

STENSON FIELDS PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL REMOTE MEETING held on THURSDAY 17th September 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 R Lisewski (Chair), I Baker, P Bonnell, P Richardson, K Rogers, GD Singh and K Butterworth.

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

1347/20 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr C Fellows (unwell), DCllrs D Shepherd and Lakhvinder Singh (at a full district council meeting).

1348/20 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:** None

1349/20 **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:** None

1350/20 **PUBLIC SPEAKING:**

- No residents or police officers took part.
- One of our lengthsman in attendance, Steve Hawkrige, gave his report at minute 1354/20 (c) below.

1351/20 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th July 2020.** These were approved and accepted as a true record (pp Cllr Lisewski, seconded Cllr Baker) and will be signed by the chairman at the next available opportunity.

1352/20 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS** None

1353/20 **CLERK'S REPORT**

1. Clerk explained the necessity of increasing the precept request substantially next year; expenses have increased and council has not asked for an increase in many years. This is essential and quite understandable as we have kept our precept at the same low figure for around 6 years or more while expenses have increased, and the area continues to grow. Cllr Lisewski has asked SDDC for details of its reasoning over the nature and limitations of the grant.
2. After asking the bank 3 times for a new mandate (which has not transpired) the clerk found a blank copy which he will take to 2 members' houses for signature tomorrow. This is to allow the clerk to become a signatory after which we can progress the application for internet banking.
3. Clerk reported fire damage at Goathland Road site to the police on 11th Sept and SDDC on 14th.

1354/20 **Matters for Decision or Discussion:**

a) Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety. The chairman noted that speeding cars are a constant nuisance on Grampian Way while CREST speed checks are conducted predominantly towards the City end. Clerk to ask for more checks to be carried out in our area. A member asked about CREST Community Speed Watch activities and training and the clerk confirmed that it has been delayed due to the pandemic.

Several residents complain of vandalism and scant police presence in general.

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. Cllr Richardson noted that the balancing pond is either dry or has an extremely low water level. Clerk to highlight this too with DCllr Shepherd.

c) Lengthsmen Scheme. Steve Hawkrigde noted the following:

- household waste continues to be deposited in litter bins;
- an end-bung is missing on the Fox Close gym equipment;
- he removed the damaged door from the Holderness Close vandalised noticeboard;
- fly-tipping of, among other items, radiator, mattress, clothes horse and bags of leaves, is prevalent along Stenson Road. Steve reported much of this to the Clean Team who have since collected it;
- graffiti continues to blight the area, some of which Jane Hawkrigde reported to 'fix my street'. Clerk to ask SDDC for a removal kit;
- residents have complained about weeds in gutters although the clerk recently enquired with SDDC who replied saying it sprayed 2 weeks ago;
- As reported in the last meeting Cllr Lisewski mentioned abandoned ASDA shopping trolleys in some streets and added that the Clean Team will collect these if reported;
- Steve kindly returned a lottery ticket that he found in the street to the owner-resident;
- Steve asked the clerk for a list of upcoming meetings that he can place on notice boards, to include details of our remote meetings as described on agendas.

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

d) Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins etc). Cllr Lisewski rued the cutting down of an historic hedge on Stenson Road, opposite Merevale Way; clerk to inform Highways. Cllr Lisewski will kindly send photos of this to the clerk.

e) To consider equipment & fencing to upgrade the Ledbury Chase play site. **Resolved:** members to consider replacement of some equipment and installation of a fence. Clerk circulated the details of 2 prospective suppliers to members and will forward more companies' details for consideration. Members will review this in the next meeting. Clerk to ask SDDC to paint the kickboard, remove broken glass and repair the recent fire damage. This to be copied to DCllr Shepherd and the police asking for more patrols around to park. Cllrs Richardson and Lisewski raised the issue of plantings by a resident on district-owned land at Holderness Close, near to our noticeboard. Cllr Richardson will kindly forward photos again to the clerk who will then report it to SDDC.

f) to consider relocating the Holderness Close notice board. **Resolved:** to take no action at present.

g) to consider a repair to the Fox Close goalmouth matting. **Resolved:** to take no action at present.

h) to approve a new Equality & Diversity policy. **Resolved:** agreed hence clerk will circulate to members and insert it onto the website.

i) to consider purchasing a report from the website developer regarding alterations to the site ensuring it conforms to website accessibility requirements at a cost of £120. **Resolved:** agreed.

1355/20 PLANNING

To consider planning applications.

DMPA/2020/0823 - The erection of a proposed annexe at 17, Derwent Drive, Stenson Fields. **Resolved:** no objection although clerk to ask SDDC to investigate the size and position of the annexe.

DMPA 2020/0805 - The erection of a rear first floor extension to form a balcony and new access doors at Stenson Fields Farmhouse, Stenson Road. **Resolved:** no objection.

Decisions.

August - DMPA/2020/0645 - The erection of a first-floor extension at 72 Glenmore Drive, Stenson Fields.

Approved subject to conditions.

DMPA/2020/0602 - The erection of extensions (amended scheme to that approved under permission ref. DMPA/2019/1411) at 2 Avon Close, Stenson Fields. **Approved subject to conditions.**

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.

Approved subject to conditions.

DMPA/2020/0709 -The erection of a single storey rear extension at 5 Glenmore Drive, Stenson Fields. **Approved subject to conditions.**

Consultation enquiries with SDDC

96 Beaufort Road – extension begun apparently without planning permission; SDDC is looking into this.

6 Tregony Way – building ongoing but work began apparently without an application; SDDC replied on 16th Sept stating it will enquire with the owners.

Neither of the above appear on the planning website.

Cllr Lisewski highlighted an encroachment of land by a resident at Zetland Crescent and will kindly send a photo to the clerk who will report it to SDDC.

CD9/0319/110 - Derbyshire County Council application - 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. **Resolved:** no comments.

1356/20 Finance

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

Cheque No	Payee-	Total £
002343	J Irons – Clerk’s salary 4 weeks to 31 st July	803.69
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002343	J Irons – clerk’s expenses July – September (including clerk’s pension return [£421.78] to be paid online on 18 th September)*	487.98
002344	J Hawkrige - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 31 st July	212.25
002344	J Hawkrige - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 28 th August	223.85
002345	S Hawkrige - Lengthsman (part-furlough) pay 4 weeks to 31 st July	210.05
002345	S Hawkrige - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 28 th August	219.25
002346	HMRC – tax & NI July - August	45.09
002346	HMRC – tax & NI August - Sept	47.49
002347	Biffa –emptying of waste bin September - December	374.71
	TOTAL	3428.05

*clerk’s expenses comprise the following:

Shardlow to Stenson Fields & return	£18.20
Home allowance (£24 per 4-weekly)	£48.00
Clerk’s pension return in August & September paid online personally	£421.78
Total	£487.98

- (b) HMRC - VAT reimbursement 2019/20 on 17th July £ 549.69
(c) Current Account Bank balance as at end-July c£ 13330.00

(d) as permitted under Financial Rules the clerk visited Cllrs Fellows and Baker on 18th September to obtain signatures on cheques; and their signatures on a bank mandate to initiate clerk becoming a signatory.

1357/20 TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Rogers advised that the Sinfin surgery is closed until further notice although prospective new staff are presently being interviewed. The August PPG meetings was cancelled, the next to be held on 29th September. Clerk to make our district councillors of these facts.

The surgery’s website notes that 8 doctors attend the surgery, all receiving a salary of around £117k.

The chairman thanked Cllr Rogers for his report.

1358/20 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION** Clerk had circulated recent DALC newsletters and Coronavirus updates received through DALC’s Zoom meetings.

1359/20 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);
- Lengthsmen Scheme;

- Suggestions over upgrading the Ledbury Chase play equipment;
- To discuss an increase in the precept for next year.

1360/20 **Date of next meeting** – The next meeting will be held in the same format on Thursday 15th October 2020 at 7.15pm, via the Zoom conference-call facility.

The Chairman thanked attendees for their input and closed the meeting at 8.42pm.

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