

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>  
APRIL 2016 AT 7.15PM AT STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, STENSON FIELDS**

Present: - R Lisewski (Chair), P Richardson, K Rogers (from 7:34pm), I Baker, K Butterworth.

In attendance: Mrs J Storer (Clerk), County Cllr R Davison (to 7:45pm), District Cllr D Shepherd (from 7:24pm to 7:45pm). Justina Nurse (to 7:46pm)

Apologies: - Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Bonnell (work), Cllr G Dhillon (work), Cllr C Fellows (personal).

**584/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**585/15 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

No variations were identified.

**586/15 TO GRANT ANY DISPENSATIONS RELATING TO DECLARED INTERESTS**

None granted

**587/15 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17.03.16; as previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**588/15 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

a) Public

There were no members of the public present who wished to speak.

b) Police

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

c) County Councillor

Cllr Davison reported the following: -

The shelter for the bus stop on Stenson Road has been ordered and is anticipated to be installed late May/early June.

The white lines at the junction of Wragley Way and Stenson Road have been reinstated.

All residents of Stenson Fields and on the new Estate have received copies of the latest edition of Broadside.

A meeting was held with Arleston Lane resident on 11th April 2016 which was considered to be very productive, but no details were provided.

7:24pm Cllr Shepherd arrived.

The cats eyes on Stenson Road have been removed in readiness of the surface dressing process, occurring later in the spring. Cllr Davison assured the meeting that the cats eyes will be reinstated.

He has reminded DCC that the temporary road sign needs to be collected and a request was made by Cllr Richardson for DCC to also collect the temporary barriers placed around the bus shelter which are no longer required.

Cllr Davison agreed to report the flytipping noted on Lowes Lane.

d) District Councillor

Cllr Shepherd reported that he has counted eight agricultural vehicles on the road without rear lights and/or number plates and he will continue to pursue this matter. The police have visited areas of reported cannabis use but nothing has been detected. Previously there have been problems associated with an untidy site at Lundie Close; action has been previously taken by SDDC and the area tidied but Cllr Shepherd reported that accumulated rubbish has appeared again. The situation is being monitored. SDDC agreed at its meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016, to undertake a governance review. Cllr Shepherd explained the full implications of such a review to the District Cllrs at that meeting. On the new estate, the developers have undertaken a small number of works identified in the 2015 RoSPA report. A handrail has been reinstated but other items remain unattended to. Cllr Shepherd expressed his concerns about the safety of the balancing ponds.

7:34pm Cllr Rogers arrived.

The steering committee for working with developers has been established. Cllr Shepherd requested that the Parish Council provide a date for him to convene the first meeting. Cllr Davison suggested that this first meeting may take time and suggested that it is a free standing meeting.

Cllr Richardson reported that dog fouling stickers have been placed around the new estate, and that these have attracted dog walkers to deposit any bags at the point where the notices are. Cllr Shepherd has made a request for a dog bin to be sited in the new estate, but whilst the estate is still under the control of the developers, SDDC will not fund any bins. Therefore Cllr Shepherd has made a request to the developers to provide additional bins, but no response has yet been received.

Litter has been reported by the Harvester and the chip shop. This has been reported to SDDC who are to raise the matter with the proprietors.

SDDC has promised to have discussions with the medical centre about health provision in the area and how S106 can assist when the new houses are to be built.

7:45pm Cllr Shepherd and Cllr Davison left the meeting.

Justina Nurse introduced herself as the locum clerk for the May meeting.

7:46pm Justina Nurse left the meeting

e) Members declaring an interest

No declarations were made.

59/15 **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.

590/15 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

Cllr Lisewski read a report provided by Cllr Fellows. The report cited that SDDC has agreed to the governance review and also thanked the Clerk for her work and to convey his best wishes for her future.

591/15 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's report had been previously circulated to all Councillors. No matters were raised from the report.

592/15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. DALC – various circulars

2. SDDC – Civic Council meeting 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 6.00pm

*RESOLVED no Cllr will attend the meeting*

3. SDDC – Invitation to attend a meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> April about South Derbyshire Cycling Action Plan and Aviva Women's Tour of Britain which comes through the area on 18<sup>th</sup> June

*RESOLVED no Cllr will attend the meeting.*

4. Derbyshire Constabulary – acknowledging the Parish Council’s concerns about possible drink drivers.

The items of correspondence were received and no actions taken on any item.

593/15 **FINANCE**

a) Accounts for payment

<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Payee &amp; Description</u>	<u>£</u>
1985	DDC – Room hire	278.41
1985-90	April 2016 salaries	596.10
1991	DALC – Subscription 2016/17	729.19

b) To consider any amendments to the Risk Assessments

There were no amendments made to the Risk Assessments

c) To accept the accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

The accounts for the year ending 31.03.16 were previously circulated to all Cllrs.

RESOLVED to accept the accounts for the year ending 31.03.16, without any amendment.

d) To accept the internal auditor’s report for 2015/16

The Clerk reported that the internal auditor had carried out the internal audit on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and he had reported no comments or areas of concern. The written report will be circulated as soon as it arrives.

e) To complete the audit form for the year financial year 2015/16

Each element of the form was read to the meeting and Cllrs collectively responded to each element of the audit form.

594/15 **PLANNING**

Applications

9 2016 0265 – the erection of a porch at 15 Wheatland Close, Stenson Fields

NO OBJECTIONS

9 2016 0257 – the change of use of land for the operation of a plant hire business at Stenson Fields Farmhouse, land to the rear of Stenson Road, Stenson Fields

NO OBJECTIONS

Decisions

9 2015 0958 – The erection of a rear two storey extension at 25 Outram Way, Stenson Fields

GRANTED subject to conditions

595/15 **POLICE ISSUES/ SPEED LIMITS/ ROAD SAFETY**

- a) Cllrs reported incidents of speeding throughout the estate again. A plea for volunteers for the Speedwatch scheme has been placed on the website; to date there have been no responses. Speeding continues to be raised at the Safer Neighbourhood meetings.
- b) Trading Standards have been informed and evidence provided, of a HGV using Swarkestone Causeway.
- c) Anti social behaviour reported on Arleston Lane is being addressed, and the meeting with the residents on 11.04.16 is part way to providing recommendations.
- d) The Parish Council was pleased to note that there are now fewer drug pouches being found and reported.
- e) The SLOW sign painted on Wragley Way appears to have been painted on the wrong side of the road. The Clerk will report this to DCC. **(Action: Clerk).**

- f) Complaints were made about the number of large packs of cyclists, particularly at the weekends and evenings, which are blocking traffic. A discussion took place about the legality of such groups using the roads and of cycle road racing. The Clerk was requested to make enquiries with the police about the law on group cycling and cycle racing. **(Action: Clerk)**

596/15 **SAXONGATE**

There is nothing further to report except that the safety rail on the exit from the balancing pond to Stenson Road is still not in place.

There is a path developing at the top end of the estate near to the railway bridge. Concerns were raised about pedestrian safety, but no action is to be taken.

There is a water leak in the hedge bottom between Grampian Way and the railway bridge on Stenson Road. The Clerk will report this to Severn Trent Water. **(Action: Clerk)**.

It was agreed to propose that the first Developers Liaison meeting be held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016. The Clerk will advise Cllr Shepherd. **(Action: Clerk)**

597/15 **LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**

There are no issues raised.

598/15 **ENVIRONMENT**

- a) Cllr Baker is still looking at possible areas for bulbs to be planted in **(Action: all Parish Cllrs)**
- b) The tarmac on the walkway between Zetland Crescent and Bluebell Close has a deep rut which is a trip hazard. The Clerk will report this to DCC. **(Action: Clerk)**
- c) A bin cleaning company has been seen to be looking for stop cocks to refill their reservoir. Also the cleaning process should be undertaken in situ but this is not happening and concerns were raised about dirty water being placed on the road and down residents' drains.
- d) A record of thanks were made to SDDC for the recent cleaning of the pavements and gullies
- e) The grass cutting has started and the Parish Council has been pleased with the cuts to date.
- f) The Clerk provided a verbal update on the installation of the new play equipment. The bases have been installed and the Clerk will obtain a completion date from the contractor. Details of the scheme have been placed on the website
- g) SDDC has not provided the dates of the Saturday morning civic waste collection. The refuse lorry was recently in the area, but the usage was poor, due to the lack of information provided by SDDC.

599/15 **TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

There was nothing further to report; the Parish Council had earlier in the meeting received an update from Cllr Shepherd.

600/15 **CONSULTATIONS**

- a) DCC – Bus consultation, proposal to withdraw subsidised local bus services  
RESOLVED This does not impact upon this parish and no representations will be made.
- b) SDDC – Draft Sex Establishment Policy  
RESOLVED no comments to be made.

601/15 **PRESS RELEASES**

There were no press releases.

602/15 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Cllr Rodgers report on his recent attendance at the PPG meeting. The group is making

progress and examples were provided of this. The Parish Council will place the PPG Twitter and Facebook links onto the website.

603/15 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 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.”

604/15 **CONFIDENTIAL SECTION**

The Parish Council accepted the Clerk’s resignation, her employment with the Parish Council will end on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Cllr Lisewski thanked the Clerk for her work during her tenure as Clerk and RFO to Stenson Fields Parish Council.

The Parish Council agreed to appoint Justina Nurse as the Locum Clerk and RFO with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016. The Clerk has already provided the Chairman and the Vice Chairman with the Locum Clerk’s contract; the rate of pay is to be agreed between Ms Nurse and the Parish Council.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:05pm.

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