

*STENSON FIELDS PARISH COUNCIL*  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7pm in Stenson Fields  
Primary School**

Participants: - R Lisewski (Chair), P Richardson, K Butterworth, I Baker and G Dhillon Singh.

In attendance: - DCllr D Shepherd, Steve Hawkridge (lengthsman), 2 PCSOs and J Irons (clerk).

1518/21 **Part 1 – Confidential information (7pm):** Clerk's appraisal.

**Part 2 – Non-Confidential information (7.15pm onwards).**

1519/21 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:** agenda item 7 was brought forward.

1520/21 **PUBLIC SPEAKING:**

PCSO officer David Marley and a colleague kindly attended to update members on police measures being undertaken in our area.

The police have had a busy time recently dealing with mainly Covid-related issues and the return to school, which entails related parking matters. After liaison with the school's head-teacher errant parking on Goathland Road has improved. There are numerous incidents of e-scooters being driven without insurance and/or driving licences (besides presenting a menace to pedestrians). In such cases s59 notices have been issued, which detail a formal warning with the threat of the scooter being seized (and a costly charge being incurred by the offender to recover the scooter). As a result, numbers of scooters have decreased, to the placation of residents.

Residents both young and mature are happy to see regular patrols being conducted by officers and wish to support them.

The chairman raised the council's dismay over the inability to deter parking on the Grampian Way roundabout; PCSO Marley had replied to the clerk earlier this day and believed the information provided outlines the position as it currently stands.

The PCSOs mentioned the police SNT contact details (as listed below) and advised that residents ring the 101 number instead of attempting to contact individual officers.

[www.facebook.com/MerciaSNT/](http://www.facebook.com/MerciaSNT/)

[Mercia SNT \(@MerciaSNT\) / Twitter](https://twitter.com/MerciaSNT)

[www.derbyshire.police.uk/ro/report/](http://www.derbyshire.police.uk/ro/report/)

[www.derbyshire.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us](http://www.derbyshire.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us) (containing details of calling 101 for non-emergency enquiries; or 999 if a serious offence is in progress or has just been committed).

The chairman thanked both PCSOs for their attendance after which they left at 7.30pm.

Clerk to ask Highways to remove the hatched, white-lined markings surrounding the Grampian Way roundabout in an effort to discourage parking here.

In his absence CClr Atkin sent a report as follows:

**Derbyshire County Council - Elected Representative – Councillor Neil Atkin (Aston Division)**

**DCC Report Update week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Management Structure changes**

At DCC Council on 15<sup>th</sup> September elected members approved recommendations put forward to commence a recruitment for a new CEO Managing Director after recommendations put forward from a recent Peer review. (Please see recent cabinet papers sent)

We also welcomed on board the new Executive Director of Childrens Services Carol Cammiss who joins us from Wokingham Borough Council and has also had experience with County Councils in the past in this role.

**MCLS Community Grants**

Once again I have been given funds to allocate to the community and voluntary organisations. Please note this is shared between the 6 Parish areas of my division.

At present the total available to me is £7,720

Topped up in 2022 a further £3,860

To Celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee £1,500 (this will be ring fenced)

In the past I have amalgamated the total given year on year to help give a bigger pot to each Parish Council rather than just a couple of hundred pounds (last year I gave in excess of £2000 to each Parish to spend) which makes it more rewarding.

**This year I would like to offer Stenson Fields PC £1000 from this pot towards a new bench to be placed on Wragley Way as a resting place for residents some of whom are elderly take a daily walk to cope with daily pressures of Covid 19. At present there is no provision of seating.**

Queens Jubilee Packs will be circulated as soon as they are ready & will be dispatched to PC's and community/ voluntary groups. As part of the conditions attached to the MCLS grants you will need to explain the nature of the project & the amount required. What other external funding may be available to support the project & how it will benefit the Community.

#### Hedges

As from the 1<sup>st</sup> September now that the bird nesting season is over hedges may be trimmed or cut back.

#### Accidents

A vehicle travelling along a private farm drive at Stenson Hill Farm suffered extensive collision damage after failing to negotiate a righthand bend prior to a railway bridge leading to the farm. The vehicle rolled several times before hitting a tree head on and finishing upside down in a deep ditch (No water).

The passenger in the car suffered extensive serious injuries and subsequently died of his injuries two days later in hospital. The driver sustained a broken arm and a leg injury (TBC) and I understand he has undergone further surgery on his eyes and remains seriously ill.

A police helicopter was quickly on the scene and several police units were in the vicinity at the time. They were supported by Derbyshire Fire & Rescue & East Midlands Ambulance Service trauma teams including the air ambulance.

Due to the nature of the area there is a gun club shooting ground therefore the arms response units were deployed as standard procedure and would have been flagged up on the Police HQ database hence the reason for so many police vehicles from South Derbyshire and City units.

The latest incident was on Arleston Lane where a Range Rover left the road into a bungalow demolishing the kitchen rupturing a gas supply during the process damaged a Jaguar car.

I believe a woman driver was arrested at the scene with suspicion of drink driving (Charges TBC)

#### Vision Derbyshire

This is now back on the table again for a number of reasons after announcements and discussions from the Government. I have recently sent a copy of the cabinet papers explaining the current situation. This will now be running alongside the Levelling up agenda also the new policy on County Deals.

This is not about losing any of the Councils as previously thought, but it does mean we need to rationalise and reorganise the structures currently in place.

It is important for all District and Borough Councils to support Vision Derbyshire for their own benefit to access larger funding grants towards services and projects across the County in a joined- up approach with Derbyshire Authorities.

Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire are already ahead of us in putting things in perspective, it is hoped we can have some shared services between County Councils thus creating a County structure in the East Midlands region. Already we are working together with the Freeport Status alongside East Midlands Airport.

The timescale for completion at present, the aim is for the Spring/Summer of next year.

1521/21 **Chair and Vice-chair to sign their Declarations of Office. Resolved:** Cllr Lisewski did so, Cllr Fellows will comply in the next meeting.

1522/21 **Cllrs Rogers to pledge to abide by the code and to confirm any changes to their Registers of Interests, if applicable.** Cllr Rogers was absent and so will conform to these requirements at his next attendance.

1523/21 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs C Fellows (personal commitment), P Bonnell (work commitments), DCllr Lakhvinder Singh and CCllr Neil Atkin (attending a SDDC Full Council meeting). Members agreed to their absences.

1524/21 **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:** None

1525/21 **To determine which items if any from Part 2 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.** None

1526/21           **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held online on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021.** The chairman signed these and a document that approved minutes from the past 16 months which had previously been approved and accepted as a true record by members in all related remote online meetings.

1527/21           **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**           None

1528/21           **CLERK'S REPORT**

1. Clerk reported a damaged bin at ASDA link path to the district council for repair.
2. Clerk asked Highways for speeding posters to be placed on lamp posts. *'Unfortunately, we don't have anything like and, nor do the road safety partnership. However, if the parish council are concerned about speeding, they may wish to consider taking part in the Community Speed Watch initiative'* (which the clerk has already recently asked for and awaits its reply). Clerk to obtain quotes for such posters.
3. Clerk received a request from a resident of Holderness Close for installation of a street disabled parking space outside the gate. A member of the family is a disabled blue badge holder. Clerk advised the applicant to contact Highways and provided the appropriate website link.
4. Council was wrongly invoiced by Biffa for collection of waste from the school's bins, but clerk has now secured a credit note for this amount.
5. Several signs for Slimming World have appeared throughout the estate, one of which was attached to a road sign (partly obscuring it) and was placed very close to the edge of the road. Clerk informed Slimming World that the signage is illegal, and SW has since removed it with an assurance that it will remove all such signs if they appear again. However, some have re-appeared today. DCllr Shepherd kindly offered to pursue this matter at district council.
6. Clerk received a reply from the PCC over our request for a site/ parish council meeting visit. Derbyshire Constabulary has considered our concerns and the PCC will send a formal response soon.

1529/21           **Matters for Decision or Discussion:**

a) Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety.

Cllr Baker claimed there was no dropped kerb at the junction of Wragley Way & Stenson Road and thought this was needed for safe crossing of the road.

b) Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road. Clerk to ask district council to display future agendas on the Community Centre notice board.

c) Lengthsmen Scheme. Steve Hawkridge gave the following report:

1. the waste bin at Ledbury Chase is still in disrepair although district council intend replacing it with a new bin.
2. the graffiti-removing kits that he sent for are working well.
3. smashed glass lies scattered around Pilgrims Way/ Fox Close.
4. Steve requested high-viz jackets for both he and Jane; members **agreed** that he order these from a supplier (both summer and winter versions).
5. the protruding tree roots on the pavement at Quantock Close that the clerk reported to Highways on both 20<sup>th</sup> April & 26<sup>th</sup> June have not yet been removed; clerk to send a strong reminder. Such roots have also now appeared on Wragley Way, near Beaufort Rod/ Zetland Crescent – clerk to inform Highways.
6. Both lengthsmen will be on holiday 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October.

d) Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins, etc). Nothing to report.

e) to discuss possible installation of one or two public benches on Wragley Way. **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting.

f) to discuss procedure over hiring a room at the Community Centre. Room hire is not now an issue.

g) to consider adopting a 'delegated powers' policy. **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting.

h) to consider the election of a dedicated member(s) to communicate directly with police over ongoing and future issues. **Resolved:** the member requesting this agenda item withdrew it.

i) to sign the additional SDDC concurrent functions form request. Both chairman and clerk duly signed the form.

j) budget update. Clerk presented a budget, which had been circulated previously, displaying both audited figures for 2020/21 and a projection for the current year.

k) Transfer action list/action plan. The chairman produced an action plan, the outline of which members **agreed**.

1530/21 **PLANNING**

**To consider planning applications**

DMPA/2021/1275 - Amended scheme to (previously approved ref DMPA/2020/0645) for the erection of a single storey extension and change of hip to gable on roof at 72 Glenmore Drive, Stenson Fields. **Resolved:** no objection.

**DMPA/2021/1013** - The erection of an extension at 6 Outram Way, Stenson Fields - this application has been amended. **Resolved:** no objection.

**Decisions**

DMPA/2021/0970 - the erection of a two-storey rear extension at 16 Lupin Close, Stenson Fields. Approved subject to conditions.

DMPA/2021/0832 - Amended scheme to previously approved ref DMPA/2020/1264 for the erection of a two-storey front and side extension at 24 Templar Close, Stenson Fields. Approved subject to conditions

DMPA/2021/0806- Retrospective application for the formation of a vehicular access and a hard surface at 3 Lundie Close, Stenson Fields. Approved subject to conditions.

DMPA/2021/0786 -The erection of a two bedroom bungalow at land adjacent to 7 Tay Close, Stenson Fields. Approved subject to conditions.

1531/21 **Finance for payment**

(a) Accounts for Payment were approved for payment (via internet bank transfer):

Reference	Payee-	Total £
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	J Irons – Clerk’s salary 4 weeks to 30 <sup>th</sup> July	848.24
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	J Irons – clerk’s expenses July - August*	24.00
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	J Hawkrige - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 30 <sup>th</sup> July	184.12
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	S Hawkrige – Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 30 <sup>th</sup> July*	184.22
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	HMRC –employee’s tax & NI July – August	43.68
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	DCC - clerk’s pension return August	223.85
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1508.11</b>
Reference	Payee-	
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	J Irons – Clerk’s salary 4 weeks to 27 <sup>th</sup> August	848.24
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	J Irons – clerk’s expenses August - September*	42.20
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	J Hawkrige - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 27 <sup>th</sup> August* (incl sick pay)	291.40
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	S Hawkrige – Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 27 <sup>th</sup> August	203.50
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	HMRC –employee’s tax & NI August - September	66.48
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	DCC - clerk’s pension return September	223.85
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	PKF Littlejohn LLP – external audit 2020/21	240.00
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	DBS Services – barring service check for lengthsman	90.40
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Biffa – waste collection September – December	410.90
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3925.08</b>

\*clerk’s expenses comprise the following:

Home allowance (£24 per 4-week) x 2	£48.00
Shardlow to Stenson Fields & return to attend the September meeting	<u>£18.20</u>
Total	£ 66.20

\*S Hawkrige’s expenses comprise the following:

Laminating sheets £2.99

\*J Hawkrige’s expenses comprise the following:

Graffiti remover £17.28

(b) Income	
SDDC Concurrent Functions grant 2020/21 (1) on 30 <sup>th</sup> July	£ 22329.01
(c) Bank balance as at 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	£ 42909.46

1532/21 **TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

None.

1533/21 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION** Clerk had circulated recent DALC newsletters and Coronavirus updates received through DALC’s Zoom meetings.

1534/21 **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;
- To discuss possible installation of one or two public benches on Wragley Way;
- to consider adopting a 'delegated powers' policy;
- Chairman to sign his 2021/22 declaration of office;
- To consider the DALC membership;
- Cllr Lisewski'sapologies for the next meeting.

1535/21 **Date of next meeting** –the next Council Meeting will be held at Stenson Fields Primary School on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 at 7.15pm (assuming excessive Covid restrictions are not reintroduced).

The Chairman thanked attendees for their input and closed the meeting at 8.56pm.

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