquired of the garage being built at 6 Glencroft Drive (for which no application appears to have been made) and received a reply on 24th Feb saying the enforcement department will look into this and will revert accordingly.

Clerk asked Highways whether an advertising sign on Barrett's fence at Wragley Way exceeds the size for such signs.

Highways deem that as this is not on a road and does not obstruct visibility it will not act. Therefore, clerk to ask Chris Nash at SDDC and send him a photo.

## 802/16 FINANCE

a) Accounts for payment

Cheque No	Payee	Total £
002061	J Irons – Clerk's salary February to March	469.26
002061	J Irons - clerk home allowance February to March	18.00
002061	J Irons expenses (petrol) to the meeting	18.20
002062	K Fellows - Lengthsman pay February to March*	265.61
002063	J Harvey - Lengthsman pay February to March*	86.22
002064	HMRC –employee's tax & NI February to March	138.88
002065	DCC – clerk's pension February to March	134.69

002066	DALC – subscription for year 2017/18	740.13
002067	Nadine Cooper – website maintenance and website hosting	119.96
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1900.95</b>

\* includes pay for 8 public bank holidays for year 2016/17.

803/16 **TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** - Cllr Rogers reported that an extension to the Holybrook surgery is planned and will be in 3 stages: booking area, internal refurbishment and an upstairs revamp. This surgery may open on Saturday mornings although the Sinfin one will not. There are now 15 doctors attending both surgeries. Carers meetings are to be held every 2 weeks. It is deemed that the website is not efficient to cope with the surgery becoming busier.

Cllr Richardson rued that motorbikes are using footpaths and will monitor such offences.

**804/16 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

The clerk circulated 2 items.

**805/16 Agenda items for the next meeting.**

- Areas for planting bulbs and trees;
- Replacement of a bench with a memorial bench;
- Boundary change details (if received);
- Outcome of the next Barret liaison meeting (if held);
- Clerk’s appraisal.

**PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

806/16 To move the following resolution - “That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (in respect of the personal situation of an employee which could result in legal proceedings) it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.” Consequently, the resident left the meeting.

807/16 Possible enrolment of lengthsmen to the LGPS pension scheme. Clerk’s and lengthsmen’s salary reviews. **Resolved.** Lengthsmen declined an invitation to join the council’s pension scheme. Their salaries will see a slight increase from next month. Clerk’s salary to increase by 1 point to SCP 35; and his review to be undertaken in the next meeting.

**808/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Parish Council & APM meetings will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017, commencing at 7:00pm and will be held in the Stenson Fields Primary School.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 9:25pm.

Signed..... Date.....