

*STENSON FIELDS PARISH COUNCIL*  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.15pm in Stenson Fields  
Primary School**

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

In attendance: - DCllr D Shepherd, CCllr Neil Atkin and J Irons (clerk).

1583/21 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs I Baker (holiday), P Bonnell (work commitments), Steve Hawkridge (lengthsman - unwell) and DCllr Lakhvinder Singh. Members agreed to their absences.

1584/21 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:** None

1585/21 **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** None

1586/21 **To determine which items if any from Part 2 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.** None

1587/21 **PUBLIC SPEAKING:**

**County Councillor Neil Atkin.**

CCllr Atkin sent the following report prior to the meeting:

**DCC Report Update week commencing Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

MCLS Grants

*A reminder to apply for the MCLS funding towards projects in your Parish and the Queens Jubilee celebrations. It does come in two parts a total of £1000 towards a seating bench and from 1<sup>st</sup> April a further £250 which is ring fenced for the jubilee celebrations only. My PA will be in touch shortly with the application forms.*

Elvaston Castle

*Most of you by now would have received a published copy of the DCC magazine "Derbyshire Now" magazine. The story contents found on page 12 in the righthand column found under "proposals at a glance" state that the planning application has been submitted. To put it correctly it has been submitted to both planning authorities for "validation" to ensure everything is present and at this stage, due to the size of the application I do not have a definitive date when it will be available to the public.*

Holiday Leave

*I will be on holiday leave from Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April until Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April in Spain. I will pick up the emails on my return.*

Electronic Activated Speed Signs

*I have circulated a Cabinet report which was approved on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March for your awareness. Please consider very carefully as there is a cost attached to this scheme.*

Enhanced Partnerships for Bus services

*I have circulated a cabinet report which was approved on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March for your awareness, no action necessary on Enhanced Partnerships for Bus Services.*

Regarding the MCLS Grant CCllr Atkin added that a further £640 may be available for this council although this is yet to be confirmed. He left the meeting at 7.35pm.

**District Councillor Dave Shepherd.**

1. Mud sits around the bus stop on Wragley Way; DCllr Shepherd has asked both the bus company and county council whether hard-standing area can be laid here.
2. District council's council tax levy increase amounts to 2.95%, equating to about 0.14p per week on a Band D property. The levy includes the charge imposed by fire service, county and parish councils.
3. Complaints over noise emanating from building work being conducted at the Community Centre is being pursued by DCllr Lakhvinder Singh. DCllr Shepherd will meet the CEO of district council on 23<sup>rd</sup> March to discuss ongoing disturbances (such as noise and miscommunications over room bookings) at the Centre. An online room booking system is needed. Also, the future running of the Centre should be discussed.

4. Cadent gas repair lorries continue to be parked and barriers are still present on Goathland Road creating obstructions resulting in complaints over access. Cadent has promised to address these issues.
- 5 Rats are evident again at the balancing pond which are probably attracted by bread being thrown to ducks and swans. The pond should now come within SDDC's remit to maintain but DCllr Shepherd believes the council does not want it. Severn Trent is prepared to accept it but the pond and area must first be in a decent state. In either instance a cost is involved.
6. Following on from the above point, landscape gardeners may be employed to maintain the area and tenders may be circulated in this regard. In the meantime, Premier Estates is in charge.
7. He will pursue the installation of long-awaited bollards replacements, especially at Glendon Road and Burnside Close.

Cllr Richardson rued that discarded syringes and needles are scattered in Harebell Lane, off Earls Drive on the new estate. As mentioned above Premier Estates is responsible although Dave will tell them and ask for a schedule of works it undertakes here. He may also hold a meeting with the residents. Cllr Richardson thought that SNT is aware, but clerk will also inform them.

Cllr Butterworth noted that access across the road is impeded near to the Children's' Home at the end of Arleston Lane. Cars park across the dropped kerb; Dave will view it and added that this may fall within the City boundary in which case it is their responsibility.

District Councillor Shepherd left the meeting at 7.55pm.

1588/21           **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022.** Once approved the chairman signed these as a true record.

1589/21           **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

The chairman did not attend any meetings recently but has a school resources committee next week.

1590/21           **CLERK'S REPORT**

- 1 Consider use of the £250 contribution offered by county council to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. One possibility suggested by members was a contribution to the school; the chairman will enquire.
2. Clerk sent the VAT repayment form to HMRC for the 5<sup>th</sup> time, by registered post.
3. Clerk circulated an Action List over the progress of ongoing issues to which he added one new item.
4. an agreement between Barrow PC and the district council has surfaced which shows Barrow having maintenance responsibilities for Ledbury Chase play area. Clerk sent a response to SDDC advising that if Barrow wishes to either terminate or continue with the agreement it must discuss it with SDDC; if the latter, there is no need to have a new one drawn between us and SDDC. Members **agreed** with this approach therefore clerk will confirm council's wishes to SDDC. District council has confirmed that it inspects play equipment at Ledbury Chase as part of its ongoing maintenance checks every month; and Zurich Insurance check it once per year.

1591/21           **Matters for Decision or Discussion:**

- a) Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety. To elaborate on CCllr Atkin's report above, County council intends holding a 12-month trial of Speed Indicator Devices, which are a type of electronic vehicle activated sign that records traffic speeds. Members briefly discussed this and **agreed** to hold the conversation over to the next meeting.
- b) Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road. Covered earlier in DCllr Shepherd's report.
- c) Lengthsmen Scheme. In his absence Steve Hawkridge gave the following report to the clerk:
  1. *Several dog owners have approached me to query if a dog poo bin could be put anywhere on Stenson Road from Wragley Way to Grampian way as there are none along there.*
  2. *There seems to be a new trend with owners picking up dog poo but then just leaving it dumped on the floor. This is occurring in several areas not just one.*
  3. *When you talk about the bench placement I wondered if there could be one put in the 5-a-side area.*
  4. *The new park equipment seems to be a hit with the children it is also generating a lot more litter.*
  5. *Jane will be absent from work from 11<sup>th</sup> April for about 3 or 4 weeks.*

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Members decided that they should look at a suitable site to place a dog bin; and consider placing a bench near the 5-a-side pitch on Fox Close.

d) Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins, etc). Clerk awaits a reply from district council tree officer for a site visit to assess tree replacement/ plantings in the area.

e) to consider this year's SDDC concurrent functions increased grant award and an updated budget. Clerk has a broad outline of possible s136 expenditure. Some tweaking of this will be required depending on SDDC's reply over benches (which they might now provide and fit but not fund).

f) to discuss possible installation of public benches. Linked to the above point, Clerk also asked SDDC whether we may install child's fitness equipment instead of benches and awaits a reply. Clerk has previously circulated details of the fitness equipment to members.

**1592/21 PLANNING**

**To consider planning applications:**

CD9/0222/33 - Installation of a timber gazebo at Stenson Fields Primary Community School, Goathland Road, Stenson Fields. **Resolved:** no objection.

**1593/21 Finance for payment**

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

Reference	Payee-	Total £
17 <sup>th</sup> March	J Irons – Clerk's salary 4 weeks to 11 <sup>th</sup> February	939.06
17 <sup>th</sup> March	J Irons – clerk's expenses January - February*	109.04
17 <sup>th</sup> March	J Hawkridge - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 11 <sup>th</sup> February*	276.07
17 <sup>th</sup> March	S Hawkridge – Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 11 <sup>th</sup> February	218.30
17 <sup>th</sup> March	HMRC –employee's tax & NI January – February	43.29
17 <sup>th</sup> March	DCC - clerk's pension return March	241.48
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Biffa – waste collection March to June 2022	468.78
17 <sup>th</sup> March	DCC – room hire July 2021-Feb 2022	270.25
17 <sup>th</sup> March	DALC – subscription 2022/23	823.47
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3389.74</b>

\*clerk's expenses comprise the following:

<i>Shardlow to Stenson Fields &amp; return (28 miles at 0.65p per mile)</i>	
<i>on 17th March to attend the March meeting</i>	<i>£ 18.20</i>
<i>M/S Office 365 annual subscription 2022-23</i>	<i>£ 59.99</i>
<i>Resending of VAT repayment form via registered post on 9th March</i>	<i>£ 6.85</i>
<i>Home allowance (£24 per 4-week)</i>	<i><u>£ 24.00</u></i>
	<i>£109.04</i>

Jane Hawkridge's expenses comprise the following:

<i>Bin bags</i>	<i>£15.99</i>
<i>Wheelie bin bags</i>	<i><u>£41.98</u></i>
	<i>£56.97</i>

(b) Income: none

(c) Bank balance as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022                      £    £15059.15

**1594/21 TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**  
None.

**1595/21 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION** Clerk had circulated recent DALC newsletters and Coronavirus updates received through DALC's Zoom meetings.

1596/21 **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 either possible installation of public benches on Wragley Way & elsewhere and/or a children's fitness facility;
- suitable site for placing a dog bin and possibility of placing a bench near the 5-a-side pitch on Fox Close;
- Action items;
- Consider use of the £250 contribution offered by county council to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee;
- Speed Indicator Devices;
- Possibility of CSW training and continuation with the scheme.

1597/21 **Date of next meeting** –the Annual Parish and Ordinary Meetings will be held at Stenson Fields Primary School on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022 at 7pm (assuming excessive Covid restrictions are not reintroduced). As this falls within the school easter break, clerk to remind the secretary to ensure the caretaker opens the room.

The Chairman thanked attendees for their input and closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

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