

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18th July 2019 AT 7.15pm AT
STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, STENSON FIELDS**

Present: - Cllrs R Lisewski (Chair) , K Butterworth, K Rogers, GS Dhillon, P Richardson, I Baker and P Bonnell.
In attendance: - DCllr D Shepherd, Steve Hawkrige (lengthsman) and J Irons (clerk).

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1196/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr C Fellows (holiday) and CClr N Atkin: members approved their absences.

1197/19 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1198/19 Members absent the last meeting to sign their Declaration of Office and ROI forms. Cllr Baker signed his Declaration. Cllrs G Singh, Rogers and Butterworth signed their ROIs; Cllr Fellows to sign in the next meeting.

1199/19 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS: None

1200/19 PUBLIC SPEAKING

- a) No residents were in attendance.
- b) One of our lengthsman in attendance, Steve Hawkrige, gave his report at minute 1205/19 (d) below.
- c) Police - No representative from the police was present.

Cllr Neil Atkin's Report.

In his absence CClr Atkin sent a message to say he had nothing to report this month.

DCllr Dave Shepherd's Report.

Cllrs David Shepherd & Lakhvinder Singh, South Derbyshire District Councillors – Stenson Ward. Report to Stenson Fields Parish Council Thursday 18th July 2019.

Matters Raised at Repton Area Forum – June 20th 2019

Safer Neighbourhoods Matters

(Derbyshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Hardyal Dhindsa, was unable to attend the forum due to a previous commitment. The Deputy PPC attended in his place)

- **Burglary** – Why the increase of this crime in Stenson Ward? Due to the increase in reports of burglary in Stenson Fields, Cllrs Shepherd and Singh requested that an item regarding the matter to be placed on the agenda so that residents can recount their experiences and concerns.
- **Cars Broken Into During Hours of Darkness** – A resident asks if there are procedures in place for the police to request part night lighting be reinstated as full night lighting and what level/percentage of crime is deemed acceptable before consideration is given to reinstate full night lighting?

Derbyshire County Council Matters

- **School Safety Plan** – Please see below text of email sent to Derbyshire County Council below
Safe Pedestrian Access to Schools Stenson Ward Residents
South Derbyshire District Councillors Shepherd and Singh request that Derbyshire County Council compile a School Safety Plan to outline safe pedestrian access to local schools in view of the housing developments possible under the South Derbyshire District Council Local Plan – part 1.
Our request is a matter of child safety, with the adoption of the South Derbyshire District Council's Local Plan – part 1 envisaging 2000 homes south of Wragley Way and a further 2000 linked to the Infinity Garden Village project, it is essential for planning to commence. We opposed the Local Plan and Infinity Garden Village as the traffic generated will vastly increase notwithstanding the provision of more roads in the ward. Along with the housing, there will be a need for schools. Stenson Ward councillors naturally support this but there must be a plan for pupils to access education safely. Cllrs Shepherd and Singh request that Derbyshire County Council compile a School Safety Plan to ensure that a safe means of access to schools is planned along with the proposed development. The School Safety Plan should include

children living in the area of South Derbyshire off Primula Way, children wishing to attend a proposed new primary school to the south of the Arleston Lane junction as well as children from the new estate on Stenson Road getting to Stenson Fields Primary Community School. The secondary school provision may require children being bussed so their safety must be considered. Cllrs Shepherd and Singh will ask that Derbyshire County Council compile a plan and discuss it with Stenson Ward Councillors.

No response has been received so the email has been re-sent.

- **Speed of Traffic on Stenson Road** - This is a matter of continued concern, the speed limit on the road is 40 mph and residents ask that a reduction to 30 mph be considered. Prior to the construction of the new estate, the road could be considered as rural but now it should be considered as urban and the limit reduced to 30 mph.

- **New Development on Stenson Road – Priority Road Markings etc.**

This matter was raised at the Repton Area Forum on 23 January 2019 and was again raised by Cllrs Shepherd and Singh . (See below)

“Adoption of the street lights and highways – discussion with residents regarding signage and priority indications needed. Cllr David Shepherd willing to arrange a meeting with Highways Officers. This has been raised by SDDC Stenson Ward councillors, with Derbyshire County Council Highways Department (DCCHD) officers being invited to join Cllrs Shepherd and Singh on site to discuss residents’ concerns. The invitation has been refused. Stenson

Ward Councillors Shepherd and Singh have now been informed by Derbyshire County Council that signage and road markings will not be provided.

- **Overhanging foliage and water across the footway.**

The footway in Holderness Close leading to the footway to the school also regularly flooded; after Cllrs Shepherd and Singh raised the matter several times, they are pleased to report that the problem area had now been resurfaced. Unfortunately, the foliage on the footway is still a problem.

Motion to Meeting of South Derbyshire District Council on 27th June 2019 submitted by Labour Councillor Dr Robert Pearson

This Council notes that humans have caused climate change, the impacts of which are being felt around the world. In order to reduce the chance of runaway global warming and limit the effects of climate breakdown, it is imperative that all countries reduce carbon equivalent (CO2eq) emissions from their current 6.5 tonnes per person per year to less than 2 tonnes as soon as possible.

Councils like South Derbyshire are uniquely placed to lead the world in reducing carbon emissions, for example through:

- Improving the energy efficiency of Council properties
- The use of electric powered vehicles
- Requiring carbon saving measures in its procurement processes
- Prioritising climate adaption measures in planning

This Council believes that local government has a duty to limit the negative impact of climate change, and that it should take a lead on moving South Derbyshire toward carbon neutrality.

This Council pledges to:

- Declare a Climate Emergency
- Make South Derbyshire District Council carbon neutral by 2030
- Call on the UK Government to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible
- Work with partners across the District and region to deliver this goal through all relevant strategies
- Report back to Council within six months with the actions the Council will take to address this emergency

Cllr Pearson’s motion was passed unanimously with minor amendments.

Stenson Fields Community Centre

The Friends of Stenson Fields Community Centre (FoSFCC) Meeting was held Monday 15th July in Stenson Fields Primary Community School. Below are the matters discussed.

- Unfortunately completion of legal matters has delayed the opening of the Community Centre. The initial targeted opening date of Tuesday 23rd July has had to be delayed and the opening could now be delayed until September. However, the Active South Derbyshire Adventure Mobile will still visit the open space adjacent to the Community Centre between 2- 4pm on that date and there will also be an opportunity to meet representatives of FoSFCC.

- The latest draft of the Memorandum of Understanding and the proposed Charity Commission's model Charitable Incorporated Organisation document were discussed.
- The Chair, Vice Chair and Finance officers of the FoSFCC were elected.
- The South Derbyshire Council for Voluntary Services (CVS) appointed by South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) to coordinate the process agreed to convene meetings with the NHS and two local volunteers who have expressed an interest in running a youth club in the Stenson Fields Community Centre.
- Anyone interested in hiring the centre when it opens can contact joanne.abbassi@southderbyshire.gov.uk for details.
- The Stenson Fields Community Centre Facebook page is now live, residents will be kept informed of progress by this means.
- Further volunteers to serve on the FoSFCC would be welcome, please email Ms Cathy Miles on cathym@sdcvcs.org.uk.

Travellers on the Open Space North of Glenmore Drive

Within moments of the caravan appearing on the open space behind Glenmore Drive and Witton Court, residents were contacting Cllrs Shepherd and Singh. The South Derbyshire District Council's emergency number was phoned but the matter could only be dealt with during office hours. The SDDC Enforcement Officer was contacted and steps were taken to remove the travellers. Your councillors visited the travellers on Saturday 13th July to speak to the travellers. They were assured that the stay would be short and the travellers did vacate the site on the following Monday. South Derbyshire has a number of traveller sites so it is disappointing when sites are illegally occupied. Your councillors have asked that the access to the site be made safe and have asked to be involved in any decision. The metal bollard on the footway parallel to Stenson Road does not offer sufficient security. Your councillors have asked to be consulted regarding steps to prevent further occupation.

Survey of Bollards

In the past cars have been observed driving over public open spaces. This is unacceptable and Stenson Ward councillors requested that bollards be installed to prevent this anti-social behaviour. Unfortunately, some of the bollards have rotted so your councillors have asked South Derbyshire District Council to undertake a survey to ensure that the integrity of our grassed areas is maintained. There is also an area south of Wragley Way which has caused residents some concern as cars are beginning to be parked there, your councillors have requested South Derbyshire District Council to protect the open space with bollards.

Complaints Regarding Speeding Vehicles on Wragley Way and Grampian Way

Residents raised the matter with Stenson Ward councillors who contacted Crest (*Casualty Reduction Enforcement Support Team*) Enforcement Supervisor. There are police van sites at both Wragley Way and Grampian Way. Both roads are police motorbike sites, a new motorbike officer is being trained so both sites should be covered soon! Unfortunately, there is very little resource to enable our area to be visited very often. Derbyshire has only three vans, one motorbike and four and a half officers to cover the entire county.

Stenson Road Development Matters

Below is a list of problems raised by residents and taken up by Stenson Ward councillors.

- The bins are proving to be problematic. Not being emptied.
Dog bins emptying is contracted to SDDC. General waste bins near the play area are too small. New 110 litre bins will replace the smaller ones and should be available in August. The contractors will be emptying these bins weekly.
- Park grass overgrown with weeds.
An action plan to rectify the matter is proposed.
- There is a lack of upkeep of the area around the pumping station and other green areas.
The area is to be improved and is in the action plan.
- Fence – railway line side failing and broken at few points.
Liaison with Network Rail done, repair work on the fences should start this month.
- Fence – Stenson Road failing down.
To be investigated.
- No marking from side roads onto main road on estate.
The response from Derbyshire County Council is that road markings and signage is not needed.
- The footway around the estate often has water on the surface making it hard to walk in wet weather.
An action plan to rectify the matter is proposed.

A Liaison meeting between Stenson Ward councillors and Miller Homes, Barratt Homes and Taylor Wimpey is proposed for September when it is hoped that the problems will have been resolved.

After many requests by your councillors, we have at last been supplied with a draft copy of the Landscape Management Plan prepared by the landscape consultants. Your councillors hope that the number of complaints from residents regarding maintenance matters may be dealt with quicker once the plan is adopted.

Cllr Rogers asked 2 questions. First when will the hedge on the railway bridge be trimmed; DCllr Shepherd feared this may have to wait until the bird-nesting season is over in October as is the case with all hedges. Second, do extensions and the building of rooms within properties deem them liable to an increased Council Tax charge? DCllr Shepherd sympathises but thought not. In addition an increase in tax to one house may leave other houses in the same street equally liable to an increase.

The chairman thanked the district councillor for his report and DCllr Shepherd left at 7.55pm.

1201/19 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16TH MAY AND THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13TH June 2019.** These were approved and accepted as a true record after which they were signed by the chairman.

1202/19 **TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY TO BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED - None.**

1203/19 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

In his absence the chairman had nothing to report. The vice-chairman announced that the next IGV meeting will be held in September.

1204/19 **CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Clerk asked whether weeds in gutters around the area had been sprayed by SDDC; members thought about half of them had.

2. Clerk asked SDDC for reimbursement of the cost of replacement parts on play equipment Fox Close. He sent SDDC copies of the receipts and invoices allowing district to consider part or all of the reimbursement. In addition SDDC confirmed that its insurance team did not appear to have Pilgrims Way/Fox Close on their list of inspections. They have now added it to the list and instructed Zurich to carry out an inspection.

1205/19 **Matters for Decision or Discussion:**

a) Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety. Clerk asked CREST this day to ensure that their speed check along Grampian Way should be from Stenson Rd to ASDA and not ASDA to Sinfin Lane where speeding is not such an issue. Its reply said: *'You are correct, we are due to enforce on Grampian Way, Sinfin. We have two enforcement sites at this location and are limited as to where we can check. However I have altered the working locations so that we can also visit the location that you prefer'*.

Cllr Lisewski raised the matter of a lack of police presence and cited that a parish councillor wished to explore the possibility of the parish council employing a private security firm to patrol Stenson Fields. However members deem this unviable and consider that the police would visit less often if such a firm were employed. A debate ensued over the efficacy of the police's patrolling of the area; Cllr Lisewski rues the fact that no improvement or increase of its presence has occurred even after having been constantly raised at SNMs. There has been an exception over the past few days as a result of a rape that took place near Stenson Road last weekend. The police reported that *'the girl was attacked on a footpath that runs along Stenson Road from the direction of Grampian Way on Saturday, July 13, between 4am and 5.30am. The attack took place on a grassy area shortly before the traffic light controlled railway bridge'*.

Unfortunately we await a replacement for PCSO Harriet Dunn who has left her duties here; she was most diligent in her role and is now sorely missed. However a new PCSO should be appointed in November.

Clerk to write to the inspector of the police Mercia region highlighting our concerns.

b) Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road.

1. Noticeboard at the Community Centre: SDDC's reply was:

- *Location – until I have all the paperwork for the site and am able to undertake a full assessment of the utilities and any cabling that crosses the site I am unable to ascertain where the noticeboard will be located.*

We may also have to assess whether a wall mounted noticeboard has to be used rather than a free standing one.

- *Style – as mentioned previously our usual supplier has/is ceasing operations therefore an alternative supplier needs to be identified. Due to this I cannot be certain of the exact style that will be delivered.*
- *Size – I am anticipating on installing a noticeboard approximately 1200mm x 1060mm, equivalent to 15 A4 size pages (this is the size that has been installed at a previous site)*
- *Installation date – due to having to source new suppliers an installation date cannot be given. Priority at the moment is being given to ensuring the building can fitted out and be operational as soon as possible once we have possession of the keys.*

2. SDDC wrote: **Site of Summer Play Scheme** - *The community centre in the new estate will now not be opening on July 23. It is now proposed that the opening may be in September, but we have not been officially informed. As the session has been advertised in the poster as being at the Community Centre site I have been informed that partners from CVS and the Community Centre Committee will be attending to talk to local residents about the centre and carry out consultation on what residents would like to see it used for. I therefore think it would be beneficial to keep this session at the alternative site.*

3. Clerk spoke to Ian Hey at district council who says that a partnership between us, district and CVS is being considered with funds being available from the 'Awards for All' part of the Heritage Lottery Fund. It is designed to help small local groups to launch their pilot projects; these groups could then meet at and use the centre. Applications of a grant for up to £10k are possible; Ian thought £2.5 – 3k is preferable to see how it progresses. This amount could be split between c6-10 groups (mother & toddler etc). Hiring of rooms/ equipment by the group is covered from this grant fund initially after which they fund themselves. If we are in favour and would consider this idea Ian (and Cathy from CVS) would come and meet several/ all of us at a council meeting (or outside of one if necessary). A grant application and financial assessment from us is required in the early stages after which each group should be able to stand alone. **Resolved:** members to consider once the centre is open.

4. SDDC is assessing schedules for the building and will revert with possible dates for room rental; hiring of rooms was mentioned in DCllr Shepherd's report above. **Resolved:** Council will consider the viability of holding some or all of its parish meetings there once the centre is open, it is too early to assess at this stage.

c) Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins etc).

The issue of the travellers on the open space behind Glenmore Drive and Witton Court, and a survey of bollards which should help prevent this practice, was covered in Cllrs Shepherd's report above. Also SDDC reported that litter/ dog bins on the land off Glenmore Drive/Witton Court could not be emptied due to the behaviour of abusive travellers. They had removed some of the wooden bollards to gain access. The safer neighbourhood team was informed.

Clerk reminded members that he has asked SDDC to replace a dead tree at Glendon Road/ Glencroft Drive. It replied saying *'The trees were planted by DCC as they had capital project money to spend. Notwithstanding this, I will discuss replacing any dead trees with my line managers and let you know what SDDC are prepared to do'*.

Clerk also asked for a dead tree on the Zetland Crescent Open space, near to Zetland Crescent to be removed.

Cllr Richardson noted that a water leak had appeared on Stenson Road, opposite Chartley Way. The chairman asked that both he and DCllr Shepherd kindly report this on the STW website. Cllr Baker noticed ruts in the grass on Zetland Crescent where a van continually parks.

d) Lengthsmen Scheme: Steve Hawkrige commented on the following:

Tarmac on the footway at Holderness Drive is broken; DCllr Shepherd to investigate (although he alluded to it in his report above).

Hedge on Tregony Way near the 5-a-side pitches needs cutting; DCllr will report although it is probably constrained by the bird-nesting season which ends in October as mentioned above.

Steve received posters from SDDC urging owners to clean dog waste. Both he and Jane regularly spray areas of dog waste with a can of yellow paint to make it more noticeable which is proving highly productive and well received by

residents. Steve was also happy to say that we now have 3 district council dog wardens patrolling the area who target errant owners not tidying the mess.

Lots of broken glass lies around Fox Close some of which derives from the pub. Steve has asked the landlord whether he would consider providing plastic containers instead of glasses although apparently the cost is prohibitive. He also asked the pub to collect empty glasses at the end of the night. Clerk to write formally with these requests.

A few days ago Steve noticed that matting at Ledbury Chase/ Goathland Road open space was ripped although this since been repaired.

Steve asked the clerk to request of Biffa that it empties both our and the school's waste bins during the school summer break.

The chairman thanked both Steve & Jane for their continued dedication to their litter-picking service.

e) Councillors' details on the website. One member requested that his email address be removed from the site due to receiving incessant scam emails which the clerk has done. **Resolved:** Clerk to remove the remaining members' email addresses.

f) Playground inspection course. Clerk announced that a DALC course will be held on 24th July.

g) Pedestrian crossing and speed reduction measures: covered in DCllr Shepherd's report above.

h) Budget review. Clerk presented updated budget figures containing audited figures for last year (2018/19) which members **approved**.

1206/19 PLANNING

Applications:

To consider planning applications:-

9/2019/0623 - THE ERECTION OF A GROUND FLOOR EXTENSION AT 50 EGGESFORD ROAD STENSON FIELDS.

Resolved: no objection.

9/2019/0751 - ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AT 20 IRVINE CLOSE STENSON FIELDS. **Resolved:** no objection.

Regulation 25 Consultation: Land between Deep Dale Lane and Infinity Park Way, CD9/0319/110. Clerk received an email from DCC earlier this day DCC confirming that the documents data can be downloaded until 15, Aug 2019.

After the expiration date has exceeded the data will be deleted automatically from the server.

Resolved: clerk to ask for an extension to the deadline for comments until end-September.

The original application states: DEMOLITION OF ASHLEA FARM AND RELATED BUILDINGS OFF DEEP DALE LANE AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW ALL MOVEMENT JUNCTION ON THE A50 AND CONNECTING LINK ROAD TO INFINITY PARK WAY, WITH ASSOCIATED WORKS INCLUDING: STREET LIGHTING COLUMNS, FOOTWAYS/CYCLEWAYS, CONSTRUCTION OF EARTH MOUNDS, FLOOD COMPENSATION AREAS, ACOUSTIC FENCING AND LANDSCAPING. Land between Deep Dale Lane and Infinity Park Way, Sinfin, Derby.

Decisions.

9/2019/0404 - THE ERECTION OF AN EXTENSION AND THE DEMOLITION OF EXISTING GARAGE AT 60 GLENMORE DRIVE STENSON FIELDS. Householder Permission Granted.

9/2019/0501 - THE ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY OUTBUILDING AT 30 GLENDON ROAD. Householder Permission Granted.

1207/19 FINANCE

a) Accounts for payment as follows were approved and signed:

Cheque No	Payee	Total £
002257	J Irons – Clerk's salary 4 weeks to 7 th June	603.24
002257	J Irons - clerk expenses (see attached sheet) April - May	36.20
002258	J Hawkrige - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 3 rd June	213.46
002259	S Hawkrige - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 3 rd June	213.46
002260	HMRC –employee's tax & NI in June	128.20

