

STENSON FIELDS PARISH COUNCIL
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on THURSDAY 29th September 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, Steve Hawkrigde (lengthsman) and J Irons (clerk).

Part 1 Non-Confidential Information

1648/22 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & appointment of a new vice chair:** Cllrs Lisewski (unwell) and GD Singh, DCllr Lakhvinder Singh. Members agreed to their absences. Cllr Baker declared that he was prepared to stand as a new vice-chairman after which members agreed to his election. Cllr Baker immediately signed his declaration of office.

Cllr Bonnell tendered his resignation on 28th September.

1649/22 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:** to accept DCllr Shepherd's report when he arrives.

1650/22 **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** None

1651/22 **To determine which items if any from Part 2 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.** Lengthsman & clerk to be excluded.

1652/22 **PUBLIC SPEAKING:**
No County Councillor was present and no report had been received prior to the meeting. No members of the public attended.

1653/22 **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st July 2022.** Once approved the chairman signed these as a true record.

1654/22 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**
The chairman had not attended any meetings recently. The clerk noted that the next Repton Area Forum will be held on 11th October at the Community Centre. The chairman will write to Cllr Bonnell thanking him for his service and tenure as a member.

1655/22 **CLERK'S REPORT**
1. Clerk circulated an Action List over the progress of ongoing issues of which 4 items were amended, added or require following up.

1656/22 DCllr Shepherd arrived at 7.35pm

Stenson Ward District Councillors' Report to Stenson Fields Parish Council 29th September 2022

South Derbyshire District Council – Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation

Cllrs Shepherd and Singh ask residents to take part in the consultation.

Our Local Plan sets out the vision for future development in the district. The Local Plan for South Derbyshire is up to date but we are required to review it at least every five years. The council is currently preparing consultation related to the Local Plan which will set out how the district should be developed, in line with national policy and legislation. The emerging Local Plan will help decide on planning applications and other planning related decisions such as infrastructure. It will also address the Infinity Garden Village and the East Midlands Freeport issues. The Council is also required to identify housing needs in the district and provide housing for Derby City under the Housing Market Area (HMA). Derby City cannot accommodate its housing requirement so the HMA comprising Derby City, South Derbyshire and Amber Valley work together to supply the need. The previous Local Plan was opposed by every Labour Councillor, agreeing that there was inadequate infrastructure to accommodate 1800 houses south of Wragley Way. They voted

the same way when the Infinity Garden Village expression of interest identified the area as a site for 1200 additional houses but were again outvoted. The East Midlands Freeport will also require further housing. The infrastructure, roads, schools, medical facilities, shops and employment must be able to accommodate any increase in housing development in or around the ward. Stenson Ward. Councillors, Shepherd and Singh, have long campaigned for improved medical facilities and the re-location of the new secondary school to a site nearer Stenson Ward rather than on Infinity Park Way.

THE CONSULTATION WILL BE PUBLICISED AT THE REPTON AREA FORUM (WHICH COVERS STENSON WARD) ON 11TH OCTOBER STARTING AT 6:30 PM IN STENSON FIELDS COMMUNITY CENTRE.

A LOCAL PLAN PRESENTATION WILL BE HELD IN THE STENSON FIELDS COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 31ST OCTOBER BETWEEN 3:00-7:00pm. PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND BOTH SESSIONS IF POSSIBLE AND MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN

The Proposed Mayoral County Combined Authority for the East Midlands

On the 30th August 2022, the Establishment of the Government's East Midlands Mayoral Combined County Authority (MCCA) under their East Midlands Devolution Deal was announced. The leaders of Derby and Nottingham City Councils, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire County Councils decided to opt for a new East Midlands mayoral combined council sitting above the city and county councils. (These are known as the Upper Tier Authorities). The deal will bring £38 million a year for the next 30 years and some key powers and funding being transferred to regional politicians from national government. Decisions on planning, housing, roads, infrastructure, and economic development will be made locally. The MCCA will have 2 voting representatives from each of the four Upper Tier Authorities, the Mayor will also have a vote. The MCCA have powers in relation to Economic Development, Adult Education, Transport, housing supply and borrowing up to an agreed cap. All four Upper Tier authorities and District councils will still exist as individual councils and no local authority functions will be removed. The combined authority will then be run by the directly elected mayor who will autonomously exercise Functional Power, Housing and regeneration, Mayoral Development Areas and certain Finance and Transport matters. An election for the Mayor is scheduled for May 2024. If the deal is formally approved, the Government will pass legislation bringing the new combined authority for the East Midlands into existence. South Derbyshire District Council will debate on public consultation before residents are asked to comment. The government say that the MCCA is not a new level of local government, but it is hard to see it in any other way. There are eight District and Borough Councils in Derbyshire and seven District and Borough Councils in Nottinghamshire; how long will these survive under the MCCA, despite assurances? Chief Executives are essential to District and Borough Councils, but they are expensive. South Derbyshire has been a prudent authority, will any of our money be allocated elsewhere?

Issues Raised by South Derbyshire District Cllrs Shepherd and Singh at the Repton Area Forum Meeting held on 19th July 2022

Seven of the bullet points below were reported to Cllrs Shepherd and Singh who emailed them to Derbyshire County Council Highways department on 3rd April 2022.

- 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, 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.

Derbyshire County Council response, “...we are unable to check the pothole queries as there appears to be no record of them on the DCC reporting website”.

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

- Resurfacing of Tulla Close – ***No response from Derbyshire County Council yet.***
- Knights Close footway repairs - ***Derbyshire County Council say the work will be completed by November.***
- Rowan Close, Structure Built over Service Strip – ***Derbyshire County Council say “further letter sent to try to progress this”***

The five 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. **No response from Derbyshire County Council yet.**
- 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. **Derbyshire County Council report that “the Area Inspector requested a letter to be sent to Network Rail (probable landowner) regarding the overgrowth encroaching over the carriageway.**
- Overgrown Hedge – Western side of Stenson Road needs cutting (FS – Case – 43546509) **Derbyshire County Council say “a job reference has been raised to cut back hedges encroaching over the carriageway”.**
- Derbyshire 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. **No response from Derbyshire County Council yet.**
- 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, however due to the increase in children using the stop standing space for them is insufficient. Could the standing area be increased? **No response from Derbyshire County Council yet.**

Actions Requested by Stenson Fields Parish Councillors from South Derbyshire District Councillors at the Parish Council Meeting 21st July 2022.

- Weeds and Gutter Sweeping Required.
Response from South Derbyshire District Council's Street Scene Officer – “The channels have been chemically treated just once this year up to yet due to operational issues, but we have just been round with the channel sweeper in the last few days The channel sweeper has removed most of the weeds but at the moment I have a team on Stenson Road working from the Bubble inn to Stenson, manually digging out the weeds and detritus from the channels”.
- Removal of Red Bin – Entrance to POS opposite Heather Close
Response from South Derbyshire District Council's Street Scene Officer – “Unfortunately my investigation into the mysterious red bin has hit a dead end so we have removed it”.
- School Hedge Adjacent to the Footway
South Derbyshire District Council's Groundworks department investigated.
- Parish Council Request for a Replacement Tree – Path from Glendon Road to ASDA - the matter is in being investigated by the Council's Tree Officer.

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- ASDA Trolleys left around the Estate
- Bollards Required
- Glendon Road to Burnside Close
- Rubbish on the Site of a Building Project

Residents' Concerns taken up by Cllrs Shepherd and Singh

- Construction Site – Deep Dale Lane – Residents complained that the gutter adjacent to the site was unsafe. Cllrs Shepherd and Singh contacted Derby City Council asking that the road be repaired. **This was done, thank you Derby City Council.**
- Stenson Fields Community Centre – Your councillors followed up the meeting in summer with the South Derbyshire District Councils Chief Executive Officer to discuss matters concerning residents with another meeting with Council's Head of Cultural Services.
- Request to Change the Late-Night Street Lamp Shutdown – After complaints from residents that attempts to enter cars during the hours of darkness, you councillors contacted the police asking for support in asking that the lights remain on.

Next SDDC Stenson Ward Councillors Advice Surgeries

Saturday 29th October – 10:30 – 11:30 – Stenson Fields School – Heather Close

Saturday 26th November – 10:30 – 11:30 – Stenson Fields School – Heather Close

Friday 9th December - 17:00 – 18:00 – Stenson Fields Community Centre – Merevale Way
Saturday 17th December – 10:30 – 11:30 – Stenson Fields School – Heather Close

Cllrs David Shepherd and Lakhvinder Singh, South Derbyshire District Councillors – Stenson Ward
District Councillor Shepherd left the meeting at 8pm.

1657/22 Clerk resumed his report.

2. clerk paid 2 invoices under his delegated power that needed rapid payment (to Catana and Robert Lewis signs – see Payments below).
3. the external audit report for 2021/22 has been completed and appears on the website.
4. This year's Summer Play scheme was well-attended with a total of 441 participants.

1658/22 **Matters for Decision or Discussion:**

a) Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety.

CSW – we await a reply from Barrow parish council over whether it is still interested in buying the Speed Watch equipment.

SIDs – Clerk has sent the 2 licence applications to Highways along with insurances and specifications etc. He also sent the contractor's report to Highways which checked the proposed lampposts for their strength in holding the devices.

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

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

Lengthpersons report 29/09/2022.

- Road sweeper has now attended the area.
- Notice board on Wragley Way has been fixed after it was vandalised.
- The dog poo bin on the corner of Northfield and the 5 a-side football pitch is broken and gaps open. It is being used as a rubbish bin especially glass bottles. Members **agreed** to install a new 90 litre bin.
- Notices are being ripped off the notice boards especially since we posted the one about electric scooters.
- Bus stop timetables have been removed on all stops on Grampian Way and the one on the corner of Stenson Road/Pilgrims Way. *Steve made DCllr Shepherd aware tonight.*
- The gate on Pilgrims Park is failing to close again. *Steve has reported this to district council.*
- A lady on Pilgrims Way complained to Jane about Number 16 who have been building for the last 3 years and wonders if anything could be done to get them to tidy their construction mess away. She has had damaged car tyres on several occasions. *Steve made DCllr Shepherd aware tonight.*
- There are 3 abandoned waste bins at Ledbury Chase play area; *clerk to ask district council to remove.*

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

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

e) installation of public benches. We await SDDC's reply over a benches policy; the clerk has recently asked district council twice and DCllr Shepherd asked again earlier today.

f) update on the ownership of, and repairs at, Ledbury Chase. We await SDDC's decision over whether this area is under Barrow parish council's remit; clerk to enquire again. In the meantime, clerk to ask the contractor who provided a quote for new matting here whether the quote holds and if they can install quite soon.

g) budget update. Clerk had previously circulated an amended budget and explained various implications within it.

1659/22 **PLANNING**

To consider planning applications: None.

Decisions:

DMPA/2022/0718 - The erection of a double garage at 20 Irvine Close, Stenson Fields. Approved subject to conditions.

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

DMPA/2022/0550 - Erection of first floor side extension and single storey rear extension at 1 Northfield, Stenson Fields. Approved subject to conditions.

1660/22 Finance for payment

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

Reference	Payee-	Total £
29 th Sept	J Irons – Clerk's salary 4 weeks to 29 th July	819.36
29 th Sept	J Irons – clerk's expenses July – August (home allowance)	24.00
29 th Sept	J Hawkrige - Lengthsman pay 3+ weeks to 26 th July	234.10
29 th Sept	S Hawkrige - Lengthsman pay 3+ weeks to 26 th July*	234.60
29 th Sept	HMRC – employees' tax & NI July - August	224.28
29 th Sept	DCC – clerk's pension return in August	253.23
	TOTAL	1789.57
Reference	Payee-	Total £
29 th Sept	J Irons – Clerk's salary 4 weeks to 26 th August	819.36
29 th Sept	J Irons – clerk's expenses August - September*	42.20
29 th Sept	J Hawkrige - Lengthsman pay 3 weeks to 24 th August*	221.83
29 th Sept	S Hawkrige - Lengthsman pay 3 weeks to 24 th August*	219.23
29 th Sept	HMRC – employees' tax & NI August – September	214.28
29 th Sept	DCC – clerk's pension return in September	253.23
14 th Aug	Catena Ltd – lamppost inspection for SIDs (paid on 14 th August)	129.10
29 th Sept	Biffa – waste collection September to December	468.78
7 th Sept	Robert Lewis Signs – repair to Wragley Way noticeboard	270.00
29 th Sept	PKF Littlejohn – external audit report 2021/22	360.00
	TOTAL	2998.01
	Grand total	4787.58

*clerk's expenses comprise the following:

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

29th Sept to attend the Sept meeting £ 18.20

Home allowance (£24 per 4-week x 2) £ 24.00

£ 42.20

Jane Hawkrige's expense to 24th August was:

Winter hoodie £ 8.00

Steve Hawkrige's expense to 26th July was:

gloves £ 1.10

Steve Hawkrige's expense to 24th August was:

gloves £ 6.00

(b) Income: Bank interest on 29th July 2022 £ 36.80
Bank interest on 31st August 2022 £ 54.84

(c) Bank balance as at 31st August 2022 £44981.95

1661/22 TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES
None.

1662/22 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION Clerk had circulated recent DALC newsletters and updates and other items from county & district councils.

1663/22 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);

- Lengthsman Scheme;
- Update on SDDC's policy regarding public benches (if any);
- Action List.

1664/22 **Date of next meeting** –the next Parish Council Meeting will be held at Stenson Fields Primary School on Thursday 20th October 2022 at 7.15pm.

The Chairman closed Part 1 of the meeting at 8.55pm.

1665/22 **Part 2 Confidential Information**

To discuss the possibility of an increase in staff salaries to help alleviate the current cost-of-living crisis. Both clerk and lengthsman left the meeting allowing members to discuss. It was agreed to leave salaries at their present rate.

The Chairman thanked attendees for their input and closed Part 2 the meeting at 9.28pm.

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