

STENSON FIELDS PARISH COUNCIL
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on THURSDAY 21st October 2021 at 7.15pm in Stenson Fields
Primary School**

Participants: - C Fellows (Chair), P Richardson, K Butterworth and I Baker.

In attendance: - Cllr Neil Atkin, DCllr D Shepherd, Steve Hawkridge (lengthsman), one resident and J Irons (clerk).

1536/21 **Chair to sign his Declaration of Office. Resolved:** Cllr Fellows duly signed the form.

1537/21 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs R Lisewski, G Dhillon Singh, P Bonnell; and DCllr Lakhvinder Singh (attending a Finance and Management Committee meeting at SDDC). Members agreed to their absences.

1538/21 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:** None

1539/21 **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:** None

1540/21 **To determine which items if any from Part 2 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.** None

1541/21 **PUBLIC SPEAKING:**

Cllr Neil Atkin.

1. Cllr Atkin reminded members that he will contribute up to £1000 from his councillor fund towards the provision of a new public seat bench on Wragley Way, subject to a valid quote.
2. Highways will soon address rotting and old road signs in the area, some have been replaced already. He will ask the Highways officer to attend a site visit at the Grampian Way roundabout to discuss the fading, white-lined shaded areas.
3. Cllr Atkin is aware of Barrow-on-Trent's letter to council regarding an unparished area north of the A50; due to declaring an interest in the matter he could not become involved in council's conversation (see minute 1544/21 (7) below) and had left before it took place.
4. a firework display will be held at The Bubble Inn in November, entrance to which will cost £5 per ticket. Last year's event resulted in much congestion and parked traffic, which he is keen to avoid next month. He has spoken to the pub's manager; access and numbers of attendees may be limited. Both he and DCllr Shepherd will enquire further, this may be a matter for SDDC's Licensing team to address.

After the meeting Cllr Atkin sent a confirmation of his actions which appear as an appendix on page 5.

Cllr Atkin left at 7.40pm.

Stenson Ward South Derbyshire District Councillors' Report to Stenson Fields Parish Council for September and October 2021.

Premiere Estates – Stenson Road Estate Maintenance

Residents of the new estate on Stenson Road have started to receive requests for maintenance payments. This has not been well received as the public open spaces do not appear to be maintained very well so far. Cllrs Shepherd and Singh met with residents to discuss concerns and contacted Premier Estates who confirmed that they are planning work in the estate soon.

New Caddies requested by Residents

Several residents contacted Cllrs Shepherd and Singh to say that they had been unable to contact the District Council regarding replacement black caddies. Cllrs Shepherd and Singh arranged for replacements to be delivered.

Fly Posting

Residents complained that fly posting had become endemic in the area to the detriment of the appearance of the area. Your councillors contacted the SDDC Community Safety Officer who visited those responsible and advise him not to erect the signs on in the area for his future events unless a planning permission is sought.

Green Homes Grant

Earlier this year, Environmental and Development Services Committee was informed that the Council had received just over £1,000,000 in funding to help improve the thermal insulation in the homes of low-income families in several priority postcodes in South Derbyshire. The offer of free cavity or loft insulation is now being made available to all postcodes across South Derbyshire. The grant funds the installation of improved energy insulation in privately owned or rented homes. The grant covers all the costs of materials and installation. No contribution is required from the homeowner. All works provide a 25-year insurance guarantee on all work completed.

Tree Matters

1. A request for a tree has been granted on Wragley Way/Portman Chase area.
2. Cllrs Shepherd and Singh have asked that trees on the public open space overhanging properties on Eggesford Road be cut Road Sweeping and Weeds in the Gutter – Stenson Road Estate

Lack of Footway Resurfacing – Tulla Close

The footways of Nevis, Broom and Tay Close were recently resurfaced. Unfortunately, Tulla Close was not, your councillors have contacted Derbyshire County Council to complete the job!

Footway Weed Removal

Cllrs Shepherd and Singh was contacted by residents regarding concerns about the weeds on footways connecting Tulla Close to the District Centre and Beaufort Road and Albrighton Ave. Your councillors contacted SDDC who removed the weeds.

Bollard Replacement

After several site visits over the past two years, SDDC have finally informed your councillors that the bollards will be replaced in October.

Councillors Shepherd and Singh thank Stenson Fields Parish Council for their support regarding this matter.

Section 106 Planning Gains for Stenson Ward

Councillors Shepherd and Singh met with SDDC's Head of Planning and Strategic Housing to discuss what gains they suggest as the result of the huge increase in development within Stenson Ward because of the Local Plan – part 1, Infinity Garden Village and the proposed A50 junction:

- *Reintroduction of two-way vehicular traffic on the railway bridge on Stenson Road. The many years ago, the plan was to build a pedestrian bridge next to the road bridge, we would like this pedestrian bridge built.*
- *The provision of a pedestrian crossing on Stenson Road.*
- *The relocation of the proposed secondary school from Infinity Park Way at Chellaston to a site within walking distance of Stenson Fields.*
- *Our Children be allowed to attend the new secondary school.*
- *A new and larger Medical Centre within walking distance of Stenson Fields.*
- *The building of the proposed road from the traffic roundabout on Stenson Road to the A38 to reduce the vehicular traffic in Stenson Fields.*
- *The retention of as many hedgerows, trees, and grassed areas as possible south of Wragley Way.*
- *Weight restrictions on roads in Stenson Fields to prevent HGVs from using our estate roads as access to or from the A50.*

Parking at the Stenson Fields Community Centre

At a recent function at the Centre, residents complained that cars were parked inconsiderately by attendees. Residents are reminded that the "laybys" either side of the entrance is for the use of people attending the Centre, not for residents. Cllrs Shepherd and Singh have asked SDDC to erect signs indicating that the laybys are for those attending the Centre only.

Request to Cut Foliage – Canal Bridge – Barrow-upon-Trent

As usual, Cllrs Shepherd and Singh asked the River and Canal Trust to trim the foliage which obstructs a view of Deep Dale Lane. In the past they have done as requested but have refused this year.

Stenson Ward Councillors Monthly Advice Surgeries for 2021

October 30th, November 27th, December 18th, 2021.

Cllrs David Shepherd & Lakhvinder Singh

District Councillor Shepherd left the meeting at 8pm

1542/21 **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th September 2021.** Once approved the chairman signed these as a true record (pp Cllr Baker, seconded Cllr Butterworth).

1544/21 **CLERK'S REPORT**

1. a resident voiced concerns about the litter bin behind his property on Nairn Close/ Grampian Way. His complaint is that the '*bin becomes smelly, especially when it's hot*'. Members believed that solutions are difficult and affect all bins in hot weather. Also, moving the bin to a different location is not an answer for the same reason. Clerk to inform the resident.
2. Clerk asked Highways for speeding posters to be placed on lamp posts, the request for which has been denied. Clerk has asked CREST's Community Speed Watch team (as we have for over a year) for provision of a training session to operate hand-held devices that records vehicle speeds. Members discussed the possibility of buying our own radar guns which would provide data (numbers of speeding cars on a certain road) that can be discussed with CSW.
3. Clerk asked SDDC whether it can display our agendas on the Community Centre noticeboard, to which they agreed although clerk now awaits a reply from his 3 enquiries over when to supply these. Clerk also asked for the latest inspection report for the Ledbury Chase play equipment.
4. Council has been wrongly invoiced again by Biffa for collection of waste from the school's bins. Clerk has complained and awaits another credit note for this amount.
5. The resident at 39 Eggesford Road, Stenson Fields is concerned about branches encroaching from a tree on Ledbury Chase, which is damaging her garage. She claims it has been many years since this was cut back. Both the clerk and DCllr Shepherd have pursued this at district council; DCllr Shepherd will do so again.
6. Clerk received a reply from Highways regarding errant parking on the Grampian Way roundabout. However, this is now hopefully subject to a site visit (see above).
7. To discuss a response to Barrow-on-Trent parish council's query over whether council wishes to accept a boundary change so that an area north of the A50 is taken from Barrow's parish and transferred to ours. Swarkestone Parish meeting has also been consulted. **Resolved:** no change to our position when asked previously over the same question from Barrow in that we do not wish to adopt this area.
8. A resident who uses the short footpath from Eggesford Road to Holderness Close complained that this has become blocked by homeowners failing to trim their hedges. Clerk to advise him to contact Highways who will then write to those residents.
9. Fireworks will be displayed at the Bubble Inn, which may entail disruptive car parking; this was covered earlier.

1545/21 **Matters for Decision or Discussion:**

a) Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety.

Cllr Baker highlighted the lack of visibility on the Stenson Road bend, opposite Wragley Way due to foliage; clerk to ask Highways again to cut both this and further along Stenson Road near Merevale Way.

b) Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road. Covered earlier in DCllr Shepherd's report.

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

1. the footpath hedges between Wragley Way and Humbledon Drive need cutting; DCllr Shepherd kindly offered to pursue this.
 2. some old and missing bollards have been replaced.
 3. goalposts on the Fox Close play area have had bolts removed; clerk has reported this to SDDC for repair.
 4. the ASDA link path bin and that on Stenson Road railway bridge are damaged/ leaning and still need repair; clerk to ask SDDC again.
 5. many ASDA shopping trolleys are being discarded; the Clean Team has collected some and continue to do so. Cllr Richardson accessed a trolley-collection service on the internet which Steve will contact.
- The chairman thanked Steve for his report.

d) Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins, etc). covered above.

e) to discuss possible installation of one or two public benches on Wragley Way. **Resolved:** agreed. The possibility exists of adding to these due to an increase in the s136 grant provided by district council this year. Also, funding from CCllr Atkin (see above) of c£1000 allows us to buy an additional bench.

f) to consider adopting a 'delegated powers' policy. **Resolved:** agreed.

g) to consider this year's SDDC concurrent functions increased grant award. **Resolved:** clerk explained that an increased amount of funding is available within this year's grant and circulated figures showing a broad outline of

possible expenditure (some of which includes public benches as mentioned above). Some tweaking of this along with an updated budget will be discussed in the next meeting.

h) to consider the DALC membership. **Resolved:** to continue with this membership.

1546/21 PLANNING

To consider planning applications:

DMPA/2021/1536 - the erection of an extension at 17 Irvine Close, Stenson Fields. **Resolved:** no objection.

DMPA/2021/1522 – the erection of a side extension at 32 Tregony Way, Stenson Fields. **Resolved:** no objection.

DMPA/2021/1590 - the conversion of existing garage into living space and erection of a detached garage at 82 Glenmore Drive, Stenson Fields. **Resolved:** no objection.

Decisions:

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. Approved subject to conditions.

1547/21 Finance for payment

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

Reference	Payee-	Total £
21 st Oct	J Irons – Clerk’s salary 4 weeks to 24 th September	848.24
21 st Oct	J Irons – clerk’s expenses September - October*	86.00
21 st Oct	J Hawkrige - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 24 th September*	229.34
21 st Oct	S Hawkrige – Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 24 th September*	226.93
21 st Oct	HMRC –employee’s tax & NI August – September	53.88
21 st Oct	DCC - clerk’s pension return October	223.85
	TOTAL	1668.24

*clerk’s expenses comprise the following:

Home allowance (£24 per 4-week)	£24.00
Shardlow to Stenson Fields & return to attend the October meeting	£18.20
3 x black cartridge Inks	<u>£43.80</u>
Total	<u>£86.00</u>

*S Hawkrige’s expenses comprise the following:

Laminating pouches £4.18

*J Hawkrige’s expenses comprise the following:

Hi-Viz straps £4.99

(b) Income:

SDDC Concurrent Functions grant 2020/21 (2) on 15th October £ 1577.99

(c) Bank balance as at 15th October 2021 £ £40562.37

1548/21 Cllrs Rogers to pledge to abide by the code and to confirm any changes to his Registers of Interests, if applicable. Cllr Rogers was absent and so will conform to these requirements at his next attendance.

1549/21 TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES
None.

1550/21 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION Clerk had circulated recent DALC newsletters and Coronavirus updates received through DALC’s Zoom meetings.

1551/21 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 this year’s concurrent functions grant and updated budget;
- To discuss possible installation of public benches on Wragley Way & elsewhere;
- Action items.

1552/21 **Date of next meeting** –the next Council Meeting will be held at Stenson Fields Primary School on Thursday 18th November 2021 at 7.15pm (assuming excessive Covid restrictions are not reintroduced).

The Chairman thanked attendees for their input and closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

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

Appendix (CCllr Atkin’s communication):

Bench Quotes & MLCS Funding

I promised the Parrish Council some funding up to £1000 or less depending on the quote for the purchase of a seating bench to be placed on Wragley Way. On receipt of information I will send an application form

Resolved: awaiting a response

Highway Street Furniture / White Lining

I have sent an email to request replacements for damaged / rotted street signage and an appraisal for Stenson Fields Estate on further repairs including the Grampian Way round-a-bout. Also replacements signs for Twyford Green and Stenson village.

Resolved: following some discussion on matters raised regarding adding / removal of White Lining is required and the clerk to follow up with an email to Cllr Atkin

Infinity Park:

Barrow PC required confirmation on decision regarding the Boundary issues within the Infinity Park proposals as to leave unparished or take on the responsibility.

Resolved: Left with the PC to discuss as an agenda item.

Bubble Public House Fireworks Display, Stenson

As a DCC elected representative this does not come under my remit, However, is the responsibility of the District Council. Cllr David Shepherd and Clr Lakvinder are the points of contact.

Resolved: South Derbyshire Licensing & Enforcement teams are invited to investigate and comment on the proposed event.