

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 AT 7.15pm AT  
STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, STENSON FIELDS**

Present: - Cllrs C Fellows (Chair), K Butterworth, P Richardson and I Baker.

In attendance: - DCllrs D Shepherd & Lakhvinder Singh, CClr N Atkin, Steve Hawkridge (lengthsman) and J Irons (clerk).

**PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**1227/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllrs R Lisewski (holiday), GS Dhillon (holiday), P Bonnell (work commitment): members approved their absences.

1228/19 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:** None

1229/19 **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:** None

**1230/19 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

- a) No residents were in attendance.
- b) One of our lengthsman in attendance, Steve Hawkridge, gave his report at minute 1235/19 (c) below.
- c) Police – none were present

**CClr Neil Atkin's Report.**

1. Two vehicles hit an oil sump on canal bridge at Stenson recently which CClr Atkin reported to Highways. However it is a matter for the C&RT; some subsidence has also occurred.

2. Certain sections of Stenson Road will be closed from 11<sup>th</sup> November to the end-December by STW for repairs to pipes. The Grampian Way island is already affected and involves traffic lights while works will continue down to Wragley Way (with more lights here). STW advise that: *the final part is from 11<sup>th</sup> November to Christmas further down Stenson Road, past the A 50 flyover finishing at the bridge near the Stenson Bubble. The road here will be closed but work will be from one end of Stenson OR the other but not both at the same time. Residents will be consulted before the work starts*.

CClr Atkin added that there will be no access to Arleston Lane.

**DCllrs Dave Shepherd's and Lakhvinder Singh's Report.**

South Derbyshire District Councillors' Report to Stenson Fields Parish Council Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

**Meeting with Tree Officer**

Meeting between Stenson Ward, South Derbyshire District Councillor, David Shepherd and South Derbyshire District Council Tree Officer, Mr Martin Buckley in South Derbyshire District Council, Civic Offices, Swadlincote on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

Cllr Shepherd opened the meeting by outlining the tree problems raised to Cllr Singh and him. The following trees were discussed:

- The tree adjacent to 24 Goathland Road – tree overhanging the property, request to pollard, crown reduction or cutback to reduce the foliage.
- The tree adjacent to 1 Nevis Close – the tree has grown beyond what is reasonable for a tree in close proximity to a dwelling – the tree belongs to Derbyshire County Council who will be contacted and asked to fell the tree.
- Replacement tree requested by the resident of whose property faces onto Wragley Way to replace one of the trees felled after unauthorised cutting of South Derbyshire District Council trees.
- Two trees in the Goathland Road open space – request by two residents for trees adjacent to their property to be inspected with a view to felling.

- Tree on the west side of Kirkland Way – this is a self-setter and is in land in the ownership of Derbyshire County Council. - the tree belongs to Derbyshire County Council who will be contacted and asked to fell the tree.
- Derwent Drive – resident concerned by tree adjacent to his property – request for South Derbyshire District Council to investigate.
- Trees at the eastern end of Wragley Way (to the west of the junction of Wragley Way and Beaufort Road).
- Maintenance Concerns – Foxtail Close, Buckthorn Close and Earls Drive. Emails from residents outlining their concerns – lack of verge maintenance, Grass not cut since spring, bushes bare or dead, improvement to the grassed area and planting required.

Cllr Shepherd and SDDC Tree Officer discussed the new tree policy being prepared by officers which will be presented to the Environment and Development Services Committee for members' approval.

Mr Buckley reported that Derbyshire County Council had requested South Derbyshire District Council to consider allocating Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) on County Council trees within Stenson Fields. The reason being that unauthorised tree work on their trees as only the District Council can request TPOs. Note: a TPO takes six months before it becomes permanent, a decision which is taken by councillors. If anyone objects to a TPO, a councillor may be requested to take the objection to council when the TPO is confirmed. This could make the TPO application fail.

### **Meeting with Developers – New Estate Stenson Road**

The meeting was held in Stenson Fields Community Centre Chartley Road Stenson Fields Derby DE24 3BT at 10am on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019. In attendance, South Derbyshire District Council - Stenson Ward Cllr David Shepherd, two representatives of the consortium (Barratt Homes, Miller Homes and Taylor Wimpey), South Derbyshire District Council's Enforcement Officer. The meeting commenced with a review of the agreed actions from the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018.

The matters raised by residents were then discussed:

- The path around the estate is frequently covered with water after rainfall.
- Grass cutting – more frequent cuts required.
- Play Area requires a fence and the rubble sticking out of the soil needs to be resolved.
- Stenson Road Hedges need cutting regularly.
- Grass in Lupin Close not being cut.
- Trees in Larkspur Close breaking away from posts.
- Boundary dispute – resident says his responsibility ends at the concrete edging, contractors say that he should mow beyond it.
- Request for a tree to be planted on the open space adjacent to the Stenson Fields Community Centre in memory of a young boy who passed away.
- Railway Fence needs constant maintenance to ensure that children do not encroach on the line.
- Maintenance Concerns – Foxtail Close, Buckthorn Close and Earls Drive. Emails from residents outlining their concerns – lack of verge maintenance, Grass not cut since spring, bushes bare or dead, improvement to the grassed area and planting required.

Councillors Singh and Shepherd will ensure that the developers take up the residents' concerns.

### **Travellers on the Open Space to the North of Glenmore Drive**

Residents will recall the occupation of the open space north of Glenmore Drive which is an annual event despite the lockable metal bollard on the footway to the east of the hedge on Stenson Road. In view of residents' concerns your councillors met with officers of South Derbyshire District Council to agree a solution. After a site visit, it was agreed that the bollard is not preventing access. Your councillors suggested a metal gate or a height restrictor. We are pleased to report that South Derbyshire's Cultural Services Manager wrote to Stenson Ward councillors to inform us that "we will be securing a firm quotation for the height restrictor and intend to go ahead with installation".

### **Rotten Bollards on Glenmore Drive and throughout Stenson Fields**

As reported, councillors Singh and Shepherd had a site meeting to review the state of bollards within Stenson Fields. South Derbyshire District Council are requesting firm quotations for full replacement of bollards with wooden, metal and concrete options and then instruct based on price and aesthetics.

### **Planning – Application South of Wragley Way**

DMPA/2019/1091 - Outline application (all matters to be reserved) for the erection of up to 51,100sqm of employment floorspace (use classes B1, B2 & B8) along with related road links, surface water drainage infrastructure, landscaping, earthworks, ancillary supporting infrastructure and the demolition of Ashlea Farm and associated buildings at Site Location: Infinity Garden Village, Land east of Deep Dale Lane, Stenson Fields.

**DMPA/2019/1097** - Outline application (all matters reserved except for access in part) for up to 1,850 dwellings, a two-form-entry primary school, a local centre (including community hall, retail & other local services & facilities), public house, drive-through restaurant, petrol filling station, strategic highway infrastructure (including new junction with the A50), along with associated road links, public open space including children's play provision, surface water drainage infrastructure, landscaping, earthworks, ancillary supporting infrastructure and the demolition of buildings associated with Ashlea Farm at Infinity Garden Village, Land South of Wragley Way (and around Stenson Road, Arleston Lane and Deep Dale Lane), Stenson Fields.

You will see from the details of outline application DMPA/2019/1097 that 1,850 dwellings, a two-form-entry primary school, a local centre including community hall, retail & other local services & facilities, petrol filling station etc. **YOU WILL NOTE THAT THERE IS NO MENTION OF A MEDICAL CENTRE. SUCH A FACILITY IS DESPARATELY NEEDED NOW, LET ALONE WHEN THERE ARE 2000 HOUSES SOUTH OF WRAGLEY WAY. (DON'T FORGET THAT THE HOUSES ALREADY BUILT SOUTH OF WRAGLEY WAY ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE 1,850 DWELLINGS!**

Councillor David Shepherd has been on the SDDC Planning Committee for 25 years and requested that provision be made for a medical centre on the site. THIS HAS NOT BEEN DONE! Cllr Shepherd has responded to the consultation requesting that provision for a medical centre be made on the site. Residents are urged to make their comments, search on South Derbyshire District Council's website and make their comments.

### **Infinity Garden Village Working Group**

The next IGV meeting will be held at the Community Centre at 10:00 on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

### **South Derbys District Council - Stenson Ward Councillors' Advice Surgery**

The next Councillors Advice Surgery will be held in Stenson Fields Primary Community School 10:30- 11:30am on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

*Cllrs David Shepherd & Lakhvinder Singh South Derbyshire District Councillors – Stenson Ward*

The chairman thanked the county & district councillors for their reports.

1231/19 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> September 2019.** These were approved and accepted as a true record after which they were signed by the chairman.

1232/19 **TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY TO BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED - None.**

1233/19 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

The chairman announced that he had not attended any recent meetings although will be at the IGV meeting next Wednesday at the Community Centre.

1234/19 **CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Residents have complained about roaming dogs and their waste on Goathland Park. After complaining to SDDC the clerk received the following response:

'this park doesn't appear within our Public Spaces Protection Orders which set out all the parks and open spaces in South Derbyshire where dogs are either prohibited or required to be kept on a lead. In other words the only legal control on dogs in the park is that owners must pick up after their dog has fouled. I asked one of my officers to visit the park to have a look at the sign which you referred to (copy attached). I have no idea who within South Derbyshire District Council put the sign up or when it was put up, but none of the prohibited activities along the bottom of the sign are covered by any form of legal order and therefore I can only assume that the intention of the sign was to discourage people from bringing alcohol, glass, dogs, etc. onto the park, rather than informing them of any legal duty'.

Members **agreed** that the clerk should contact the Environment Officer to ask if the signage can be made enforceable.

2. HMRC's correspondence has been delivered to the previous clerk. Its latest phone call and letter have issued a demand for unpaid tax (£1000). Clerk has written to HMRC on 3 occasions explaining that it has not presented several cheques that paid these amounts. Clerk to investigate the amount of the claim.
3. SDDC will hold a half-term Sports Mobile session at Fox Close on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October from 1-3pm.

#### 1235/19 **Matters for Decision or Discussion:**

a) Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety. 6 volunteers have come forward to undertake a Speed-Watch scheme; clerk to arrange their training with the police.

The B5023 at Duffield (between the junction with the A6 and just beyond the junction with Wirksworth Road ) had its allowable speed limit reduced from 40mph to 30 mph recently; clerk enquired with Highways over the criteria for this reduction (in an effort to enforce it on Stenson Road). Highways replied with: *However, I would wish to take this opportunity to say that prior to the change being made we carried out a survey to identify the 85th percentile speed along The Broadway whilst it was still a 40mph posted speed limit and then repeated the survey after the 30mph speed limit had been introduced for a few months. I would say that the change in the majority of motorists using the road has been minimal in terms of the 85th percentile speed of vehicles travelling along it being reduced.*

Clerk to request more information in order to implement such a speed reduction.

Cllr Butterworth notes that CREST has been present on Sinfin Lane which is unwarranted because traffic lights are in place hence slowing down speeding drivers. He believes that enforcement should be targeted at Grampian Way, Arlestone Lane, Stenson Road and Wragley Way. **Resolved:** clerk to ask CREST.

b) Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road. Nothing further.

c) Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins etc) including Public Spaces Protection Order at Lowes Lane. Members had no further comment over the PSPO.

New 90-litre waste bins will be ordered to replace the small bins at both Grampian Way & Wragley Way bus-stops (Grampian Way at the stop itself and the other at the junction of Wragley Way and Quantock Close).

Our lengthsman Steve Hawkrige noted the following:

- The Grampian Way notice board has been painted and Jane is currently painting the wood on the Pilgrim's Way board;
- Jane and Steve continue to spray dog waste on pavements (especially on Wragley Way) with marker paint to raise visibility;
- Steve had created a poster for the notice boards drawing attention to upcoming council meetings to which members **agreed**;
- He and Jane attended the crime prevention event at the Community Centre on 14<sup>th</sup> October although turnout of residents was poor;
- The damaged notice board behind the school at Holderness Drive needs a new door and pin-board. Clerk obtained a quote for its repair to which members **agreed**. The clerk received 2 phone calls from concerned residents who witnessed 4 youths causing some of the damage. Steve reported this damage to the police a couple of weeks ago and obtained a crime number.
- Members **agreed** to buy a bespoke street-cart to help with the lengthsman's collection of waste.

d) Lengthsman Scheme: Steve Hawkrige commented above. The chairman thanked both Steve & Jane for their continued dedication to their waste collection duties and to Steve for his reports in meetings.

e) Suggestions over upgrading/ painting the Ledbury Chase play equipment/ area (if any). **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting. Chairman to ask the school of its views on hedge trimming, upgrading equipment etc. while clerk awaits residents' preferences over such improvements

f) Pedestrian crossing and speed reduction measures: covered earlier.

#### 1236/19 **PLANNING**

##### **Applications:**

To consider planning applications:-

DMPA/2019/1091 - Outline application (all matters to be reserved) for the erection of up to 51,100sqm of employment floorspace (use classes B1, B2 & B8) along with related road links, surface water drainage infrastructure, landscaping, earthworks, ancillary supporting infrastructure and the demolition of Ashlea Farm and associated buildings at Site Location: Infinity Garden Village, Land east of Deep Dale Lane, Stenson Fields.

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- Although discussed earlier at minute 1230/19 the chairman will note any outcomes over the above 2 applications from the IGV meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> October. He will subsequently inform the clerk of any comments/objections that he feels ought to be submitted.
- Clerk reported building work being carried out at 17 Glencroft Drive without an application having been submitted. No reply from SDDC so will ask again.

1237/19 **FINANCE**

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

<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Total £</b>
002276	J Irons – Clerk’s salary 4 weeks to 27 <sup>th</sup> September	603.24
002276	J Irons - clerk expenses (see attached sheet) Sept - October	105.12
002277	J Hawkridge - Lengthsman pay 3 weeks to 20 <sup>th</sup> September	227.83
002278	S Hawkridge - Lengthsman pay 3 weeks to 20 <sup>th</sup> September	216.91
002279	HMRC –employee’s tax & NI in August – September	64.10
002280	DCC – clerk’s pension return to 25 <sup>th</sup> October	159.08
002281	DCC – to replace cancelled cheque number 002266	477.24
002282	SDDC – sports mobile provision July & August	1728.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3581.52</b>

(b) **Income** – bank interest on 30<sup>th</sup> August £8.88

(c) **Bank balances as at 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019**      **£ 16284.20 (current account);**  
**£ 5585.36 (reserve account).**

1238/19 **TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

None as Cllr Rogers was not in attendance.

1239/19 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION** Clerk circulated 4 items of interest.

1240/19 **Agenda items for the next meeting.**

- Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety (including Speed-Watch training);
- Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road;
- Lengthsmen Scheme;
- Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins, etc);
- Suggestions over upgrading/ painting the Ledbury Chase play equipment/ area (if any).

1241/19 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019, commencing at 7.15pm in the Stenson Fields Primary School.

The Chairman thanked attendees for their input and closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

Signed.....C Fellows (Chairman)

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