

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>  
OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.15PM AT STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, STENSON FIELDS**

Present: - C Fellows (Chair), R Lisewski, P Richardson, K Rogers, K Butterworth, P Bonnell, I Baker, G Dhillon (from 7:17pm)

In attendance: Mrs J Storer (Clerk), District Cllr D Shepherd (7.31pm to 7.40pm).

Apologies: - Apologies were received from Cllr R Davison (meeting at County Hall) and from Cllr D Shepherd (attendance at a Governors Meeting).

**444/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**445/15 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

No variations were identified.

**446/15 TO GRANT ANY DISPENSATIONS RELATING TO DECLARED INTERESTS**

None granted

**447/15 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17.09.15; as previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**448/15 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) District Councillor

No representation was present and no report was provided.

d) County Councillor

No representation was present and no report was provided.

e) Members declaring an interest

No declarations were made.

**449/15 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.

**450/15 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

No report was provided.

7:17pm Cllr Dhillon arrived.

**451/15 CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's report had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

The report was accepted along with a verbal update from the Clerk regarding the grant application for new play equipment at Fox Close; the necessary paperwork has been

completed and an order can be placed. A discussion took place about the exact location of the new play equipment and any implications it may have for the mowing of the area and the cutting of the hedge.

**RESOLVED: to arrange a meeting with the contractor and SDDC to agree the location of the play equipment so that any maintenance of the public open space is not compromised by the installation of play equipment.**

The Clerk sought clarification as to the ownership of the litter bins on the link paths at Fox Close. These litter bins continuously overflow and requests to SDDC to install larger bins has resulted in SDDC advising that the bins belong to the Parish Council, who in turn can fund the larger bin. With the clarification that the bins are in the ownership of SDDC; the Clerk will contact SDDC requesting that it upgrades the size of its bins to prevent the littering which occurs at this particular area.

452/15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. DALC – various circulars
2. SDDC – Open Spaces consultation (deadline 11<sup>th</sup> October 2015)
3. DCC – Equality Impact Questionnaire (deadline 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015)
4. SDDC – Invitation to the Chair’s Civic Service
5. DCC – Notification of DCC & Parish Council Liaison Forum 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 between 6-8pm
6. SDDC – Sustainability Appraisal Update October 2015 consultation (between 13<sup>th</sup> October and 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015)
7. SDDC – Notification of Grow Wild Spaces Grants

All items of correspondence was noted. No actions are to be taken on any item.

453/15 **FINANCE**

- a) Accounts for payment

<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Payee &amp; Description</u>	<u>£</u>
1935	Cllr Fellows – Chair’s allowance	25.69
1936	Mrs J Storer – Clerk’s expenses	23.59
1937	DCC – Room hire 2014/15	691.83
1938 – 1943	October Salary payments	606.60
1944	Tarmac – Third party contribution For the play equipment	1100.53

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

- c) To receive the financial report for the period to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
The Clerk had previously circulated a financial report on the actual to budget position of the first six months of the year.

**RESOLVED to accept the report and to note the comments raised by in the Clerk’s financial report.**

454/15 **PLANNING**

Applications

No applications have been received.

7:31pm Cllr Shepherd arrived.

RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to enable Cllr Shepherd to address the meeting.  
Cllr Shepherd distributed a written report to those in attendance and provided some

clarification on its contents. He made a suggestion that as there will be major housing developments occurring in the Parish, a Liaison Committee could be established with membership from the Parish Council, the District Council and any developer; this will it is hoped, prevent a repetition of the problems being experienced during the building of Saxongate.

Cllr Shepherd informed the meeting that the boundary review is still in abeyance at SDDC.

7:40pm Cllr Shepherd left the meeting.

The Chair returned to Standing Orders.

**RESOLVED: Cllr Baker and Cllr Bonnell will be part of any Liaison Committee which is established to work with the developers.**

A large rear extension is taking place at 2 Glendon Road but no planning permission can be identified allowing for the works to take place.

**RESOLVED the Clerk will make enquiries with the Planning Dept as to whether permission has been granted and what the conditions are.**

The Clerk reported on her attendance at the SDDC Scrutiny Committee meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015, where burial provisions across the district was discussed. This meeting heard that burial provision is classified as Public Open Space (POS) and whilst previously priorities had been given to recreational POS when significant planning applications were granted, priorities may change in the future to the provision of burial areas.

#### **POLICE ISSUES/ SPEED LIMITS/ ROAD SAFETY**

455/15

- a) Several reports were exchanged of speeding vehicles being sighted around the area.
- b) Cllr Lisewski reported that on a recent walk around the Fox Close area, a number of discarded drug pouches were noted. The lengthsman are to be requested to report any incidents of drugs and associated paraphernalia to the police.
- c) At the last Safer Neighbourhood meeting, Stenson Fields was made a priority for the police to tackle drugs and anti-social behaviour.
- d) A recent article in the Derby Telegraph of speeding vehicles on Stenson Road and the lack of a pedestrian crossing was discussed. In the article a resident made the suggestion that a petition for a pedestrian crossing is started.

Drawings from the developers of the Saxongate development were studied which clearly shows that a pedestrian crossing is to be installed and associated narrative states it is to be funded by the City and County councils. The same markings are shown on the S106 agreement, although the narrative has not been included.

**RESOLVED for the Chair to make contact with this lady; advising that a campaign for a crossing has been underway for a number of years and in the interim the Clerk will send copies of the plans/drawings to Cllrs Shepherd and Davison as a possible means pushing for the installation of a crossing point.**

- e) Cllr Butterworth reported an incident whereby screws have been deliberately forced into car tyres. Any such incidents are to be reported to the police on 101.
- f) At Cllr Shepherd's surgery, mention was again made of establishing a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (NHW). It was noted that historically, attempts to establish a scheme were initially met with enthusiasm but this later ebbs away and the Schemes fold.

**RESOLVED Cllr Bonnell and Cllr Lisewski will attend a meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November to ascertain what is required to restart a NHW scheme in the parish.**

#### **SAXONGATE**

456/15

No further discussions were held.

#### **LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**

457/15

Cllr Lisewski commented that some areas of the parish were looking a little unkempt but acknowledged that there is a large area to maintain with only 2 members of ground staff.

**ENVIRONMENT**

- 458/15 a) The sides of the hedges at Fox Close have been cut, but the height of the hedges have been untouched.  
**RESOLVED the Clerk will make enquiries with SDDC as to when the height of the hedges will be attended to.**
- b) There has been some grassing cutting undertaken around the parish and again the quality of the cut is of concern.  
**RESOLVED to monitor the quality of the grass cutting which is still being undertaken.**
- c) The hedge at Ledbury Chase has not been cut.  
**RESOLVED the Clerk will make enquiries as to when this hedge will be cut**
- d) Fly tipping has occurred on the link path at the back of Ervine Close and Whitton Close.  
**RESOLVED the Clerk will contact the Clean Team to remove the rubbish.**
- e) The up to date leaflet advising of the bin collections has not yet been received.  
**RESOLVED the Clerk will chase SDDC for the leaflet advising of the bin collection.**
- f) **RESOLVED for Cllr Bonnell to put together a funding application under the Growing for Wild Spaces (Min 451/15 (7)).**

**TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGE**

459/15 The Clerk has provided Frank McArdle with details of the names of the small working group from this parish but to date no reply or response has been received. The Clerk has contacted Barrow upon Trent Parish Council; they too have received no information or correspondence.

**CONSULTATIONS**

460/15 No consultations are currently open for consideration.

**PRESS RELEASES**

461/15 No press releases will be made.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

462/15 Cllr Rogers has been invited to attend the local GP’s Patient Participation Group AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Cllrs agreed to his attendance and to receive a report from Cllr Rogers at the next Parish Council meeting.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

463/15 The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at Stenson Fields Primary School at 7.15pm.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:40pm

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