

STENSON FIELDS PARISH COUNCIL
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on THURSDAY 21st July 2022 at 7.15pm in Stenson Fields
Primary School**

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

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

1632/22 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Lisewski (unwell), Cllr Bonnell (work commitments) and DCllr Lakhvinder Singh. Members agreed to their absences. Clerk to circulate a reminder to councillors over giving apologies and associated reasons.

1633/22 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:** None

1634/22 **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** None

1635/22 **Cllr Bonnell** to pledge to abide by the code and to confirm any changes to his Register of Interests, if applicable. Cllr Bonnell will be asked this at his next attendance.

1636/22 **To determine which items if any from Part 2 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.** None

1637/22 **PUBLIC SPEAKING:**

County Councillor Neil Atkin.

SIDs

CCllr Atkin has given his approval in writing supporting the parish council's request to install speed indicator devices on 4 roads in the area. As we are the first council to be approved by him, we are in line to be considered quickly by Highways of our eligibility. There are 400 small councils in the county but not all will be picked for the scheme.

CCllr support grant

We have not applied for or utilised the grant offered by CCllr Atkin as it is dependent on SDDC's upcoming seat bench policy.

Notes from the Repton Area Forum

To avoid repetition in these minutes, these are listed in DCllr Shepherd's report below.

Bridges

The canal bridge on Deepdale Lane is covered below. CCllr Atkin assured that Barrow parish council has reported the damage caused by 3 vehicles. Highways and the Canal & River Trust will assess the bridge's design to help prevent collision, review the signage and cut overgrown vegetation; clerk to ask Barrow its progress over the latter point.

The bridge leading from Stenson was damaged a week ago by a taxi driver and left in a parlous state. Police were called but the driver had fled, however he will be traced through his taxi registration number. C&RT has investigated as the bridge is its responsibility and maintain that the cost of any damage be borne by the culprit. Cllr Richardson noted the poor road surface from this bridge travelling towards the direction of Derby; CCllr Atkin said this is programmed for resurface.

A funeral took place at the Bubble Inn 2 weeks ago resulting in many parked cars and congestion. Police issued tickets to those errantly parked. Also, a fire broke out in a nearby field which reduced traffic flow for safety reasons.

Cllr Richardson also highlighted the removal of 3 street light columns (2 on Wragley Way and 1 on Stenson Road, Grampian Way Island) c12-18 months ago. Cllr Baker mentioned that the pavement on the A50 bridge is in poor health. CCllr Atkin will pursue these issues.

Cllr Baker thought aircraft noise to be excessive, especially in the early hours; CCllr Atkin suggested he register his complaint on the North West Leicestershire District Council website.

CCllr Atkin left the meeting at 7.45pm.

District Councillor Dave Shepherd.

Stenson Ward South Derbyshire District Councillors' Report to Stenson Fields Parish Council for July 2022.

Report on the Repton Area Forum – Tuesday 19th July 2022 in Ticknall Village Hall.

Issues Raised at the Previous Area Forum Meeting

Bogus Clothing Bin – Fox Close Stenson Fields

Cllr Shepherd informed the meeting that the South Derbyshire Strategic Director had told him that the bin had been removed.

Police Safer Neighbourhoods Report

The Inspector reported that South Derbyshire have recruited five more constables who will start in August. Currently South Derbyshire has only six officer to cover our area. Derby City Police will answer 999 calls in our area if possible. The PCSO Supervisor, Kerry Wallington-Waite reported on the success of the quarterly objectives- Speeding, ASB in open spaces, School Parking and regular patrols. Crime prevention visits and partnership working were reported on etc.

Safer South Derbyshire Partnership

The team has held twelve group sessions regarding the “Streetwise” campaign. A successful Knife crime week had been held. Cllr Shepherd thanked the SDDC Safer Neighbourhoods Team for prompt action taken and liaison with police regarding an anti-social behaviour issue which the Anti-social Behaviour Officer had raised with the Police Inspector.

Local Authority Update

- Healthy Homes Assistance Fund which is available to private property owners was outlined.
- South Derbyshire District Council is looking at issues and options for housing and employment in the next Local Plan.
- The South Derbyshire Chief Executive, Mr Frank McArdle, reported that Derbyshire County Council, Derby City Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council have submitted proposals to the Government to negotiate a combined devolution deal. This submission was the result of the Government invitation to the four councils to get devolved power. ask their opinion.
- The Leader of South District Council, Cllr Kevin Richards, has written to the Member of Parliament informing her of the concerns regarding the pressure on the District's medical facilities.

Derbyshire County Council Matters Raised by Cllrs Shepherd and Singh (Roads & Footways)

Eight of the bullet points below were reported to Cllrs Shepherd and Singh who emailed them to Derbyshire County Council 3rd April 2022. The Canal bridge problem was sent later.

- Pilgrims Way - Potholes again.
- Wragley Way – many potholes, some filled in but sinking in parts.
- Stenson Road to the Bubble Inn – so many potholes that a resident has put up a sign warning motorists.
- Stenson Road at the Bubble – turn left on Buckford Lane – two potholes.
- *The triangle at the junction of Buckford Lane and Twyford Road (A5132), potholes at the edges of the triangle. **Now Done because of it being reported, thank you Derbyshire County Council***
- The roundabout on Grampian Way has potholes.
- A sunken grate on Stenson Road, which has been repaired previously requires attention again.
- Grampian Way at Kirkland Way has potholes.
- Canal Bridge – Sinfin Lane – Barrow on Trent – Foliage on the western side of the bridge restricting the view of vehicle approaching from Deep Dale Lane. Please cut back. (see email from Cllr Shepherd to DCC 3rd July 2022).

The three bullet points below were reported at a previous Area Forum.

- Resurfacing of Tulla Close (Email 19/01/2022)
- Knights Close footway - Raised at a previous Area Forum.
- Rowan Close – Raised at a previous Area Forum.

The four bullet points below are new concerns.

- Damage to Canal Bridge – Sinfin Lane – Barrow-upon-Trent. – Request for CCTV surveillance and a new sign on the Derby City section of Deep Dale Lane.
The canal bridge is damaged on a regular basis, it was recently closed for three weeks for renovation. The day it was opened it was damaged again. I ask that Derbyshire County Council liaise with Derby City Council and erect Weight Restriction signs on the Derby City (Sinfin) Section of Deep Dale Lane. There is already a weight restriction sign in the entrance to Sinfin Lane from Barrow-upon-Trent. The signs should have not only the

weight restriction information but inform vehicles choosing to ignore the restriction that the bridge is CCTV monitored.

- Overgrown hedge – Western side of Stenson Road (FS – Case – 43546509)
- Derbys County Council Trees - Stenson Ward Councillors have been contacted by residents regarding DCC trees. If you have any reports on the trees, could you share them with us. We would be happy to meet on site to discuss the trees.
- Bus Stop on Wragley Way - Residents request that the bus stop on the rural side of Wragley way extended. It's the one opposite Wheatland close near the 5g mast. The children from Landau Forte get on the bus there and due to however due to the increase in children using the stop standing space for them is insufficient. Could the standing area be increased?

Healthcare Provision in South Derbyshire

Stenson Fields residents are aware of the campaign that their South Derbyshire District Councillors have undertaken regarding the need for improved local medical facilities. They have had meetings with Arleston Lane practice and made the point in meetings with the Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). First, they were told that our area was a priority, then they said we were not. The latest is that the campaign has been successful, patients who have had to attend a surgery in Littleover, will have a new medical facility which will be built within walking distance of Stenson Fields. Unfortunately, this will take some time to be construct but your councillors will press for the facility to be ready in the fastest possible time.

The medical provision in South Derbyshire as a whole is a concern, this has led to the Leader of the Council to seek assistance from the Member of Parliament.

Actions Requested by Stenson Fields Parish Councillors from South Derbyshire District Councillors

- Weeds and Gutter Sweeping Required.
Email sent to the SDDC Head of Cultural Services asking for the work to be done.
- Removal of Red Bin – Entrance to POS opposite Heather Close
See the email above.
- School Hedge Adjacent to the Footway
Email requesting that the hedge be cut sent.
- Replacement Bus Timetable
Aviva contacted and asked to replace the timetable.
- District Councillors' Surgery Notices to be Replaced
Notices printed and ready for placing on notice boards

Cllrs David Shepherd and Lakhvinder Singh, South Derbyshire District Councillors – Stenson Ward.

District Councillor Shepherd left the meeting at 8.05pm.

1638/22 **To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 16th June 2022.** Once approved the chairman signed these as a true record.

1639/22 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

The chairman attended the Repton Area Forum where he raised and complained about the unreliability of the police's 101 number for reporting crimes. Drug dealing incidents have been committed both here and in Willington, and arrests were made.

1640/22 CLERK'S REPORT

1. Clerk circulated an Action List over the progress of ongoing issues of which 3 items require following up.
2. Clerk attended an online training session on 6th July with Derbyshire Pensions Service to enable him to operate an additional reporting requirement for monthly pension returns.
3. Cllr Baker believed that certain links to pages of the website were faulty; clerk to investigate.

1641/22 Matters for Decision or Discussion:

- a) Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety.

CLlr Butterworth rues the continual lack of police visibility in the area stating that the service is not fit for purpose. The chairman sympathised but wondered whether more complaining to the authorities would achieve much and suggested that council monitor the situation in the near term.

CSW – clerk received a reply from a resident expressing his interest. **Resolved:** council to abandon the project and clerk to ask Barrow parish council whether it is still interested in buying the CSW equipment.

SIDs – as mentioned above CCllr Atkin has given his written approval for the installation of Speed Indicator Devices, a type of electronic vehicle activated sign that records traffic speeds. Clerk confirmed that he has approached a contractor for all details required by Highways on its 2 licence agreements. Clerk received these this day and has yet to peruse them, after which he will submit to Highways for its approval to place devices at 4 locations in the area. As we are reliant on the c£10k shortfall in SDDC's concurrent functions grant from last year to pay for the SIDs, clerk circulated an updated budget prior to the meeting and explained the implications. Hence, it will probably be early next year before the SIDs can be bought and installed.

b) Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road. The balancing pond is now devoid of water which could prove dangerous should someone fall into it or attempt to walk over it. Clerk to ask DCllr Shepherd to contact the developer for safety measures; and to remind the developer that the fence on Stenson Road near the pond is still missing.

c) Lengthsmen Scheme. Steve Hawkrige gave the following report (clerk's notes are in italic):

Report July 21/07/2022 for lengsthpersons.

- Goathland Road park. Bird poo had been cleaned off swings but problem just as bad again. *SDDC is looking into how it deals with this problem. Clerk will ask whether bird deterrents (plastic attachments) are available to fit to the tops of swings.*
- Green mesh which was under black matting has been ripped up. *The contractor will return soon to lay new matting.*
- Bins still in a state of disrepair. *SDDC will install new ones in due course.*
- Jane asked district council if a road sweeper is due to clear gutters, but it replied saying it lacks staff at present.
- Recycling refuse freighter lorry still leaving shards of glass around area. *DCllr Shepherd will report this.*
- A resident complained about the state of the drains e.g greenery growing out of it.
- A cockerel annoys residents in the early mornings; *DCllr Shepherd will pursue this.*
- Biffa collections during the school holidays in August; *clerk to ask either the school or Biffa, or both.*
- Clerk to furnish Steve with a list of dates of future meetings for posting on the notice boards.

The chairman thanked both Steve & Jane for their continued service.

d) Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins, etc). Covered both here and in the action list.

e) to discuss possible installation of public benches (near the 5-a-side pitch on Fox Close and elsewhere). This is dependent on SDDC's reply over a benches policy, which we still await.

1642/22 PLANNING

To consider planning applications:

DMPA/2022/0718 - The erection of a double garage at 20 Irvine Close, Stenson Fields. **Resolved:** no objection.

DMPA/2022/0871 - Conversion of double garage into living accommodation at 27 Glencroft Drive, Stenson Fields.

Resolved: no objection.

1643/22 Finance for payment

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

Reference	Payee-	Total £
21 st July	J Irons – Clerk's salary 4 weeks to 1 st July	819.36
21 st July	J Irons – clerk's expenses June - July*	42.20
21 st July	J Hawkrige - Lengthsman pay 3 weeks to 1 st July*	303.43
21 st July	S Hawkrige - Lengthsman pay 3 weeks to 1 st July*	262.00

21 st July	HMRC – employees' tax & NI May - June	220.28
21 st July	DCC – clerk's pension return in July	253.23
	TOTAL	1900.50

*clerk's expenses comprise the following:

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

on 21st July to attend the July meeting

£ 18.20

Home allowance (£24 per 4-week)

£ 24.00

£ 42.20

Jane Hawkridge's expenses comprise the following:

Graffiti remover £75.40

Marker spray paint £ 2.95

£78.35

Steve Hawkridge's expenses comprise the following:

Printer inks £35.00

Drawing pins £ 1.00

£36.00

(b)	Income	Bank interest on 29 th April 2022	£ 9.79
		31 st May 2022	14.91
		30 th June 2022	14.96
		Concurrent functions grant 2021/22 on 1 st July	14157.77
		Precept (2 nd tranche) 2022/23 on 8 th July	14000.00

(c) Bank balance as at 15th July 2022 £46919.91

1644/22 **TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**
None.

1645/22 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION** Clerk had circulated recent DALC newsletters and updates.

1646/22 **Agenda items for the next meeting.**

- Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety including SIDs & Barrow on Trent council's reply over purchasing our CSW equipment;
- Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road;
- Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins, etc);
- Lengthsmen Scheme;
- To discuss the installation of a public benches on Wragley Way & elsewhere depending on a new SDDC policy for such;
- Action List.

1647/22 **Date of next meeting** –the next Parish Council Meeting will be held at Stenson Fields Primary School on Thursday 15th September 2022 at 7.15pm.

The Chairman thanked attendees for their input and closed the meeting at 9.06pm.

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