

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21ST
JANUARY 2016 AT 7.15PM AT STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, STENSON FIELDS**

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

In attendance: Mrs J Storer (Clerk), County Cllr R Davison (to 7:52pm), District Cllr D Shepherd (between 8:07pm and 8:30pm).

Apologies: - Apologies were received from Cllr D Shepherd who would be attending late due to a prior engagement.

504/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

505/15 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

No variations were identified.

506/15 TO GRANT ANY DISPENSATIONS RELATING TO DECLARED INTERESTS

None granted

507/15 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 17TH DECEMBER 2015

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17.12.15; as previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

508/15 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 back on matters relating to the Primary School which had been raised at the December 2015 meeting (Min 488/15c). Statistical information relating to the number of pupils on the roll together with projected numbers, were circulated with data showing the demographics of pupils. Further information was provided demonstrating there is no disadvantage to obtaining a place at the school should the child live on the new estate; the difficulties obtaining a place at the school appear to relate to the timing of any application made and the school's need to comply with legislation to maintain numbers in Key Stage 1 classes to below 30.

The temporary access created at the new development is to be investigated by DCC officers, and when an answer has been obtained, the Parish Council will be advised.

Cllr Davison has travelled around the area looking at the entry points into the Parish and noting where there are weight limits. The results of this were provided to all Cllrs; the results provided confirmation that weight limits are in place on all strategic routes into the Parish. A list of county bridges with weight restrictions imposed, was also circulated.

A report was received that the hedges along Grampian Way and Stenson Road have been cut back, but the clippings left on the road; This action was considered to be a hazard for cyclists.

Cllr Davison agreed to check if the clippings are still in situ and if so, will report any debris to the Highways Dept.

Following an enquiry into what type of pedestrian crossing can be expected on Stenson Road, Cllr Davison reported that there is still no expectation that a crossing will be installed but the campaign for one will continue. A bus stop is being constructed, although it was unclear whether any shelter will be provided.

Cllr Davison supported the proposal for the establishment of a Working Party to work with any future extension of the housing estates in the Parish; it was considered a necessity in order to press for action and enforcement of any planning conditions.

It was noted that buses regularly travel across the grass verge at the Stenson Road/Wragley Way junction and that this is ruining the grass verge. It was noted that this is sometimes the only option for buses to successfully negotiate the corner and to avoid vehicles waiting to turn into Stenson Rd.

7:52pm Cllr Davison left the meeting.

d) District Councillor

This section was deferred until Cllr Shepherd's arrival.

e) Members declaring an interest

No declarations were made.

509/15 **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.

510/15 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**
Cllr Fellows reported that there appears to be confusion over some advertising of Barratt Homes property on the new development. The properties seem to be advertised as being on Dulverton Avenue, a road which is in the existing estate not the new estate. It was thought that there was no duplication of road names on the new development
RESOLVED the Clerk will check with SDDC that there are no duplications of road names (Action: Clerk)

511/15 **CLERK'S REPORT**
The Clerk's report had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

Min 478/15a) - the hedge has not been cleared and insulation and polystyrene is still visible.
RESOLVED the Clerk was asked to chase the developers to clear the rubbish. (Action: Clerk).

Min 498/15d) the new litterbin on the Asda link path, previously thought to be in the wrong location has not been relocated but it appears to be functioning well. No action will be taken to pursue its relocation, but the situation will continue to be monitored.

Enquiries will also be made if the lengthsman have noticed any reduction in the rubbish being deposited in that area. **(Action: Cllr Fellows)**

The bin at Tregony Way and Fox Close has not been replaced; the Clerk will press for this to occur. **(Action: Clerk).**

A resident has trimmed the hedge, by the footpath, in the Ledbury Chase area, but the height of the hedges is still to be attended to by SDDC.

Min 497/15 The fly tipping of a bag on the corner of Grampian Way/Stenson Road and a number of bags by a farm gate close to the junction of Wragley Way/Stenson Rd still require

removal. **(Action: Clerk).**

512/15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. DALC – various circulars
2. SDDC – Local Plan Part 2 (deadline 12th February 2016)
3. DALC – Consultation on HM Treasury report Autumn 2015
4. SDDC - Consultation on South Derbyshire Open Space, Sport & Community Facility Strategy

All items of correspondence was noted. No actions are to be taken on any item. It was noted that the police email alerts have ceased due to funding cutbacks.

513/15 **FINANCE**

- a) Accounts for payment

<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Payee & Description</u>	<u>£</u>
1962	Mrs J Storer – expenses	61.24
1963 – 67	January salaries, pension, HMRC	565.39

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

- c) To agree the precept for 2016/17

The budget for 2016/17 was circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting and takes into account an increase in the lengthsman's hourly rate in April to the new living wage.

Cllrs considered the current level of reserves, the level of expenditure for 2016/17, that grant funding has been obtained to purchase the new play equipment and the comments raised by the external audit on the prior year's accounts, before agreeing on the precept.

RESOLVED to set a precept of £3000, this being a reduction of 10%

8:07pm Cllr Shepherd arrived.

514/15 **PLANNING**

Applications

None received but concerns were raised about a possible extension taking place at 2 Glendon Road.

The Clerk was requested to obtain clarification as to whether planning permission is required for these works. **(Action: Clerk)**

Decisions

None

AGREED to suspend Standing Orders to allow Cllr Shepherd to address the meeting

- 515/15 Cllr Shepherd reported that people have been seen climbing the fence around the new estate, in order to gain a short cut access to Stenson Road. Whilst this is considered to be dangerous, a pedestrian access path is currently under construction.

Cllr Shepherd has met with a DCC Highways Officer about the bus shelter and reminded him that room was required should a pedestrian crossing be installed. The officer has reported that any crossing would have to be sited to the north of the bus stop; and the dropped kerb has been relocated in readiness.

Concerns were raised again about the excessive speed of traffic around Stenson Fields and requests were again made, for Stenson Road to become a 30mph limit. Concerns were exchanged that there will be a fatality at some time, and action is required to address the

speeding issue now that more pedestrians are crossing the road between the new and existing estates. Discussions took place about efforts made to have a vehicle activated sign (VAS) installed in the parish and how the regulations have changed. Cllr Shepherd continues to press for a VAS in the Parish.

Cllr Shepherd has met with Frank McArdle (SDDC) about the proposed boundary changes but had nothing to report on this, other than he is continuing to press for action to be taken.

He has also made a request for a lifebelt to be installed next to the balancing pond but there are liability issues that are to be considered should a lifebelt be installed; therefore it is unlikely that the developers will install a lifebelt.

The Terms of Reference for the Working Party with developers are still with the legal dept at SDDC.

8:30pm Cllr Shepherd left the meeting.

516/15 **POLICE ISSUES/ SPEED LIMITS/ ROAD SAFETY**

- a) Cllrs all agreed that there is still a major problem with speeding vehicles in the area, and the police are to be informed that problems continue particularly around Stenson Road, Wragley Way, Grampian Way and Arleston Lane.
- b) Consideration was given to the request to limit access to Arleston Lane and the impact of the wider population should any access be limited.

RESOLVED to unanimously oppose any proposal to limit the access to Arleston Lane

517/15 **SAXONGATE**

Work has still not started on the community centre, even though Cllrs considered that the threshold number of occupied houses has been reached.

Rubbish continues to be blown from the new development and gather in the hedge bottom opposite the site. The Clerk will continue to press for the developers to clear the area **(Action: Clerk)**

518/15 **LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**

There are no major issues.

The bus shelter at Grampian Way has traffic cones nearby which need to be removed. **(Action: Clerk).**

519/15 **ENVIRONMENT**

- a) The door on the rubbish bin by the railway bridge, installed by SDDC, is broken. The Clerk will report this to SDDC. **(Action: Clerk)**
- b) The shrub beds on Grampian Way have been attended to but the debris has been left behind. The Clerk will inform SDDC. **(Action: Clerk)**
- c) Complaints have been made that the dustbin men have been leaving the wheelie bins on the pavement, rather than taking them back to the curtilage of the property, resulting in instances whereby people have fallen over the wheelie bins. The Clerk will report this to SDDC and request that more care is taken in returning the wheelie bins back to the property **(Action: Clerk).**
- d) The goal mouths at Fox Close POS are still badly rutted. The Clerk will continue to press SDDC for action to be undertaken **(Action: Clerk)**

520/15 **TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGE**

There was nothing further to report.

521/15 **CONSULTATIONS**

SDDC – Public Spaces Protection Orders (deadline 1st February 2016)

No observations

SDDC – Local Plan Part 2 (deadline 12th February 2016)

RESOLVED Cllrs Baker and Bonnell were granted the authority to review the document and to make observations on behalf of the Parish Council

SDDC - Consultation on South Derbyshire Open Space, Sport & Community Facility Strategy (deadline 26th February 2016)

No observations

502/15 **PRESS RELEASES**

No press releases will be made.

503/15 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

The next Area Forum and Safer Neighbourhood meeting will be held on 16th February 2016.

Cllr Baker attended the Planning Briefing session on 2nd December 2015 at SDDC; when it was agreed that the slides from the sessions would be circulated. To date no information has been received.

The Clerk will make a request for the information to be provided to Parish Councils **(Action: Clerk)**

504/15 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held on 18th February 2016 at Stenson Fields Primary School at 7.15pm.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:52pm. .

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