

STENSON FIELDS PARISH COUNCIL
ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on THURSDAY 21st April 2022 at 7.10pm at Stenson Fields primary school.

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

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

1598/22 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:** None

1599/22 **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:** None

1600/22 **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

- No residents or police officers took part.
- Cllr Atkin and DCllr Shepherd were both absent this and the annual parish meeting earlier.
- One of our lengthsman in attendance, Steve Hawkridge, gave his report at minute 1604/22 (c) below.

1601/22 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th March 2022.** These were approved and accepted as a true record (pp Cllr Butterworth, seconded Cllr Richardson) after which they were signed by the chairman.

1602/22 To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded.
None.

1603/22 **CLERK'S REPORT**

1. we await the outcome of SDDC's liaison with Barrow parish council over the ownership of the Ledbury Chase. District's reply stated *'the new equipment which has been installed, has been added to our Play Equipment Inspector's list for monthly inspections.*
I will also let you know that I have briefly spoken with our Legal Team regarding this matter and they have advised that we may need to look at changing or creating a Policy on how we deal with these matters of responsibility for maintenance going forward. Legal Team advise that it will not be just a matter of cancelling an existing Agreement with Barrow on Trent and drawing up a new Agreement with Stenson Fields PC and changing clauses. Just making you aware as this could take some time to resolve formally.
2. SNT update: Neighbourhood SNT officers patrolling the Area 2 (Mercia) are PC Stefan Bancroft, PC Mark Holmes and PCSO 14072 Dave Marley. Clerk to remind SNT that Stenson is also part of the Mercia patrol region.
3. County council confirmed that as part of Cllr Atkin's grant that we will receive, an amount of £250 can be allocated to Stenson Fields school to pay for a celebration event for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The chairman will ask the school whether it can do so. As an aside, the remainder of Cllr Atkin's grant (amounting to c£1650) will be used to buy 2 benches, once SDDC has decided on its proposed scheme for installation, sites etc.
4. Several additions/ amendments were made to the Action List.
5. clerk reiterated that the internal budget was being conducted at present, hence end-year figures are shown as unaudited in the budget update.

1604/22 **Matters for Decision or Discussion:**

a) Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety.

Members discussed the Community Speed Watch scheme and **agreed** that the clerk should contact SNT for a breakdown of participants' responsibilities. These will then be posted on notice boards to garner interest from any possible volunteers.

Members **agreed** to pursue the possibility of Speed Indicator Devices and deciding that, assuming we are eligible, possible locations would include Stenson Road, Grampian Way and Wragley Way. In the first instance the county councillor must give his approval of the scheme.

b) Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road. Nothing to report.

c) Lengthsmen Scheme. Steve Hawkrige reported the following (in italics):

Report 21/04/22

Vandalised matting around the old slide at Goathland Road park was reported and replaced by district council. Vandalised matting around a piece of new equipment done this week has a crime number of 22000222866 was reported on Wednesday to SNT. Also reported to parks department who didn't know was responsible for the equipment.

Slimming World notice boards appearing again in our area. Clerk to raise this with Slimming World and copy DCllr Shepherd.

In March a clothes bank container appeared on the edge of Pilgrims Way park. Clerk to ask Clean Team to arrange removal.

No repair or replacement of the bins at Goathland Road park. Clerk to ask SDDC when it will place new bins here. Steve and Jane are on holiday from 21st to 28th May.

Besides the above, he and Jane had produced a list of repairs/ issues (potholes, weeds etc) that they had most usefully reported to the 'fix my street' website. He will continue to report graffiti to SNT which should encourage them to investigate these matters.

The chairman thanked Steve for his report and his submissions to 'fix my street'.

d) Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins etc). a section of the fence on Stenson Road, near the balancing pond on the new estate, is missing. **Resolved:** Clerk to ask DCllr Shepherd whether he can request a reinstatement from the developers.

e) To discuss either possible installation of public benches on Wragley Way & elsewhere and/or a children's fitness facility. Discussed briefly above although benches are still dependent on SDDC's proposed scheme. Assuming this comes to fruition, clerk to ask whether it will attach a plaque to any of them commemorating the Queen's Jubilee. Another or additional option is to place one on a tree.

f) suitable site for placing a dog bin and possibility of placing a bench near the 5-a-side pitch on Fox Close. **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting.

g) to consider this year's SDDC concurrent functions increased grant award and the updated budget. As mentioned above year-end figures are shown as unaudited in the budget update. At present, council has an underspend of the allocated s136 grant funds of c£9k; most of this may be spent on the SID devices, assuming we are eligible, and if SDDC permit this underspend to be held over from last year.

h) Consider use of the £250 contribution offered by county council to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As mentioned above this should be destined for the school.

1605/22 PLANNING

To consider planning application:

DMPA/2022/0304 - The erection of boundary fence at 10 Sundew Court, Stenson Fields. **Resolved:** no objection.

Decisions:

DMPA/2022/0137 - The erection of a single storey rear extension at 3 Witton Court, Stenson Fields. Approved subject to conditions.

DMOT/2022/0401 - Consultation from the County Council on application ref. CD9/0222/33 seeking permission for the installation of a timber gazebo at Stenson Fields Primary Community School, Goathland Road, Stenson Fields.

No objection from either SDDC or this council.

DMPA/2022/0108 - Removal of existing conservatory and replace with the erection of a two-storey extension and alterations at 22 Pilgrims Way, Stenson Fields. Approved subject to conditions.

Clerk received a query from a resident of Lundie Close asking of the possibility of extending his garden and boundary fence. He has already contacted SDDC and received an incomplete reply. **Resolved:** clerk to contact the planning department to clarify the options open to the resident.

On another point, clerk to ask DCllr Shepherd to enquire with planning whether it resolved the issue regarding the removal of 2 silver birch trees on Wragley Way.

1606/22 **Finance**

(a) Accounts for Payment (via internet bank transfer) – to be approved:

Reference	Payee-	Total £
21 st April	J Irons – Clerk’s salary 4 weeks to 11 th March*	1087.05
21 st April	J Irons – clerk’s expenses February - March*	109.18
21 st April	J Hawkridge - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 11 th March	188.89
21 st April	S Hawkridge – Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 11 th March*	222.11
21 st April	HMRC –employee’s tax & NI February - March	132.52
21 st April	DCC - clerk’s pension return April	294.71
	TOTAL	2034.46

*clerk’s expenses comprise the following:

Salary includes back-pay of £197.20 reflecting an increase in statutory hourly rate arising in April last year.

Shardlow to Stenson Fields & return (28 miles at 0.65p per mile)

<i>on 21st April to attend the April meeting</i>	<i>£ 18.20</i>
<i>3 x Black Ink Cartridge inks (incl VAT)</i>	<i>£ 66.98</i>
<i>Home allowance (£24 per 4-week)</i>	<i>£ 24.00</i>
	<i>£109.18</i>

Steve Hawkridge’s expenses comprise the following:

Printer inks £35.00

- (b) Income - VAT repayment 2020/21 on 19th March £ 1224.34
- Western Power wayleaves on 12th April £ 48.06
- Precept (first tranch) 2022/23 on 4th April £ 14736.00
- (c) Bank balance as at 31st March 2022 £ 12898.23
- (d) Finance Report 2021-22 was circulated to members before the APM meeting and now appears on the website.

1607/22 **TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

None.

1608/22 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION** Clerk has circulated recent DALC newsletters and other correspondence from differing entities.

1609/22 **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;
- Annual review of the council’s policies;
- Election of officers and Appointment of members to Committees & Sub Committees, working parties and/or external bodies.
- suitable site for placing a dog bin and possibility of placing a bench near the 5-a-side pitch on Fox Close;
- to approve the 2021/22 internal audit report.

1610/22 **Date of next meeting** –The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 19th May 2022 at 7.15pm at Stenson Fields primary school.

The Chairman thanked attendees for their input and closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

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