

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 AT 7.15pm AT STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, STENSON FIELDS**

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

**PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**1242/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr GS Dhillon (family engagement); members approved his absence.

**1243/19 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:** members agreed to accept DCllr Shepherd's report when he arrived.

**1244/19 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:** None

**1245/19 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

- a) No residents were in attendance.
- b) One of our lengthsman in attendance, Steve Hawkridge, gave his report at minute 1251/19 (d) below.
- c) Police – none were present

**1246/19 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> October 2019.** These were approved and accepted as a true record after which they were signed by the chairman.

**1247/19 TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY TO BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED - None.**

**1248/19 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

The chairman and vice-chairman attended the IGV meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> October (see more below).

**1249/19 CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Reply from HMRC: council now owe a reduced amount of £615.20 although some alleged underpayments remain outstanding. Clerk has spoken and written to HMRC twice and awaits its further reply.
2. Chairman's allowance to be paid next month on a yearly basis.
3. Laptop screen problems. Clerk to collect a screen monitor from the chairman next week for connection to the laptop.

**1250/19 Cllr Shepherd arrived at 7.40pm to give his report.**

At the Repton Area Forum on 7<sup>th</sup> November DCllr Shepherd highlighted that the recent repairs by Severn Trent on Stenson Road caused chaos for traffic movement. Once the temporary lights stopped operating DCllr Shepherd told ST; however Cllr Richardson noted that the lights were replaced and these operate correctly.

No update on a pedestrian crossing on Stenson Road.

The rotten bollards on Glenmore Drive and throughout Stenson Fields will be replaced soon with either timber or concrete ones; the work is out to tender presently.

DCllr Shepherd and a district council officer visited the site at Witton Court where travellers had left a mess. They discussed the possibility of installing a gate with bolt to prevent access.

He attended the meeting held in the Community Centre (now officially open) with Developers of the New Estate, Stenson Road on Wednesday 9th October 2019 . DCllr Shepherd noted that Cllrs Fellows & Lisewski had not been invited (of which the secretary of the meeting was aware).

Agreed actions to be undertaken include:

- Paths around the estate frequently covered with rainwater will be addressed;

- increased number of grass cuts to be carried out. Unfortunately plants and shrubs have been cut in previous grass cutting procedures. A new contractor (Premier Estates) will soon adopt the role, a schedule of the work is forthcoming;
- Hedges need cutting regularly;
- Some residents wish to buy land outside of their houses;
- Better street- lighting requested by residents at Larkspur Close, Earls Drive and Meredale Way. DCllr Shepherd will write to residents generally to glean their views over poor lighting; the number of lights seems inadequate. Faults can be reported on the DCC website, the street-light number is required when reporting.
- maintenance and repair of potholes is desperately needed on roads with resurfacing preferred, especially at Beaufort Road/ Wragley Way which DCllr Shepherd has reported 4 times. Cllr Baker also reported it and confirmed that the repair has been authorised. Cllr Rogers added that Deepdale Lane flooded badly recently and has a deep ditch which is unprotected i.e.no fencing. DCllr Shepherd will investigate.

Councillor Shepherd is disappointed that it has taken 3 years to have answers to questions and new contractors put in place. Steve Hawkridge commented that the pavement near the A50 bridge is broken and has fell away at the sides; DCllr Shepherd will investigate.

The Infinity Garden Village Working Group meeting was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October and included discussion between SDDC and the City Council regarding the Masterplan for the project which DCllr Shepherd believes does not fit the criteria of a garden village. The outline application for 1,850 dwellings was raised where once again DCllr Shepherd rued the lack of a medical centre. The CCG has been invited to the next meeting to address.

Leaflets explaining South Derbyshire District Council's Christmas bin collection will be distributed around the area soon. The chairman thanked the district councillor for his report and DCllr Shepherd left at 8.25pm.

#### 1251/19 **Matters for Decision or Discussion:**

a) Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety. **Resolved:** clerk to ask the police for a suitable date on which members can undertake a Speed-Watch scheme training session.

Cllr Lisewski was dismayed to see 2 cars parked on the Grampian Way roundabout recently which he reported to the clerk. The clerk then informed the police after 2 failed online attempts and a failed call to the 101 number. Cllr Lisewski also noticed scrap vans in the area which he reported on the 101 line. He rues that this number is often ineffective, gangs roam our estates at will, and speeding cars are an incessant nuisance. A BMW car was recently stolen from Tregony Way. **Resolved:** clerk to complain to the police inspector over the short shrift this area suffers in patrolling and crime enforcement; and to CREST to raise awareness of speeding. Most of their speed prevention measures are undertaken in the City and not Grampian Way where the problem is rife. Clerk to draft a poster for the notice boards displaying police phone and online contact details. Members believe that many crimes go unreported and the poster may help encourage this.

Also, clerk to again ask Highways whether it will introduce measures on Stenson Road to reduce traffic speed (especially near the Community Centre which involves pedestrians crossing the road more frequently).

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

c) Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins etc). Complaint about roaming dogs and their waste on Goathland Park: SDDC's latest response reads:

*'The intervention relating to the individuals concerned would be to look at the possibility of serving them with a Community Protection Warning under Anti-social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014. It's a fairly recently introduced and very wide ranging power which helps us tackle anti-social behaviour in a way which progressively escalates the intervention.*

*The only way to make the signs enforceable would be to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order. We've introduced seven PSPOs in South Derbyshire to deal with various problems, however creating the Order is a long process, requires good evidence to justify its introduction and can be appealed by anyone to the High Court. Based on the complaint I don't believe that there is an adequate evidence base to justify the blanket ban which the PSPO imposes. That's why I suggested that we could look at an intervention which is based on dealing with the individual'.*

**Resolved:** clerk to ask SDDC to pursue both a PSPO and intervention to address errant dog owners.

As no reply was received over the replacement of a dead tree at the Glencroft Drive end of Glendon Road members **agreed** that it may be useful for the clerk to create a pending list of unresolved matters.

d) Lengthsmen Scheme. Steve Hawkridge noted the following:

- The new street refuse cart is welcome and provides Steve with extra space for waste;
- The damaged notice board behind the school at Holderness Drive has been repaired
- Toilet roll was strewn around Pilgrims Park and parcels had been dumped. Steve reported this to the police on 6<sup>th</sup> November and obtained a crime number. The boxes were collected by an officer from Peartree however he awaits a visit from another officer who will take a statement.
- Part of the hedge overhanging the pavement at the Bubble Inn was cut and to good effect. However the rest of it needs cutting. Steve will ask DCllr Shepherd to pursue.

The chairman thanked both Steve & Jane for their waste collection duties and to Steve for his reports.

e) Suggestions over upgrading/ painting the Ledbury Chase play equipment/ area (if any). **Resolved:** nothing further.

f) Pedestrian crossing and speed reduction measures and uptake of the Speed Watch campaign; covered earlier.

g) To consider the tax technician's payroll services fees for next year. **Resolved:** to accept the fee increase and continue with her services.

h) Budget review. Clerk had circulated an updated budget for the present year (2019/20) which he explained tonight. The forecast for 2020/21 will be considered in an upcoming finance meeting.

#### 1252/19 PLANNING

##### Applications:

DMPN/2019/1214 -Certificate of Lawfulness for the use of existing garage for domestic storage at 21 Outram Way, Stenson Fields. **Resolved:** no objection.

#### 1253/19 FINANCE

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

Cheque No	Payee	Total £
002283	J Irons – Clerk's salary 4 weeks to 25 <sup>th</sup> October	603.24
002283	J Irons – clerk's expenses (see attached sheet) October - November	36.20
002284	J Hawkridge - Lengthsman pay 3 weeks to 16 <sup>th</sup> October	210.07
002285	S Hawkridge - Lengthsman pay 3 weeks to 16 <sup>th</sup> October	186.98
002286	HMRC –employee's tax & NI in October - November	64.10
002287	DCC – clerk's pension return to 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	159.08
002288	Glasdon – Refuse street-cart for lengthsman	879.38
002289	Robert Lewis Signs – repair to Holderness Close noticeboard	252.00
002290	HMRC – unrepresented cheques owing for years 17/18 & 18/19	615.20
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3006.25</b>

(b) **Income** – bank interest on 30<sup>th</sup> September £8.39

(c) **Bank balances as at 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019**                      **£ 14439.07 (current account);**  
**£ 5585.36 (reserve account).**

#### 1254/19 TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Rogers did not attend the last meeting but announced that new appointments for doctors and a receptionist manager are being made at the Hollybrook surgery and a new appointment system has been adopted on its website. Also the number of car-parking spaces is being increased.

1255/19 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION** Clerk circulated 2 items of interest.

#### 1256/19 Agenda items for the next meeting.

- Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety (including Speed-Watch training);
- Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road;
- IGV plans & environment statement;
- Lengthsmen Scheme;
- Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins, etc);

- Suggestions over upgrading/ painting the Ledbury Chase play equipment/ area (if any);
- Comments over the budget (if any);
- Apologies from Cllr Baker;
- To raise a cheque for the chairman regarding his allowance.

**1257/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019, commencing at 7.15pm in the Stenson Fields Primary School.

The Chairman thanked attendees for their input and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Signed.....C Fellows (Chairman)

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