

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup>  
MARCH 2015 AT 7.15PM AT STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, STENSON FIELDS**

Present: - Cllr C Fellows (Chair), Cllrs R Lisewski, K Butterworth, P Richardson, P Bonnell

In attendance: Mrs J Storer (Clerk), District Cllr D Shepherd (to 7:57pm), County Cllr R Davison (to 7:57pm). 1 member of the public.

Apologies: - Apologies were received from Cllr G Dhillon (Work), Cllr K Rogers and District Cllr Chahal

**298/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**299/15 TO GRANT ANY DISPENSATIONS RELATING TO DECLARED INTERESTS**

None granted.

**300/15 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

a) Members of the public

Enquiries were made about the proposals for the building of additional houses off Wragley Way and when this may occur. Cllr Shepherd explained that the Local Plan covers a time period of up to the year 2028 and as the area is identified in the Local Plan as being suitable for large housing developments; development will take place, starting at the Deepdale Lane end. The exact start date of any development work is unknown, and is a decision for the developers to make. Part of any development may use a section of Wragley Way for the Link Road.

b) District Councillor

Cllr Shepherd reported that DCC has issued a consultation on Secondary Education provision for South Derbyshire and passed his opinion that Stenson Fields would benefit from having a secondary school of its own. There is an additional consultation about extending the primary school to take up to 400 children (end date 08.05.15). The preschool would lose the use of its current room but DCC is giving consideration to the provision of a community room, equal in size, for the playgroup and other community groups to use. Cllr Shepherd has also made a request for the catchment area for the school to be extended. Parking was identified as being a potential issue, should the school be extended and this was discussed; DCC has agreed to the compilation of a Travel Plan but will not commit to anything further.

The request for a pedestrian crossing over Stenson Road is still being pursued. Concerns were again expressed about the lack of provision and the delay in reaching a decision.

There have been various road problems, which Derby City Council have tried to pass over to other councils. The condition of the verge of Wragley Way following work to the drains was left in a poor condition and enquiries are being made with DCC to ascertain who is responsible for any reinstatement works on the verge.

A property on Lundie Close has been the subject of several complaints regarding its untidy state. The Enforcement Officer (SDDC) has visited the site and advised the property owner that the site is to be cleared within three weeks, failure to do so, will result in an Enforcement Notice being served upon property owner.

SDDC has carried out work to cut back the sides of the hedges for which it has responsibility but the height of the hedges has not been attended to. Work has not been undertaken to remove the three trees on the Play Area at Fox Close. The Clerk explained that due to the limited amount of time before the nesting season start, SDDC made the decision to attend to the width

of the hedge and the height will be addressed in the autumn.

An efficiency dividend of £6.20 is to be provided to each household within the District in July, costing SDDC a total of £270,000. Cllr Shepherd explained the discussions held at SDDC on this matter.

c) County Councillor

Cllr Davison added that expanding the catchment area and having a secondary school in the Parish will help new residents to integrate into the community.

Further explanation was given of the proposed Combined Authority, adding that a bid has been made to Central Government by the civic leaders of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, for the Combined Authority to proceed, no matter what the result of the General Election is (7<sup>th</sup> May 2015).

The street light on Stenson Road, opposite Wragley Way is still leaning; this has been reported to DCC.

7:57pm Cllrs Shepherd and Davison left the meeting.

d) Members declaring an interest

No declarations were made.

301/15 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2015**

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 19.02.15; as previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

302/15 **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 other than that already listed.

303/15 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that there is a Parish Liaison meeting to be held at the County Council offices in June.

304/15 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's report had been previously circulated to all Councillors. The report was accepted without amendment.

305/15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and accepted :-

1. DALC – various circulars
2. DCC – Notification of temporary road closure, Pilgrims Way
3. SDDC – Update on the cutting of the hedges
4. SDDC – Update on Fox Close Play Area
5. Derby City Council – Pursuing the comments and complaints raised by Cllr Shepherd on traffic matters around the area of the City and Parish boundaries
6. Cllr Shepherd – email of 25/02/15 regarding concerns over HGV access to Infinity Park
7. SDDC – Notification of action taken regarding a complaint it had received over dog fouling and to request that consideration is given to the installation of a bin on Stenson Road (see Finance c))
8. DCC – Speeding and crossing points
9. SDDC – Confirmation that the Parish Council can purchase and erect play equipment on the play area
10. SDDC – Audit of Cemetery/Churchyard Provision
11. SDDC – Content to install play equipment and for the PC to own and maintain the equipment
12. SDDC – Neighbourhood Wardens have been to the Parish on several occasions, but have not noted any persons failing to clear up after their dogs.

306/15 **FINANCE**

a) The following accounts were authorised for payment:-

1875	Biffa – Quarter waste collection	£467.22
1876	Mrs J Storer – Expenses	£101.07
1877	Mrs P Harvey – holiday pay	£257.25
1878	Mr J Harvey – March salary & holiday pay	£134.70
1879	Mrs K Fellows – March salary & holiday pay	£128.80
1880	Mr S Lisewski March salary & holiday pay	£141.11
1881	Mrs J Storer March salary & holiday pay	£295.44
1882	HMRC – March PAYE & NI	£171.60

b) Review of Risk Assessments

No amendment of the risk assessments were required.

c) To consider the installation of a bin on Stenson Road between Wragley Way and Grampian Way (correspondence item 7)

The cost to purchase a litterbin and the weekly collection costs were made available to Councillors. The Clerk explained that SDDC no longer provides bins free of charge; the expectation is for the Parish Council to purchase a bin and to fund the weekly collection.

**RESOLVED not to provide any bin, in addition, the SDDC request for a bin, was in an area that is outside of this Parish.**

307/15 **PLANNING**

9 2015 0113 - the erection of an extension at 25 Glenmore Drive, Stenson Fields

NO OBJECTIONS

9 2015 0085 – The erection of an extension and retention of side access gates and retention of boundary gates/pillars at 1 Braemar Close, Stenson Fields

NO OBJECTIONS

308/15 **TO REVIEW AND ADOPT THE FOLLOWING POLICIES**

a) Code of Conduct

**RESOLVED to accept the policy without change**

b) Retention of Documents

**RESOLVED to accept the policy without change**

309/15 **WEBSITE**

The Clerk provided a verbal report on the progress of the website; information and pictures have been obtained and these can now be sent to the webmaster to establish the website. A brief discussion was held about possible web addresses; suggestions were made and the Clerk will pass these to the webmaster.

310/15 **POLICE ISSUES/ SPEED LIMITS/ ROAD SAFETY**

a) Two weeks ago, the police targeted the parish with a visible presence of officers. No reports have been received of any actions taken, but the presence of the police was welcomed.

b) Over a number of months, the Parish Council has received reports on the discarding of vodka bottles. This matter has been reported to the Police and as a result, visited to make enquires with the local stores. The Police have reported that the local store is not suspected of any wrong doing. Over the last week, there have been no reported instances of discarded vodka bottles; this news was welcomed by the Parish Council.

c) The discarding of cider cans still remains a problem

d) Cllr Lisewski reported that the lengthsman had discovered a pouch which contained

white powder and in a separate incident, had discovered a heroin spoon. Concern was expressed over the number of incidents of discarded drugs and associated paraphernalia and what appears to be a lack of activity by the police on this matter.

- e) It was confirmed that the Lengthsmen have all been advised that they are not to collect or touch any needles but to call the Clean Team for them to safely dispose of the needles. The possibility of needles is contained within the Lengthsmen's risk assessment.
- f) Cllr Butterworth reported that speeding along Wragley Way is still an issue and he cited examples. It was noted that Wragley Way had been identified by the police as one of the 110 roads in Derbyshire which are worthy of attention in relation to speeding, but there has been no obvious action taken yet by the police. Speeding along Arleston Lane is a further problem.  
**RESOLVED: the Clerk was instructed to report the problem of speeding to the police**
- g) Cllr Bonnell reported a sunken drain cover on Wragely Way, at the Stenson Road junction; the drain is sunk and the road surface around it is cracked. This is having the effect of throwing vehicles when they drive over it.  
**RESOLVED: the Clerk was instructed to report the matter to the Highways Dept.**
- h) Cllr Rogers reported that vehicles are parking on the pavement close to The Bubble, which has the effect of pedestrians having to leave the pavement and walk along the road.  
**RESOLVED: in the interest of pedestrian safety, the Clerk was requested to report the matter to the Highways Dept and to the police.**

310/15 **SAXONGATE**

No further discussions took place.

311/15 **COMMUNITY CENTRE**

No further discussions took place but the clerk advised that Ian Hey (SDDC) would be attending the next Parish Council meeting to discuss the Community Centre and Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP).

312/15 **LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**

No matters were raised.

313/15 **RECREATION AREAS INCLUDING THE PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASING OF PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR THE PLAY AREAS.**

- a) The goal mouths at Fox Close Recreation Ground continue to require attention. The Clerk has spoken with Zoe Sewter about the matter; Ms Sewter has suggested that the goal posts are removed to allow the area to rest and regenerate, but there was no agreement as to whom should fund the relocation. There was a brief recap on the history of the football pitches and that the Parish Council had helped SDDC to fund the new goal posts; therefore the maintenance of the goal posts is for SDDC to fund.  
**RESOLVED the Clerk was instructed to advise SDDC of the Parish Council's assistance with funding of the equipment, but that it does not accept any responsibility for ongoing revenue costs associated with the equipment.**
- b) Following the decision at the last Parish Council meeting to apply for grant funding for a trim trail at Fox Close POS, SDDC has advised that it has no objection to the Parish Council providing equipment; but it will be for the Parish Council to fund any ongoing maintenance costs, annual inspections and insurance. Following discussions as to whether the Parish Council should accept this liability, there still existed some concerns as to the financial consequences of accepting any ongoing liability.  
**RESOLVED the Clerk was instructed to make enquiries as to the possibility of entering into a maintenance agreement in regards to the equipment and a decision will be made at the next meeting.**

316/15 **ENVIRONMENT**

- a) Fly tipping continues to be a problem on the rural side of Arleston Lane.  
**The Clerk will report the problem to the Clean Team.**
- b) The hedges at Ledbury Chase have been cut down, but the logs and chippings have been left deliberately by SDDC for people to take and/or to establish a wildlife area, but as these are left near the play area, children are taking and playing in the chippings. The area is becoming untidy and potentially this may cause problems at that area.  
**RESOLVED the Clerk was instructed to advise Zoe Sewter of the problem, and to request that the debris is removed.**

317/15 **BOUNDARY CHANGE**

The joint letter has been sent to Frank McArdle (CEO – SDDC) but nothing further has been heard. It was acknowledged that nothing may happen before the Elections on 7<sup>th</sup> May.

318/15 **CONSULTATIONS**

DCC – Consultation on b\_line Travel Discount End date: 29<sup>th</sup> March 2015

This was noted

DCC – Consultation about Secondary education in South Derbyshire

DCC – Secondary Education End Date: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015

319/15 **PRESS RELEASES**

No press releases will be made.

320/15 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

No information was exchanged.

321/15 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015 commencing 7.15pm at Stenson Fields Primary School.

There was no further business and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.03pm.

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