

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17th
MARCH 2016 AT 7.15PM AT STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, STENSON FIELDS**

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

In attendance: Mrs J Storer (Clerk), County Cllr R Davison (to 7:56pm), District Cllr D Shepherd (to 7:56pm).

Apologies: - Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Bonnell (personal).

564/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

565/15 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

No variations were identified.

566/15 TO GRANT ANY DISPENSATIONS RELATING TO DECLARED INTERESTS

None granted

567/15 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 18th FEBRUARY 2016

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18.02.16; as previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

568/15 PUBLIC SPEAKING

a) Public

There were no members of the public present.

b) Police

No representative from the police was present and no report had been provided.

c) County Councillor

Cllr Davison reported that the white road markings at the junction between Wragley Way and Stenson Road will be reinstated within the next two weeks. He welcomed the quality of the repairs carried out at this junction but acknowledged that without the road markings; the junction is dangerous.

Cllr Davison has provided his opinion on the Terms of Reference for the Development Liaison Working Party.

His last surgery had significant attendance following a Facebook posting relating to the major housing developments next to the parish. Cllr Davison explained the social media postings and his response.

A meeting with various agencies has been arranged to take place during the second week in April, to consider and address the problems experienced by residents on Arleston Lane. Cllr Lisewski reported that PCSO Waite is regularly patrolling Wragley Way about similar problems, particularly with drink and drugs and these patrols have also been carried out on Arleston Lane.

d) District Councillor

Cllr Shepherd reported that the D2N2 combined authority proposal was considered by SDDC on 29th February 2016, when it was agreed not to support nor to participate in the proposal for a combined authority. It was further agreed that no funds will be expended on this proposal

Cllr Shepherd has circulated the final Terms of Reference for the Development Liaison

Working Party and requested that the Parish Council appoints representatives to the Working Party and then a meeting will be organised. Cllr Shepherd has held a meeting with Ian Hey (SDDC Community Officer) and he is to consider the proposals raised; Cllr Shepherd will provide further information at the next Parish Council meeting.

There have been problems with two oak trees without TPOs and which have been affected by the developers' work; where the developers appear to have failed to adhere to the protocols in place relating to trees. The Enforcement Officer has visited the site and the developers have now taken action to protect these trees.

The damaged verges continue to be a problem and one which Cllr Shepherd is pursuing. Cllr Shepherd has received a reply to his Freedom of Information (Fol) request about accidents in areas where a VAS in situ. Whilst those connected with Stenson Fields acknowledge there is a problem with speeding, it appears to be difficult to obtain sufficient evidence to support this.

Fly tipping continues to be a problem on Lowes Lane and Cllr Shepherd reported that SDDC does take legal action against flytippers where there is evidence to do so.

7:56pm Cllr Davison and Cllr Shepherd left the meeting.

e) Members declaring an interest
No declarations were made.

569/15 **TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY TO BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED**
No items were deemed necessary to be taken with the public excluded.

570/15 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**
Cllr Fellows had nothing further to report.

571/15 **CLERK'S REPORT**
The Clerk's report had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

572/15 **CORRESPONDENCE**
1. DALC – various circulars
2. Tower Mint Ltd – Commemorative Medal for Queen's 90th birthday
All items of correspondence was noted. No actions are to be taken on any item.

The Terms of Reference for the Working Party were considered and agreed.
RESOLVED Cllrs Bonnell, Baker and Lisewski were appointed as the Parish Council's representatives on the Working Party, with any two of the three Parish Cllrs to attend a meeting.

573/15 **FINANCE**
a) Accounts for payment

<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Payee & Description</u>	<u>£</u>
1974	Biffa – bins	333.06
1975	Mrs Cooper – website	124.96
1976	Mrs J Storer – expenses	56.37
1977	Cllr Fellows – chair's allowance	25.69
1978	Mrs J Storer – Clerk's use of home	84.32
1979-84	March 2016 salaries	991.53

b) To consider any amendments to the Risk Assessments
There were no amendments made to the risk assessments

c) To appoint the internal auditor for 2015/16

The Clerk had provided a short report on the appointment of the internal auditor and made the recommendation that Brian Wood is again appointed as the internal auditor.
RESOLVED Brian Wood be appointed as the Parish Council's internal auditor for the financial year ending 31st March 2016.

574/15 **PLANNING**

Applications

None

Decisions

9 2016 0039 – The retrospective application for a single storey side extension at 2 Glendon Road, Stenson Fields
GRANTED

Cllrs commented that a previously reported problem of a garage being used as living accommodation, is still continuing. This has previously been reported to SDDC and the Clerk was requested to report this again to SDDC Enforcement Officer **(Action: Clerk)**.

575/15 **POLICE ISSUES/ SPEED LIMITS/ ROAD SAFETY**

- a) The white road markings at Glencroft Drive and Grampian Way are still missing. The Clerk will report this to Derby City Council. **(Action: Clerk)**
- b) Reports were received of suspected instances of drink driving following observation of alleged poor driving when some vehicles leave a local pub. The Clerk will report this to the police **(Action: Clerk)**.
- c) Young persons have been observed using a gap in a hedge at Stenson Road to take a short cut to cross the road into the new development. The location at which this is occurring was of concern to Cllrs, as they viewed that it will only be a matter of time before a pedestrian is hit by passing traffic.
- d) Mini motos have been observed driving on pavements and this has been reported to the police. The police have stated that they are unable to assist without names and addresses of the alleged offender.

576/15 **SAXONGATE**

There is nothing further to report except that the estate is nearly completed and no work has commenced on the community centre and no actions have been taken on the recommendations for the balancing pond.

577/15 **LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**

There are no major issues. There continues to be problems with anti social behaviour in the bus shelters. Both SDDC and the police are aware of, and considering, the problem. The Parish Council noticeboard on Wragley Way has suffered some minor damage. Drug paraphernalia has been found on Grampian Way, reported to the police and was quickly removed.

578/15 **ENVIRONMENT**

- a) Cllrs were requested to identify areas which would benefit from bulb planting **(Action: all Parish Cllrs)**
- b) The Fox Close hedges have been attended to, along with the trees on Ledbury Chase.
- c) The debris left on the shrub beds on Grampian Way has been removed.
- d) The door on the rubbish bin by the railway bridge, installed by SDDC, is broken. The Clerk reported this to SDDC but no action has been taken. The Clerk will remind SDDC of the damage. **(Action: Clerk)**

579/15 **TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGE**

There was nothing further to report; the Parish Council still will await the decision of the

District Council.

580/15 **CONSULTATIONS**

- (a) DCC – Highways Asset Infrastructure survey (deadline = 30th March)
- (b) DCC – Bus consultation, proposal to withdraw subsidised local bus services (deadline = 24th April 2016)
- (c) SDDC – Charitable Collection Policy (deadline = 18th March 2016)

All consultations were considered but no responses were given.

581/15 **PRESS RELEASES**

There were no press releases.

582/15 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

No further information was given.

582/15 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held on 21st April 2016 at Stenson Fields Primary School at 7.15pm.

The following resolution was agreed

“That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (in respect of the personal situation of an employee) it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.”

583/15 **CONFIDENTIAL SECTION**

The Parish Council considered the pay rise for the lengthsman; the Parish Clerk salary being linked to information from DALC which has not yet materialised.

RESOLVED: to agree the pay increase for the lengthsman to take effect from 1st April 2016.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:58pm.

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