

STENSON FIELDS PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Thursday 21st December 2023 at 7.15pm in
Fields Primary School**

Participants: - Cllrs C Fellows (Chair), I Baker, GD Singh and P Richardson.

In attendance: - DCllr Lakhvinder Singh, Steve Hawkridge (Lengthsman) and two residents.

In the absence of the clerk Cllr Baker kindly took the minutes.

1836/23 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** CCllr Neil Atkin & DCllr David Shepherd

1837/23 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:** None

1838/23 **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** None.

1839/23 **To determine which items if any from Part 2 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.** None.

1840/23 **co-option of new member(s).** Messrs Ben Broadhurst & David Morris were co-opted by council and signed their respective Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

1841/23 **PUBLIC SPEAKING:**

DCllr Lakhvinder Singh.

1. Bus shelter on Wragley Way, parish council still must discuss if we are going to part fund this.

2. Defibrillator at the community centre, currently £350 has been made available, SDDC would move the power cable from the rear of the community centre to the front and would also cover the maintenance costs. Clerk to ascertain cost associated with purchase of defibrillator; Cllr Broadhurst can provide information. It was also suggested that the Clerk should write to the Stenson Fields Public House and the Church Centre to see if they are prepared to install a defibrillator.

3. Lakhvinder to enquire from highways as to when the closure of Stenson Road railway bridge would take place, once we have this we could arrange a litter pick. Ben suggested he could get the scouts to assist as this would be a potential badge for the scouts.

4. The resident on Wragley Way is still complaining about the SID and has stated he would pay to have it moved. Clerk to write to the resident or provide Lakhvinder with the full costs associated with this, testing, licensing, disconnection and reinstalling on the new lamppost.

5. Lakhvinder will contact CREST for information regarding speeding on Wragley Way. He has contacted G. Charlton regarding vandalism of the bus shelters and will contact highways regarding the phasing of the Stenson Road railway bridge lights.

1842/23 **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th July 2023. Resolved:** agreed

1843/23 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS** None

1844/23 **CLERK'S REPORT**

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

1845/23 **Matters for Discussion:**

a) Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety. Nothing further.

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

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

- Traffic lights: The traffic lights on Stenson Road bridge seem to have had the sequencing altered which is causing tailbacks all day, every day. Can they be changed back? Roughly 18 cars are allowed from Derby into Stenson Fields with only 8 admitted from Stenson Fields. Journeys are horrendous from here.
- When is Goodsmoor Road expected to be open?
- Trees: The trees at the top of Quantock Close fronting Wragley Way are very overgrown and one is encroaching on telephone wires. No action yet.
- The waste bin on Goathland Road park has still not been replaced.
- Graffiti is constant on play equipment, but we keep cleaning it off.
- Bus shelter Wragley Way - panel of glass broken, cleaned this up and reported to Jonathan. Generally, bus shelters been cleaned.
- Inner bin on 5-a-side pitch has been vandalised twice not replaced.
- We keep an eye on the back of the school and remove tobacco pouches and drug packets weekly. Still an ongoing problem but at least the lights have been repaired.
- SIDs: The one on Wragley Way has been tilted and dimmed and the sensor has been turned down. Grampian Way SID is getting no light to it because the panel is pointing towards a house.
- Stenson Road pavement is cracked either side of A50 bridge along a 2/3 inch width, nothing done yet. 2 signs are now in place to show uneven surface.
- Dave, your notices need updating for your district councillor surgeries.

d) Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins, etc). Mostly covered in both the Action List and above.

e) Possible employment of a private freighter/ skip refuse service; held over to the next meeting. Clerk to challenge SDDC statement regarding "hostility to the drivers when they refused to take other authority bins"

f) Update on a new bus shelter on Wragley Way; covered above.

g) Update on the SIDs on Wragley Way (covered above) and Grampian Way.

h) fenced dog-exercise area; we await the outcome of the planning application at Stenson Bubble.

i) to discuss and possibly agree next year's precept amount to be requested. **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting.

j) Possibility of a new defibrillator at the community centre; covered above.

k) to retrospectively sanction (or not) financial transactions/ items from July 2023 onwards. **Resolved:** agreed.

1846/23 PLANNING

To consider planning applications:

DMPA/ 2023/7039 - The erection of a two-storey **front extension, erection of a detached garage and demolition of existing boundary walls at 303 Grampian Way, Stenson Fields.** **Resolved: no objection.**

1847/23 Finance for payment

- (a) Accounts paid as per below in December by the clerk under his delegated powers (paid via internet bank transfer).

Reference	Payee-	Total £
17 th Dec	J Irons – Clerk's salary 4 weeks to 17 th November (including £416 salary backdated to April 2023 as per the NJC pay award agreement reached in November 2023)	1223.00
17 th Dec	J Irons – clerk's expenses November - December*	24.00
17 th Dec	J Hawkridge - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 17 th November	217.81
17 th Dec	S Hawkridge - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 17 th November*	236.21
17 th Dec	HMRC – employees' tax & NI November - December	393.17
17 th Dec	DCC – clerk's pension return in December	402.19
17 th Dec	SDDC – Summer Play Scheme 2023	2790.00
17 th Dec	Biffa – waste collection January – March 2024	603.10
17 th Dec	DCC – works to SIDs at Arleston Lane & Wragley Way	132.40
	TOTAL	6021.88

*expenses comprise the following:

Clerk's home allowance (£24 per 4-week) £ 24.00

S Hawkridge – 2 x work sweatshirts £18.00

(b) Income: Bank interest on 30th November £228.056

(c) Bank balance as at 15th December 2023 £54,054.48

1848/23 **TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**
None.

1849/23 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION** Clerk had circulated recent DALC newsletters and updates and other items from county & district councils.

1850/23 **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;
- Action List;
- Possible employing of a private freighter/ skip refuse service;
- Update on a new bus shelter on Wragley Way;
- Update on the SIDs on Wragley Way and Grampian Way;
- to agree next year's precept amount to be requested from SDDC;
- bench to be placed on open space Zetland/ Pilgrims Way.

1851/23 **Date of next meeting** – the next formal meeting will be held at Stenson Fields Primary School on Thursday 18th January 2024 at 7.15pm.

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

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