

STENSON FIELDS PARISH COUNCIL
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on THURSDAY 18th November 2021 at 7.15pm in Stenson
Fields Primary School**

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

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

1553/21 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:** item 5 was brought forward.

1554/21 **PUBLIC SPEAKING:**

CCllr Neil Atkin.

In his absence CCllr Atkin sent a short report to the clerk:

'From last month I did liaise with the Head of the Safer neighbour team regarding the bubble firework display to ensure there was a Police presence to keep the traffic flowing. Parking Cones were placed to prevent parking in the village centre.

As far as known there was no issues arising from the event and all went well. Once over the crowd of 500 (limited ticket number only) dispersed slowly.

Putting aside the above the Police were called out the following evening to Mercia Marina to deal with a much larger audience creating roadside parking chaos'.

DCllr Dave Shepherd (report awaited)

The lengthsman raised the following issues with DCllr Shepherd which he has also reported on the *Fixmystreet* website: bushes at corner of Glencroft Drive & Tregony Way, and at Humbledon Drive and Holderness Close need trimming; no tactile paving on the footpath between Wragley Way and Stenson Road.

District Councillor Shepherd left the meeting at 8pm

1555/21 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr P Bonnell (unwell), CCllr Neil Atkin and DCllr Lakhvinder Singh. Members agreed to their absences. Ken Rogers resigned his post on 9th November; clerk has sent a letter of thanks to him for his tenure.

1556/21 **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** None

1557/21 **To determine which items if any from Part 2 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.** None

1558/21 **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st October 2021.** Once approved the chairman signed these as a true record (pp Cllr Baker, seconded Cllr Richardson).

1559/21 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

The chairman, vice-chairman and DCllr Shepherd attended a meeting with the developers of land to the West of Primula Way on 16th November; regular meetings are due to be held. An IGV meeting is due to be held on 1st December.

1560/21 **CLERK'S REPORT**

1. Clerk held a site-visit the contractor responsible for installing the play equipment on Ledbury Chase on 15th November; work will commence on or around the 18th. Contractor to supply a quote for the installation of seat benches.

2. Clerk circulated an Action List over the progress of ongoing issues.

3. From 22 November 2021, the County Council's legal services will commence charging for the processing of formal licences granted under section 115 of the Highways Act 1980. These are licences granted for the placing out of items on the public highway such as planters or gateway village signs etc. The charge will be £100 per application and will currently only be payable at the point of Highways passing the application to legal services, once internal and external consultation have been completed.

1561/21 **Matters for Decision or Discussion:**

a) Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety. Five members and the lengthsman volunteered to undertake the Community speed watch training scheme. Steve Hawkrige will ask some residents that have been interested and the issue will be raised at DCllr Shepherd's surgery to garner more interest. Cllr Lisewski agreed to assume the role of co-ordinator for the project. Clerk to ask CCllr Atkin of the dates for the Frizams Lane road closure.

b) Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road. Covered earlier in DCllr Shepherd's report. Cllr Lisewski added that missing oak trees here had not yet been replaced.

c) Lengthsmen Scheme. Steve Hawkrige raised various matters with DCllr Shepherd but in addition he gave the following report:

1. trees surrounding the school have been cut on the side facing residences but not those facing the school; clerk to request this of the school/ county council.
2. Steve highlighted that a large hole has appeared in the Fox Close play area which apparently was cut by a resident.
3. ASB and drug taking has been evident at the Fox Close play area at night. Residents approaching the youths have been met with foul language and abuse. A resident rang the police 101 number but to no avail. DCllr Shepherd to ask the Safer Neighbourhood team to visit and patrol.
4. the traffic lights on the Stenson Road railway bridge were faulty although a member said these were now working.

The chairman thanked Steve for his report.

d) Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins, etc). Cllr Baker referred to the gas works/installation being undertaken on Wragley Way and elsewhere. Clerk to ask Cadent the nature of the work and for how long it will continue.

e) to consider this year's SDDC concurrent functions increased grant award and an updated budget. **Resolved:** clerk circulated a revised budget which included figures showing a broad outline of possible s136 expenditure (some of which includes public benches). Some tweaking of this along with the consideration of the upcoming precept request for 2022/23 will be discussed in the next meeting.

f) to discuss possible installation of one or two public benches on Wragley Way and elsewhere. **Resolved:** 2 benches to be installed on Wragley Way while considering possible sites elsewhere for further benches. Clerk to reply to a resident's recent enquiry over this and perceived misappropriation of land in this area.

A resident asked if a bench displaying an engraved epitaph or plaque may be placed at Ledbury Chase play area. Members **agreed** to asking for SDDC's permission in the first instance; if granted, resident to fund this herself. She also asked for lighting to be installed as the area has youths congregating at night; lighting may discourage them. However, this was denied by council.

Clerk to ask SDDC whether it will allow council to replace the old benches at the area.

1562/21 **PLANNING**

To consider planning applications:

Approval of reserved matters (layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) pursuant to outline permission ref. 9/2017/0922 for the residential development of up to 100 dwellings including infrastructure as associated works on Land at SK3430 7732, Deep Dale Lane, Barrow on Trent. The above application has been amended. The amendments are summarised as: *Revised site layout, designs, and landscaping.*

Resolved: to submit previous comment, namely - *we wish to resubmit our concerns from December 2017 that traffic access from A50 and along Deepdale Lane will be compromised arising from the expected volume of vehicles using this route.*

Decisions:

DMPA/2021/1013 - The erection of an extension at 6 Outram Way, Stenson Fields. Approved subject to conditions.

DMOT/2021/1568 - Approval of details required by condition 3 attached to ref. DMPA/2021/0786 (The erection of a two-bedroom bungalow at land adjacent to 7 Tay Close, Stenson Fields).

1563/21 **Finance for payment**

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

Reference	Payee-	Total £
18 th Nov	J Irons – Clerk’s salary 4 weeks to 22 nd October	848.24
18 th Nov	J Irons – clerk’s expenses October - November*	60.40
18 th Nov	J Hawkridge - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 22 nd October	171.53
18 th Nov	S Hawkridge – Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 22 nd October	161.18
18 th Nov	HMRC –employee’s tax & NI October - November	40.68
18 th Nov	DCC - clerk’s pension return November	223.85
	TOTAL	1505.88

*clerk’s expenses comprise the following:

Home allowance (£24 per 4-week)	£24.00
Shardlow to Stenson Fields & return (28 miles at 0.65p per mile) on 15th November to attend a site visit with Kompan	£18.20
Shardlow to Stenson Fields & return to attend the November meeting	£18.20
Total	£60.40

(b) Income: none

(c) Bank balance as at 12th November 2021 £ £38894.13

1564/21 **TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

None.

1565/21 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION** Clerk had circulated recent DALC newsletters and Coronavirus updates received through DALC’s Zoom meetings.

1566/21 **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);
- Lengthsman Scheme;
- To discuss this year’s concurrent functions grant, budget and precept;
- To discuss possible installation of public benches on Wragley Way & elsewhere;
- Action items;
- Apologies from Cllr Baker.

1567/21 **Date of next meeting** –the next Council Meeting will be held at Stenson Fields Primary School on Thursday 16th December 2021 at 7.15pm (assuming excessive Covid restrictions are not reintroduced).

The Chairman thanked attendees for their input and closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

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