

**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.15pm in STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, STENSON FIELDS**

Present: - Cllrs C Fellows (Chair), R Lisewski, I Baker, K Rogers, K Butterworth, G Dhillon Singh and P Richardson.

In attendance: - Steve Hawkridge (lengthsman) and J Irons (clerk).

**1275/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr P Bonnell (work commitments), Cllr N Atkin (at the SDDC's Chairman's charity civic dinner) and DCllr D Shepherd (holiday).

**1276/19 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: None**

**1277/19 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS: None**

**1278/19 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

- No residents were in attendance.
- In their absences DCllrs Shepherd and L Singh sent the clerk a report prior to the meeting (see below).
- One of our lengthsman in attendance, Steve Hawkridge, gave his report at minute 1283/19 (d) below.
- Police – none were present. Clerk to invite the new inspector to a future parish meeting.

*South Derbyshire District Councillors' Report to Stenson Fields Parish Council Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020*

**Meeting with South Derbyshire District Council's Strategic Director (Service Delivery) – Regarding Social and Affordable Housing in Stenson Ward – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020**

Stenson Ward, South Derbyshire District Councillors Shepherd and Singh are a concerned that the new housing developments south of Wragley Way envisaged under the Local Plan – part 1 and the Infinity Garden Village proposal may not deliver the affordable and social housing required. South Derbyshire District Council aims to have 30% affordable housing on large developments but for various reasons, this has sometimes not been achieved. Cllrs Shepherd and Singh are apprehensive regarding how Stenson Ward residents on the housing register will be accommodated since Stenson Ward is the only ward in South Derbyshire not to have any council housing. During the meeting with the Strategic Director, it was revealed there are a few households and even fewer in housing need that specified Stenson as an area of preference. Housing need comprised a requirement for from one to four plus bedrooms. There are currently 75 social housing homes in Stenson Ward owned by various housing associations. With the new development envisaged to the south of Wragley Way, if the 30% target for affordable homes is achieved there should be ample supply which will significantly outweigh demand. Councillors Shepherd and Singh will make sure that the ageing population is catered for in any Evidence of Need survey and that local residents on the housing register do not lose out.

**Infinity Garden Village Liaison Group Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

The meeting was held in the Stenson Fields Community Centre with Stenson Ward South Derbyshire District councillor – Stenson Ward, Stenson Fields Parish councillors, officers of South Derbyshire District Council, Derby City Council officers, Derbyshire County Council Highways department officer, representatives from Hallam Land Management and Derbyshire NHS Clinical Commissioning Group.

**Development Framework Document Process**

After a few changes had been agreed between South Derbyshire District Council and Derby City Council, it is expected that the document will be signed. The high level of design, usage and drainage etc. will be outlined.

**Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) and Capacity Funding**

Housing Infrastructure Fund is funding to encourage that the infrastructure is planned to facilitate house building. It was expected that it would have been decided before last autumn but was delayed by the General Election; it was speculated that it may come at the budget. A bid for £240,000 had been made under the Capacity Funding to support the delivery of the project. A Community Website will be established, this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

### Strategic Update – Derbyshire NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

The CCG representatives reported that the structure within Derbyshire had comprised four separate CCGs but single entity covering the whole of the county is envisaged; a whole county strategy is under compilation. The location of housing developments are being assessed for medical needs. Eight estate areas all have their own strategies and there are two feasibility studies being undertaken for the south of Derby. Cllr Shepherd if agreed copies of the CCG structure post strategic review could be issued to Liaison Group members? It was confirmed that the structure would be provided to members. He then asked why a feasibility study was necessary in view of the area being identified as needing a medical centre in 2018, again requesting a copy of any feasibility study. The number of homes to be built in the area south of Wragley Way and the IGV area (amounting to 3200 new homes) has been known for some years now. A Stenson Fields Parish Councillor then pointed out the number of GPs to serve the residents must also be known. Both Parish and District Councillors said that they expected any section 106 money from any development should be spent locally and not spent on a facility miles away. Cllr Shepherd asked specifically that a medical centre should be built within walking distance of residents of Stenson Ward.

### Infrastructure Planning Applications Update – Secondary School Siting and Provision

The meeting was told that the site of the new Secondary School, Infinity Park Way had been always opposed by the Stenson Ward South Derbyshire District Councillors and had unsuccessfully campaigned for the school to be located on the Wragley Way site. It was reported that Derbyshire County Council are anxious to deliver the school sooner rather than later. The application for government finance allocated under “13<sup>th</sup> Wave” had been unsuccessful and it was speculated that since sites “shovel ready” would be given priority, it was unlikely that “14<sup>th</sup> Wave” finance would be allocated. It was agreed to lobby local political representative to intervene with the government.

## **Repton Area Forum – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

### Medical Provision – Sinfin and Stenson Wards

South Derbyshire District Councillors, Cllr Singh and Shepherd have received complaints from residents regarding the inadequate service provided by the NHS Surgery on Alreston Lane. The complaints are mainly regarding insufficient capacity for the number of residents wishing to use the practice. SDDC Stenson and Derby City, Sinfin councillors have met with the doctor and manager to discuss the situation but it is apparent that a new medical facility is required.

SDDC Councillors have raised the problem many times but the solution lies with the Derbyshire NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Whilst recognising that such a facility will be expensive, the opportunity to access finance occurs through the plan under the South Derbyshire Local Plan – part 1 under which an application to build 1850 houses has been received by SDDC and that money may be requested through Section 106 procedure.

Councillors Singh and Shepherd request that Repton Area Forum writes to the CCG to ask: That the CCG act upon their statement made in December 2018 that they “recognise the need for new and improving premises in the South of the City and Sinfin”. (Robert Hill – Senior Primary Care Commissioning Manager) by actively pursuing a location with the area which is within walking distance of Stenson and Sinfin Wards.

### Secondary Education Provision – School Planned for a Site off Infinity Park Way

South Derbyshire District Councillors, Cllr Singh and Shepherd are concerned that the application for development south of Wragley Way comprising 1850 houses to be built (if accepted at Planning Committee) will require the new secondary school to be built to enable the children on the new development to attend an appropriate school. To this end, Cllrs Singh and Shepherd request that Derbyshire County Council use every effort to ensure that finance from the 14<sup>th</sup> wave is provided, along with any Section 106 money for Secondary Education to ensure that the school is constructed in time for the new pupils’ use.

### Road Repair at the Western Junction of Wragley Way and Beaufort Road

South Derbyshire District Councillors, Cllr Singh and Shepherd thank Derbyshire County Council for the planing and resurfacing of the badly deteriorated section of Wragley Way but are disappointed that the section on Beaufort Road has not been treated in the same way. We ask that Derbyshire County Council complete the repair on Beaufort Road as soon as possible.

## **SDDC Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting**

### Question for Severn-Trent

Cllr Shepherd's question Regarding Planning Application DMPA/2019/1097 - Outline application (all matters reserved except for access in part) for up to 1,850 dwellings and the effect on Sewerage disposal etc.

What steps are you taking to ensure that sewerage, water supply etc. in the Sinfin and Stenson Wards are not disadvantaged? This is in view of the 2000 home development planned under the South Derbyshire District Council Local Plan Part 1 and the further 1200+ house development under the Infinity Garden Village project?"

**RESPONSE:** *Severn Trent were consulted during the development of the South Derbyshire District Council Local Plan (Part 1) and so we have been aware of the housing development proposals to the south of Derby for several years. In response to this, and taking into account wider development allocations proposed as part of the Derby Housing Market Area (as the Derby sewerage network also accommodates development allocations by Amber Valley Borough Council and Derby City Council), Severn Trent has already completed upgrades to the strategic sewerage network. The capacity upgrade work completed to date provides sufficient strategic capacity proposed in the Derby HMA and the Infinity Garden Village project and this will be complemented by localised capacity upgrades as and when required once specific development allocations comes forward. Similarly for our water distribution system we have sufficient water supply to accommodate new development and localised upgrades will be undertaken as required.*

## **Road, Footway and Tree Issues in Stenson Ward taken up With Derbyshire County Council**

### Road Issues

#### Stenson Road

- Surface breaking up on the approach to the traffic lights on the railway bridge.
- Excessive speed , request for rumble strips (Grampian Way roundabout to rail bridge)

#### A50 Bridge to Grampian Way roundabout.

- Excessive speed on the section passing the new estate, request to reduce speed limit from 40mph to 30mph raised at Repton Area Forum.
- Request for a pedestrian crossing raised with Derbyshire County Council Highways Department and many times at Repton Area Forum.
- Stenson Bubble Bridge – Vehicle undercarriages hitting the road over the canal bridge.

#### Arleston Lane

- (Over the A50) - Excessive vehicular traffic on single lane road serving a few homes.
- (Urban Road) – Surface deterioration 10 metres north of the junction with Wragley Way.

#### Pilgrims Way

- Very deep potholes and road surface deterioration.
- Kerb problems, drop kerbs loose and dangerous.

#### Wragley Way /Stenson Road Junction

- Bus and construction vehicles mount the kerbs when turning left into Wragley Way, causing deep ruts in the grass. Corner too sharp for large vehicles, requires re-engineering.

#### Deep Dale Lane

- Many deep Potholes along both sides of the whole length.
- Plastic bollards on the canal side, some fallen over and reflectivity deteriorated.

#### Junction of Wragley Way/ Beaufort Road (Western end) –

- Cllrs Singh and Shepherd have been raising the matter with the County Council since the summer. After several ineffective repairs with tarmac they requested that the whole junction be re-surfaced as the filling of potholes proved inadequate.

### Footway Issues

#### Hambledon Drive

- Surface issues.

#### Grampian Way

- Footway Leading off Grampian Way – Missed at the recent tar spraying exercise.

#### Wheatland Close

- Surface incomplete and loose kerb stones.

#### General State of the Footways

- Disabled Residents concerned by the general state of footways on the estate and especially those leading to ASDA Shopping Centre.

- Cllrs Shepherd and Singh have been contacted by elderly and wheelchair users regarding the poor state of our footways. Councillors Shepherd and Singh have asked if the Derbyshire County Council officers will meet on site to view the problem.

#### Tree Issues

##### Kirkland Way

- Tree overhanging the western side of footway. Derbyshire County Council decline to act.

##### Nevis Close

- Request for tree affecting adjacent property to be removed.

##### Holderness Close

- Tree in the triangle next to the footway to school – request to cut back tree.

### **South Derbyshire District Council - Waste Collection Service Review.**

Stenson Ward Cllrs Singh and Shepherd have been contacted by residents concerned by reports that the waste collection service is about to be downgraded by moving to a four weekly bin collection or replacing the current 240 litre bins with 120 litre bins. This came from an item on a report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> January which examined options for improving recycling rates. Waste collection was again discussed at the Environment and Development Services Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> January in view of South Derbyshire District Council being unlikely to meet the 2020 recycling target of 50%. Councillors agreed to establish a full review of the Waste Collection Services to shape the design of the service and establish a service specification. A residents' consultation will also be undertaken.

### **South Derbyshire District Council – Lengthsman Scheme – Request to Extend to the Stenson Road Estate.**

Stenson Ward Cllrs Singh and Shepherd asked if the Lengthsman Scheme could be applied to the new estate. Your councillors were informed that this is not applicable as the scheme is aimed at open spaces only owned by South Derbyshire District Council. The developers of the new estate have opted to retain ownership of the open spaces.

### **South Derbyshire Local Green Spaces Plan Modifications Consultation**

Following approval at Environmental and Development Services Committee on 23 January 2020, the Council will be consulting on the proposed modifications to the Local Green Spaces Plan.

The consultation will take place between **4<sup>th</sup> February and 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020** and the documents are available to view on the Council's website via the link below:

<http://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/localgreenspaces>

Hard copies of the documents will be available to view at the Council Offices and local libraries during normal opening times. The Local Green Spaces DPD sets out areas of land that are of value to the local community and have been proposed for local green space designation. The Plan will be used to guide development (along with the rest of the Development Plan) through the determination of planning applications in the District.

The consultation is on the proposed modifications only and are put forward without prejudice to the Inspector's final conclusions on the Plan; it is not to reopen issues that have already been considered. The Inspector will consider all the representations made on the modifications.

### **South Derbys District Council - Walk Around Stenson Fields**

The next Councillors walk will be held in Stenson Fields Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020.

### **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- 11:30 on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

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

In addition, DCllr Shepherd had asked council whether it would allow the posting of future Advice Surgeries on its notice boards to which members **agreed** (having done so in the past). Steve Hawkrigde to kindly arrange.

1279/19 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th January 2020.** These were approved and accepted as a true record after which they were signed by the chairman.

1280/19 **TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY TO BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED - None.**

1281/19 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

The chairman has yet to ask the school whether it will insert a piece in its newsletter requesting residents' suggestions over improving the Ledbury Chase play area and will do so in the next 2 weeks. He, Cllr Lisewski and DCllr Shepherd attended the IGV meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> February (see DCllr Shepherd's report above).

1282/19 **CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Since the last meeting and due to ongoing laptop problems both chairman and vice-chairman gave their **consent** to the clerk to buy a new laptop with accessories such as external hard drive and MS Office 365. Clerk also advised that he bought a new printer after the existing one needed replacing. This expenditure fell within the prescribed £500 limit as detailed in the financial regulations. Cllr Lisewski kindly gave the clerk a pen drive holding all of council's files. Clerk will copy his to the new disk drive, the laptop and to MS Onedrive.
2. Clerk reminded SDDC that we await the Grampian Way & Quantock Close bus-stop bins.
3. Clerk asked SDDC when a notice board will be erected at Saxon Gate and awaits its reply.
4. Clerk asked CCllr Nell Atkin whether he would be willing to provide funding for tree planting from his councillor allowance and awaits his reply.

1283/19 **Matters for Decision or Discussion:**

a) Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety.

Clerk to ask the new officer who has taken charge of the Speed-Watch scheme for more convenient dates in March to hold training sessions for members.

After Highways stated it will not introduce measures on Stenson Road to reduce traffic speed clerk contacted SDDC asking whether the situation qualifies for a Community Grant to pay for a pedestrian crossing. Regrettably however, this is ineligible.

Cllr Butterworth once again complained of speeding drivers on Arleston Lane. Cllr Richardson was pleased to say that some potholes at the canal bridge had been repaired but not all; he will report the latter. He also reported the absence of the South Derbyshire sign at the railway bridge.

b) Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road. Discussed earlier in DCllr Shepherd's report above. In addition, Cllr Richardson noted that landscapers are assessing flooding on the estate; and the fencing near the railway line fell over last weekend.

c) Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins etc). **Resolved:** clerk to ask Mr Buckley whether he intends replacing the missing tree at Glendon Road and if it is part of the grant application for funding of planting/ replacing trees in our area.

d) Lengthsmen Scheme. Steve Hawkridge noted the following:

- A resident recently asked Steve if he would collect waste from the middle of a road. He rightly replied that it is not in his remit (due to H&S reasons) and advised the resident to contact district council's Clean Team to remove.
- He asked for how long the DBS checks were valid; Cllr Lisewski suggested a period of 3 years.

The chairman thanked both Steve & Jane for their service and reports.

e) Suggestions over upgrading/ painting the Ledbury Chase play equipment (if any). **Resolved:** as mentioned above chairman to ask the school whether it will insert a piece into its newsletter asking residents of their views/ suggestions. Also, clerk to insert the same onto the website.

f) Recent DCC reply over the Pedestrian crossing and speed reduction measures including uptake of the Speed Watch campaign. Covered earlier.

g) adoption (or not) of NALC's Grievance/ Disciplinary template policies. **Resolved:** adopted.

h) DCC's demand that pension contributions must be paid online from April. Clerk suggested that the only way this can be achieved is for him to pay it personally and be reimbursed by council to which members **agreed.**

i) Asset register anomaly. Clerk confirmed that he has assessed the register absent those items highlighted by Cllr Lisewski therefore it stands at the figure that he had produced. Also, clerk to add laptop, MS Office and disk-drive at their purchased prices; and the 2 waste bins that we await from SDDC.

1284/19 **PLANNING**                      **Applications:** none.

1285/19                      **FINANCE**

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

<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Total £</b>
002305	J Irons – Clerk’s salary 4 weeks to 17th January	603.24
002305	J Irons – clerk’s expenses January – February (incl new laptop)	464.16
002306	J Hawkrige - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 17th January	157.39
002307	S Hawkrige - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 17th January	157.39
002308	HMRC –employee’s tax & NI 6th January - 5th February	64.10
002309	DCC – clerk’s pension return to 19th February	159.08
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1605.36</b>

(b)      **Income** – bank interest on 31<sup>st</sup> December                      £4.08

(c)      **Bank balance as at 24<sup>th</sup> January**                                      **£ 6608.16 (current account);**  
**Bank balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> January**                                              **£ 5588.13 (reserve account).**

1286/19                      **TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr Rogers stated there had been no meeting this month. The Hollybrook surgery has 1 new receptionist and seeks another; and wishes to recruit 2 new paramedics.

Clerk offered a copy (provided by CClr Atkin) of DCC’s explanation of its Social Care provision and possible consultation on the closure of 7 care homes throughout the county.

1287/19 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**                      Clerk has circulated recent DALC newsletters.

1288/19 **Agenda items for the next meeting.**

- Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety (including Speed-Watch training);
- Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road;
- Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins, etc);
- Lengthsmen Scheme;
- Suggestions over upgrading/ painting the Ledbury Chase play equipment (if any);
- Staff salaries and clerk’s appraisal;
- Apologies from Cllr Fellows for the next meeting (holiday).

1289/19 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 19<sup>h</sup> March 2020, commencing at 7.15pm in the Stenson Fields Primary School.

The Chairman thanked attendees for their input and closed the first section of the meeting at 8.20pm.

1290/19.                      **To discuss clerk's employment terms.**

The chairman, vice-chairman and clerk held the discussion for 20 minutes with a mutually beneficial outcome. The chairman closed this part of the meeting at 8.45pm.

Signed.....C Fellows (Chairman)                      Date.....