

STENSON FIELDS PARISH COUNCIL
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Thursday 16th March 2023 at 7.15pm in Stenson Fields
Primary School**

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

In attendance: - District Councillors David Shepherd and Lakhvinder Singh; and J Irons (clerk).

1729/22 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr GD Singh (urgent commitment) and CCllr Neil Atkin.

1730/22 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:** None

1731/22 **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** None

1732/22 **To determine which items if any from Part 2 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.** None.

1733/22 **PUBLIC SPEAKING:**

The county councillors' report appears as an appendix at the end of the council minutes on pages 3-4.

Stenson Ward Councillors - David Shepherd and Lakhvinder Singh.

1. following the car accident that occurred on 16th February on Stenson Road DCllr Shepherd highlighted the perennial problem of speeding traffic here. He has suggested to the county council that they install roundabouts coupled with a speed limit of 30mph and awaits its response. Also, DCllr Singh raised it with a cabinet member at DCC and asked CREST for more speed van checks to be conducted. However, CREST claim they have limited capacity with vans only being able to attend between 9am-5pm.

2. considering ASB incidents at Harebell Lane DCllr Shepherd has invited the police to attend his next surgery tomorrow. Cllr Richardson again raised the issue of flooding on paths and grass that skirts the back of Saxon Gate estate; DCllr Shepherd said this is a management company problem. Cllr Richardson noted the poor road surface on Stenson Road, entering Stenson village (although the county councillor report addresses this – see below). He rued that 6 potholes that have appeared on the Grampian Way roundabout; both he and DCllr Singh have reported these to Highways. Cllr Richardson also highlighted one on the central reservation on this road and has reported this too. On behalf of the council both the chairman and vice-chairman thanked the district councillors for kindly printing council-approved flyers for delivery with (not insertion of) the latest edition of his Broadside publication expressing our desire to recruit more residents to become councillors.

Both district councillors left at 7.45pm

1734/22 **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th February 2023.** Once approved the chairman signed these as a true record.

1735/22 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

The chairman had not attended any meetings recently. He presented a project newsletter describing the Oaklands Farm solar & energy storage project near to Rosliston and Walton-on-Trent.

1736/22 **CLERK'S REPORT**

1. Clerk circulated an Action List over the progress of ongoing issues of which several items were amended, added or require following up.

2. clerk reminded members that the elections will soon be held and they should submit their nomination packs to district council by 4pm on 4th April. Clerk to ask the elections office whether members need to make an appointment for delivery of their packs.

1737/22 **Matters for Decision or Discussion:**

a) Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety.

CSW – Denby parish council confirmed they wish to buy the Speed Watch equipment but have not yet replied to the chairman to arrange collection. Clerk to pursue them.

SIDs – the contractor will fit the 4 signs to lampposts in the next couple of weeks.

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

c) Lengthsmen Scheme. Steve Hawkridge gave the following report:

- Steve asked of any progress with the return of the Saturday morning freighter? *Clerk noted that SDDC's policy is to discontinue these and so will ask DALC if any other council has employed an independent, paid-for service.*
 - The kick board on Goathland Road park is being used as glass target practice.
 - One small child's swing has had a fire lit under it and burnt. Jane reported this to SDDC parks Department who have removed it for replacement. *Also, Clerk to report this and the previous point to SNT.*
 - Fly tipping has appeared at the end of Glendon Road which includes cat litter and cat poo; we have reported it to the Clean Team.
 - Missing bollards at Northfield have had their holes filled with concrete but bollards not replaced. *DCllr Shepherd was made aware tonight.*
 - Potholes on 5-a-side pitch were recently filled whilst full on water and so are not solid. *Clerk to tell SDDC.*
 - Steve & Jane will be on holiday from 1st-5th May; and 23rd June-2nd July.
- The chairman thanked them both for their service.

d) Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins, etc). covered in both the Action List and district councillor report.

e) installation of 2 public seat benches on Wragley Way. **Resolved:** SDDC is currently assessing the sites and we await its reply: clerk reminded them on 11th March.

f) SDDC's intentions over repairs/ responsibility at Ledbury Chase play area. District council confirmed that it will take full responsibility for the area, including repairs and maintenance etc. Clerk had previously confirmed that we are willing to relinquish ownership of the new play equipment and hard-standing laid recently, to the district council at no cost. This will naturally remove these items from our asset register.

1738/22 PLANNING

To consider planning applications:

DMPA/2023/0010 – Certificate of Lawfulness for existing internal garage conversion at 4 Mallow Close, Stenson Fields. **Resolved:** no objection.

DMPN/2023/0098 - Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed replacement porch at 8 Tickham Avenue, Stenson Fields. **Resolved:** no objection.

DMPA/2022/1617 - Outline application (all matters reserved for later consideration) except for the principal means of access for a residential development (Use Class C3(a)) including flood alleviation measures, public open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure for the residential development of up to 600 dwellings at Land to the West of Primula Way, Littleover. **Resolved:** clerk to submit the following comment to district council:

1. *developer to improve the traffic flow over the Stenson Road Railway Bridge by removing the existing traffic signal controls and providing means for 2-way traffic flow.*
2. *provide a Pelican Controlled Crossing on Stenson Road to link the Saxon Gate at Newton Village development with Stenson Fields in the vicinity of Pilgrims Way and Lupin Close.*

1739/22 Finance for payment

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

Reference	Payee-	Total £
16 th March	J Irons – Clerk's salary 4 weeks to 10 th February	858.50
16 th March	J Irons – clerk's expenses February - March*	132.60
16 th March	J Hawkridge - Lengthsman pay 3+ weeks to 6 th February	217.58
16 th March	S Hawkridge - Lengthsman pay 3+ weeks to 6 th February*	220.16

16 th March	HMRC – employees' tax & NI February - March	228.98
16 th March	DCC – clerk's pension return in March	265.86
16 th March	DCC – room hire 2022/23	378.35
16 th March	DALC – subscription 2023/24	915.91
16 th March	Biffa – waste collection March to June 2023	547.72
16 th March	Coeval – 4 SIDs (radar speed signs)	14915.40
Chq 2381	CLlr C Fellows – chairman's allowance 2022/23	128.00
	TOTAL	18809.06

*expenses comprise the following:

Clerk's petrol Shardlow to Stenson Fields & return (28 miles at 0.65p per mile) on 16th March

to attend the March meeting £ 18.20

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

Postage stamps, paper & envelopes £ 9.19

Staples – R/P accounts book £ 21.22

Microsoft Office 365 subscription 2023/24 £ 59.99

Total £ 132.60

Steve Hawkridge's expenses comprise the following:

Work trousers £12.99

(b) Income: Bank interest on 28th February £ 72.75

(c) Bank balance as at 28th February 2023 £24527.99

1740/22 **TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**
None.

1741/22 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION** Clerk had circulated recent DALC newsletters and updates and other items from county & district councils. He too offered a copy of the Oaklands Farm solar & energy storage project as mentioned earlier.

1742/22 **Agenda items for the next meeting.**

- Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety including SIDs & CSW equipment;
- Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road;
- Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins, etc);
- Lengthsmen Scheme;
- Action List.

1743/22 **Date of next meeting** –the Annual Parish & Ordinary Meetings will be held at Stenson Fields Primary School on Thursday 20th April 2023 at **7.00pm**.

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

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

Appendix

Derbyshire County Council
Elected Representative – Councillor Neil Atkin - Aston Division

Thursday 15th March 2023

Annual Parish Report from Derbyshire County Councillor Neil Atkin

Chairman

Thank you for inviting me to your annual parish meeting, tonight, in the meantime shall endeavour to highlight some of the issues I have dealt with during the past year on your behalf as a County Councillor.

Infrastructure and Highways

For enquiries post covid on any highway issues are outstanding for 6 weeks and for public rights of way is 26 weeks at this present time as waiting list will reduce over time.

During the past year I have been dealing with requests for highway repairs around the Parish some with a successful outcome and other issues are still to be resolved.

There have been problems with through traffic on Arleston Lane and Merrybower due to diversions being undertaken by highways whilst resurfacing in Stenson and also Severn Trent needing to upgrade facilities in Stenson. The Rivers and Canal Trust have also applied for road closure notices with more to follow to undertake repairs of both Canal Bridges at Barrow and Stenson, New Canal Lock gates have now been installed at Stenson Lock replacing the damaged gates with only the damaged bridge wall requiring repair.

I have been asked to investigate the possibility for a stop order for through traffic on Arleston Lane, it was resolved that this cannot be done as residential / agriculture access is needed especially during flooding periods.

Sinfin Lane & Deepdale Lane was the subject of breach of weight restrictions from HGV's damaging the Canal bridge full and reserved matters. More work needs to be done later when the Infinity Park proposals are at an advanced stage when a planning application enters its final phase for approval.

In the meantime, Derby City Council and DCC have instructed all developers that new HGV access is allowed towards Barrow along Deepdale Lane.

I have followed up on hedge cutting complaints along Stenson Road, this has now been cut for safety reasons as the local bus service was driving further over the white lines to avoid the hedge tops encroaching over the highway.

We have also seen the completion of laying a hard surface at the bus stops removing the highway grass verge and the need for dropped kerbs for access to the raised areas to allow easy access onto buses.

Highway repairs and potholes have been temporarily filled and need proper surface repair in the future. We are still waiting for a firm date to resurface Stenson Road Stenson between the first cottage and Stenson House which has seen 13 potholes appear over winter which were filled and now showing signs of deterioration again.

Speeding along Stenson Road and Wragley Way has been a problem over the years, Highways at your request investigated the issues to seek speed reduction measures and for a Zebra crossing / Pelican crossing. This is still being monitored as traffic movements increase, triggering the need to install crossings on both Wragley Way near the new proposed Primary School and on Stenson Road linking the Saxon Gate Estate to the existing Stenson Fields Estate. There is now a more pressing need to review this after recent vehicle accidents along Stenson Road, both due to driver error.

During the past year we have seen a consultation on the Infinity Park planning proposals and the proposed A50 link. Funding from DCC and the Government including Highway England has been approved for the new junction onto the A50 with a start date as early as Spring of next year.

Planning for further developments will commence shortly for Employment sites, Retail, Housing along with a medical centre, a new secondary school and Open space facilities so far as known creating jobs of all descriptions.

Boundary Issues

Barrow Parish Council as part of the proposals asked for two boundary changes, one to move the current new housing developments which were in Barrow now to become part part of Stenson Fields Parish.

The second is proving to be more problematic as both Barrow and Stenson Fields wish to move developments on Sinfin Moor side of the Infinity Park into Swarkestone Parish, this needs more discussion and support. It is hoped that the A50 will be the new Boundary in both cases where any new developments will stop to protect the rural area.