

STENSON FIELDS PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL REMOTE MEETING held on THURSDAY 18th February 2021 at 7.15pm

Owing to the continuing extenuating circumstances surrounding Coronavirus this meeting was held via a Microsoft Teams 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. Parish Council meetings 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, K Butterworth and GD Singh.

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

1420/20 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Neil Atkin (attending another meeting) and DCllr Dave Shepherd (attending a Citizens Advice Trustee meeting).

1421/20 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:** None

1422/20 **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:** None

1423/20 **PUBLIC SPEAKING:**

- No residents or police officers took part.
- One of our lengthsman in attendance, Steve Hawkrige, gave his report at minute 1427/20 (c) below although commented here. Tree roots are damaging the path at Quantock Close/ Wragley Way; clerk to inform Cllr Atkin.

1424/20 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st January 2021.** After 2 minor amendments these were approved and accepted as a true record and will be signed by the chairman at the next available opportunity.

1425/20 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

The chairman and Cllrs Lisewski and Richardson attended the online meeting with Highways and police to specifically ask whether a pedestrian crossing and speed reduction measures (VAS signs for example) can be introduced on Stenson Road near to the new estate. Both the Highways and police agreed that this area does not meet the criteria required. Cllr Lisewski also asked why VAS sign are ruled out, especially as the City has these but was told that, again, this area fails to meet the criteria. However, Highways will investigate driver visibility issues related to hedges from Pilgrims Way to the pond area. The 'give way' situation at the junction near the Bubble Inn will also be addressed; the chairman commented that he believes this should be one-way for traffic.

1426/20 **CLERK'S REPORT**

1. We still await the bank's completion of our application to use internet banking; clerk continues to pursue them.
2. clerk did not receive SDDC's reply over a couple of items that need to be addressed regarding the fire risk assessment or a review due to be conducted last year at the new community centre so he will ask again.

1427/20 **Matters for Decision or Discussion:**

a) Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety.

Cllr Baker remarked that ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) traffic cameras are to be deployed locally. Cllr Lisewski queried the efficacy of traffic monitoring being carried out on Deepdale Lane during lockdown. The chairman was pleased to see more of the police's CREST team checking car speeds on Wragley Way and Deepdale Lane.

b) Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road.

Cllr Lisewski noted that a youth had been caught on the roof of the Community Centre which the safer neighbourhood team is dealing with.

c) Lengthsmen Scheme.

- Biffa has emptied both ours and the school's bins on different days after confirming that Tuesday is now the collection day. Clerk to ask Biffa for confirmation of its intended, regular collection day.
- The waste bin which sits between Burnside Road and Glendon Road is now missing its base; clerk to inform SDDC.
- Steve reported a damaged and raised drain on Wragley Way which has been repaired. He also reported a drain with a similar issue on Goathland Road.
- New graffiti has appeared on the kickboard at Ledbury Chase play park.
- Steve wondered why the SDDC logo has disappeared from street signage; members thought these had either faded or have eroded over time.
- The 2 new litter pickers/ grabbers ordered from SDDC have still not arrived; clerk asked last week to be told these will be delivered soon.

The chairman thanked Steve for his report and both he and Jane for their litter-picking service.

d) Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins etc). nothing further.

Cllr Baker was dismayed to see damaged and removed plant bulbs in areas around the base of telecommunication poles on Zetland Crescent and Wragley Way; this happened when BT fitted new poles and cable boxes. Clerk to contact BT asking whether they will replace.

e) Update on SDDC permission (or otherwise) regarding Ledbury Chase fencing/ play equipment, tree issue at Tedworth Avenue and registration of this and other open land. Clerk twice contacted the Cultural Services Manager at SDDC who attended the Ledbury Chase site visit and who has now replied to say the following:

****proposed gates and fencing or play equipment** – my recollection is that the Parish were going to go away and discuss the issues and their preferences. We will be able to comment further when these are known.*

***Information given to residents by planning services** – matter followed up internally to avoid repetition*

***Land ownership** – the Council owns the land where the trees were removed. I have a meeting next week with colleagues to see what measures we might take to reinforce this with residents and protect other trees. Any other land matters including any at Stenson are dealt with at regular meetings with legal colleagues.*

***Replacement trees** – there are no plans at the moment, but future planting will be one consideration at my upcoming meeting.*

***Resolved:** clerk to inform this manager that we prefer fencing to be fitted around the play area.

f) To arrange a memorial plaque to Jack Harvey. **Resolved:** the chairman was asked by a family member if they can purchase and fit a plaque to a bench which was agreed.

1428/20 **To consider planning application:**

DMPA/2020/1445 - The erection of extensions at 11 Merrybower Close, Stenson Fields. **Resolved:** no objection.

DMPA/2021/0138 - The pruning of an oak tree covered by South Derbyshire District Council Tree Preservation Order no. 346 at 20 Glenmore Drive, Stenson Fields. **Resolved:** no objection.

Decisions:

DMPA/2020/1279 - Retrospective application for the infill area under front canopy and convert garage into bedroom with wet room at 9 Fox Close, Stenson Fields. **Approved subject to 2 parking spaces being permanently maintained.** Cllr Lisewski is concerned that the quality of build may fall short of regulations; clerk to enquire with SDDC.

DMPA/2020/1140 - The removal of existing conservatory and the erection of extensions at 9 Tavistock Close, Stenson Fields. **Approved subject to conditions**

Consultation enquiries with SDDC:

2 felled silver birch trees near to Tedworth Avenue; see above at minute 1427/20 e.

Extension to the rear of 2 Dulverton Avenue; SDDC confirmed that no planning application had been submitted. Nac Shak fast food outlet's unauthorised signs and a food business allegedly operating without planning consent; we await SDDC's reply.

Cllr Baker observed that there has been no planning application relating to a side extension at 8 Cowdrey Close; clerk to enquire.

Cllr Lisewski is dismayed that council is not being kept abreast of some decisions taken at county/ district level, especially in relation to the proposed garden village and associated A50 junction. Clerk to ask DCllr Peter Watson, chair of the IGV meetings, the reason.

Clerk wrote to Steffan Saunders, new head of planning at district council, twice since mid-December of our displeasure over missing/ late notifications on its planning portal and asked for a meeting with him. As there has been no reply clerk to ask DCllr Shepherd to kindly pursue.

1429/20 **Finance**

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

Cheque No	Payee-	Total £
002368	J Irons – Clerk's salary 4 weeks to 15 th January	823.49
002368	J Irons – clerk's expenses December - January (including clerk's February pension return [£216.72] to be paid online on 19 th February*	321.41
002369	J Hawkrige - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 15 th January (including expenses) *	214.03
002370	S Hawkrige - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 15 th January	170.04
002371	HMRC –J Irons' NI January – February	49.08
002372	C Fellows – chairman's yearly allowance	128.00
	TOTAL	1706.05

*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>£ 24.00</i>
<i>Microsoft Office 365 1-year renewal on 26th Jan</i>	<i>£ 59.99</i>
<i>Envelopes & A4 paper pad on 3rd Feb</i>	<i>£ 2.50</i>
<i>Clerk's pension rtn in Feb paid online on 19th February</i>	<i><u>£216.72</u></i>
	<i>£321.41</i>

Jane Hawkrige's pay cheque comprises the following:

<i>Wage during the period shown</i>	<i>£170.04</i>
<i>Ink cartridges and black bin bags</i>	<i><u>£ 43.99</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>£214.03</i>

(b) Income – none

(c) Current Account Bank balance as at 28th January £ 4590.92

(d) as permitted under Financial Rules the clerk visited Cllrs Fellows and Baker on 19th February to obtain signatures on cheques.

1430/20 **TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr Rogers described how the surgery is perusing records of patients' mobile and internet contact details. It wishes to reduce the number of patients standing outside (and in the new waiting room) to access the surgery by messaging them first. A new telephone system should be installed by 1st June. Staff will start vaccinating home-bound patients this coming weekend. A PPG meeting will be held later this month which Cllr Rogers will endeavour to attend.

The chairman thanked Cllr Rogers for his report.

1431/20 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION** Clerk had circulated recent DALC newsletters and Coronavirus updates received through DALC's Zoom meetings and DCC news bulletins.

Cllr Lisewski commended the chairman for his handling and attention to the protocol of remote meetings; and the clerk for arranging these and taking minutes considering the challenge of doing so online. He also mentioned that the

government's present regulations in force for holding council meetings remotely will end in April; clerk to investigate and inform members.

1432/20 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;
- Update on SDDC permission (or otherwise) regarding Ledbury Chase fencing and outcome of discussion over replacement trees at an upcoming SDDC meeting (if held).

1433/20 Date of next meeting – The next meeting will be held in the same format on Thursday 18th March 2021 at 7.15pm, via the Microsoft Teams conference-call facility.

The Chairman thanked attendees for their input after which he closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

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