

STENSON FIELDS PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL REMOTE MEETING held on THURSDAY 16th July 2020 at 7.15pm

Owing to the continuing extenuating circumstances surrounding Coronavirus this meeting was held via a Zoom video-link in accordance with **The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020**. Hence, Stenson Fields Parish Council is authorised to hold virtual meetings online. It is therefore intended that future Parish Council meetings will continue to take place online using video-conferencing.

Those members that participated formed a quorum comprising:

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

1333/20 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None.

Members agreed to grant Cllr Dhillon Singh a dispensation for future meetings because no meeting will be held in August which would constitute an absence of 6 months (by September). Members believed Cllr Dhillon Singh's technical difficulties with attending online deem it a viable reason for his absence.

1334/20 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:** None unless DCllr D Shepherd joins the meeting later in which case council would take his report at that point

1335/20 **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:** None

1336/20 **PUBLIC SPEAKING:**

- No residents or police officers took part.
- One of our lengthsman in attendance, Steve Hawkridge, gave his report at minute 1340/20 (c) below.

1337/20 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th June 2020.** These were approved and accepted as a true record (pp Cllr Baker, seconded Cllr Bonnell) and will be signed by the chairman at the next available opportunity.

1338/20 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

The chairman, Cllr Lisewski and DCllr Shepherd attended an IGV meeting, held remotely on 15th July, although no developers took part. Plans for a dedicated road leading to the A50 junction have been rejected considering that local roads may be downgraded to become greenways instead. SDDC confirmed that the area needs a medical facility, despite recent reports in the media to the contrary.

The chairman and DCllr Shepherd conducted a site visit of Quantock Close and other locations where bollards have either rotted away or been removed. DCllr Shepherd confirmed that these will be reinstated in all locations.

1339/20 **CLERK'S REPORT**

1. Clerk sent the 2019/20 internally audited accounts to the external auditor on 26th June.
2. Clerk inserted a short version of our Privacy Policy onto the front page of our website because this link was devoid of any information.
3. CREST initially confirmed that Community Speed Watch activities and training were about to begin but has since rescinded this action; however, it is attempting to create online training soon.
4. On 15th July SDDC confirmed that the play areas have opened and guidelines on social distancing will be displayed soon.

Cllr Butterworth added that a resident had complained of the Arleston Lane Doctors' surgery being closed since March, especially as a taxi to the surgery at Littlelover & return costs £10 each way.

1340/20 **Matters for Decision or Discussion:**

a) Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety. The chairman stated that road safety responsibilities lie with Highways and to a lesser extent district council. After numerous requests of these bodies to erect a pedestrian crossing near Merevale Way on Stenson Road to address speeding cars we remain frustrated this has not come to fruition. However, council will continue its efforts to pursue and realise this and other speed-reducing measures in the area.

b) Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road. Clerk to ask DCllr Shepherd again whether a fire safety risk assessment had been conducted at the Community Centre yet. Also, clerk to ask SDDC when a notice board will be erected here. Cllr Richardson is concerned that the balancing pond has drained recently despite the heavy rain and wondered if the pumping apparatus works properly. Clerk to mention to DCllr Shepherd.

c) Lengthsmen Scheme. Steve Hawkridge noted the following:

- household waste continues to be deposited in litter bins;
- Hinges on the bin at Goathland Road remain faulty and need replacing; clerk informed SDDC but will remind them;
- Steve will kindly remove the damaged door on the Holderness Drive notice board and members **agreed** that this board be left here and not repaired. As an alternative, laminated notices may be placed on it;
- Steve and Jane have reported broken paving stones on Lundie Close to the 'Fix my Street' website and these were repaired quickly. Steve suggested that this is preferable to using the county council site for such issues.

The chairman thanked both Steve and Jane for their continuing service.

d) Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins etc). Clerk awaits a crime number from the police regarding vandalism to the goalmouth matting at Fox Close and will remind them. This will be needed in the event of council making a claim on the insurance. In the meantime, it was **agreed** that no repair should be conducted, and members will review this in September.

Cllr Lisewski has removed 'A' boards and the old litter bin at Grampian Way. He also reported abandoned ASDA shopping trolleys to the Clean Team who have now removed them.

e) Suggestions over upgrading/ painting the Ledbury Chase play equipment (if any). **Resolved:** members to consider improvements to, or replacement of, the equipment (and installation of a fence) in the next couple of months. Steve Hawksworth offered the website details of a contractor specialising in children's play equipment which members will peruse. The supplier of the Fox Close gym equipment may also be considered. The chairman will ask the school for any suggestions in September.

f) to consider relocating the Holderness Close notice board. **Resolved:** covered earlier.

g) to consider a repair to the Fox Close goalmouth matting. **Resolved:** covered earlier.

h) to consider creating a separate email address for council use. **Resolved:** agreed.

1341/20 **PLANNING**

To consider planning applications:

DMPA/2020/0490 - The erection of an extension to form additional small community hall and associated facilities including entry-hall toilets and storage at Sinfin Community Centre, Swallowdale Road, Stenson Fields. **Resolved:** no objection.

DMPA/2020/0602 - The erection of extensions (amended scheme to that approved under permission ref. DMPA/2019/1411) at 2 Avon Close, Stenson Fields. **Resolved:** no objection.

Consultation enquiry with SDDC - planning permission for an extension 96 Beaufort Road. Clerk asked SDDC and awaits its reply although will remind them.

Clerk to enquire at SDDC about the details of a proposal for c12 houses at Stenson Farm Fields, located near the car wash off Stenson Road and opposite Grampian Way. It appears there has been no notification/ planning application. Members are concerned over the safety issue of access and exiting of the site.

1342/20 **Finance**

(a) Accounts for Payment – cheques to be approved and signed

Cheque No	Payee-	Total £
002338	J Irons – Clerk’s salary 4 weeks to 5 th June	803.69
002338	J Irons – Clerk’s salary 4 weeks to 3 rd July	803.69
002338	J Irons – clerk’s expenses May - July *	487.98
002339	J Hawkridge - Lengthsman (part-furlough) pay 4 weeks to 5 th June	293.52
002339	J Hawkridge - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 3 rd July	208.59
002340	S Hawkridge - Lengthsman (part-furlough) pay 4 weeks to 5 th June	221.52
002340	S Hawkridge - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 3 rd July	212.77
002341	HMRC – tax & NI June to July	26.18
002342	SDDC –emptying of dog bins 2019/20	1961.09
	TOTAL	5019.03

*clerk’s expenses comprise the following:

<i>Shardlow to Stenson Fields & return</i>	<i>£18.20</i>
<i>Home allowance (£24 per 4-weekly)</i>	<i>£48.00</i>
<i>Clerk’s pension return in July (to cover 8 weeks) paid online personally</i>	<i>£421.78</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>£487.98</i>

(b) Income – 2nd tranche of 2020/21 Precept on 2nd July £ 1500.00

(c) Current Account Bank balance as at 24th June £ 18653.16

(d) as permitted under Financial Rules the clerk visited Cllrs Fellows and Baker on 17th July to obtain signatures on cheques; and their signatures on a bank mandate to initiate online banking.

1343/20 **TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr Rogers advised that he will receive the minutes of last night’s PPG meeting next week, after which he will circulate. The Holybrook surgery closed in early July due to a visitor claiming that they were Covid-19 positive. The entry system here has now changed, and visitors are screened before being allowed in. Sinfin surgery is closed until further notice; Cllr Rogers will ask the chairman of the PPG why. The chairman thanked Cllr Rogers for his report.

1344/20 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION** Clerk had circulated recent DALC newsletters and Coronavirus updates received through DALC’s Zoom meetings.

1345/20 **Agenda items for the next meeting.**

- Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety;
- Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road;
- Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins, etc);
- Lengthsman Scheme;
- Suggestions over upgrading/ painting the Ledbury Chase play equipment (if any);
- Fox Close goalmouth matting repair/ replacement.

1346/20 **Date of next meeting** – The next meeting will be held in the same format on Thursday 17th September 2020 at 7.15pm, via the Zoom conference-call facility.

The Chairman thanked attendees for their input and closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

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