

STENSON FIELDS PARISH COUNCIL
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Thursday 20th July 2023 at 7.15pm in Stenson Fields
Primary School**

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

In attendance: - DCllr David Shepherd, CCllr Neil Atkin, one resident and J Irons (clerk).

1780/23 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** DCllr Lakhvinder Singh.

1781/23 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:** None

1782/23 **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** None. Cllr GD Singh duly signed his Declaration of Office and Register of Interests forms.

1783/23 **To determine which items if any from Part 2 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.** None.

1784/23 **PUBLIC SPEAKING:**

The county and district councillors' reports appear as an appendix at the end of the council minutes on pages 4–8. Both councillors left at 8.15pm

1785/23 **To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 25th May 2023.** After 2 minor amendments these were approved and signed by the chairman as a true record.

1786/23 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

The chairman and DCllr Shepherd attended this week's IGV meeting; DCllr Shepherd made the following observations.

Modelling is in progress and the secondary school is due to be in place in 2026; also, 2 primary schools are planned. The provision of a medical centre has now been postponed indefinitely, which is unfortunate because the site is ready and s106 monies are available.

The resident had also attended the meeting and made the following comments.

The secondary school will have no access and no road will be provided. Also, it will serve other areas as well as ours. The infrastructure in general seems to be lacking (unfortunately this topic was denied discussion at that meeting). Funding is an issue for roads and is needed. The minutes of these meetings are poor, and no maps appear on its website. Speed cushions are proposed for Wragley Way to slow traffic.

1787/23 **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 received a call from HMRC on 12th July regarding the ongoing unpaid tax & NI demand stemming from 2019 (which now, according to HMRC, stands at £62.10). Clerk subsequently sent further information, this time listing all the tax due and our payments (cashed by HMRC) in the 2019 – 20 tax year as per their request.

3. clerk requested that the date of December's meeting be brought forward to 14th which was **refused**. It will be held on 21st.

1788/23 **Matters for Decision or Discussion:**

a) Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety.

The SIDs are now up and running although the contractor encountered a problem with locating the correct lamppost on Arleston Lane. Clerk has now arranged for this SID to be moved to another lamppost further along the road, providing Highways allow it. The resident commented that these signs have been well received locally.

b) Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road. Discussed earlier.

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

- Brambles encroach on the footpath behind the school, travelling towards ASDA; this may be the responsibility of the DCC's Education Department. The hedge on Stenson Road (Grampian Way to the railway bridge) needs trimming. Tree branches at Quantock Close/ Wragley Way overhang the footpath. *DCLlr Shepherd will investigate these items.*
- Potholes on 5-a-side pitch have still not been infilled; *clerk to remind SDDC.*
- Steve suggested that an advert could be placed in the local Resources newsletter for circulation in Littleover & Stenson Fields asking for new councillors. He also asked the clerk to send the member vacancies poster to him for inserting on noticeboards; members **agreed** to these requests.
- Steve gave DCLlr Shepherd a list of jittys and footpaths that require weed-killer application by district council.
- He rued the parked car congestion at the top of Wheatlands Close which makes access for emergency services difficult.

The chairman thanked both Jane & Steve for their service.

d) Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins, etc). Mostly covered in both the Action List and district councillors' report. The resident asked if the silver birch tree on Grampian Way, near junction of Tregony Way, can be trimmed as it impedes the footpath. Members **agreed** and Steve will kindly have a look.

e) installation of 2 public seat benches on Wragley Way. SDDC has granted permission for one to be placed at Hambleton Drive but refused one to be sited anywhere on Wragley Way. Members discussed the possibility of placing another on Ledbury Chase play area.

f) clerk previously circulated an updated budget which members discussed.

1789/23 PLANNING

To consider planning applications:

DMPA/2023/0706 DMPA/2023/0706 - Erection of a conservatory to the rear at 51 Glenmore Drive, Stenson Fields.

Resolved: no objection.

DMPA/2023/0739 (revised application) - The erection of a two-storey rear, front and side extension, detached garage and hardstanding at 12 Avon Close, Stenson Fields. **Resolved:** clerk to ask DCLlr Shepherd to enquire with planning as to the nature of the revision.

DMPA/2023/0722 - Creation of a new entrance and existing entrance blocked up at 3 Northfield, Stenson Fields.

Resolved: no objection.

DMPA/2023/0768 - Erection of a two-storey side extension at 5 Goathland Road, Stenson Fields. **Resolved:** no objection.

Decisions

DMPA/2023/0408 - The erection of a two-storey rear, front and side extension, detached garage and hardstanding at 12 Avon Close, Stenson Fields. Refused.

DMPA/2023/0453 - Conversion of garage to office and utility room (retrospective) at 4 Mallow Close, Stenson Fields. Approved subject to conditions.

DMPA/2023/0406 - The erection of one two-storey detached dwelling on Land adjacent to 23 Lundie Close, Stenson Fields. Approved subject to conditions.

1790/23 Finance for payment

(a) Accounts for payment in June were approved retrospectively (pp Cllr Baker, seconded Cllr GD Singh) and those for payment in July are to be approved:

Reference	Payee-	Total £
16 th June	J Irons – Clerk's salary 4 weeks to 2 nd June	869.14
16 th June	J Irons – clerk's expenses February - March*	42.20
16 th June	J Hawkridge - Lengthsman pay 3+ weeks to 29 th May*	320.51
16 th June	S Hawkridge - Lengthsman pay 3+ weeks to 29 th May*	245.07
16 th June	HMRC – employees' tax & NI May – June	252.79
16 th June	DCC – clerk's pension return in June	283.78
16 th June	Biffa – waste collection July to September	643.72
16 th June	Town & Parish Council Websites – services 2023/24	258.00
	TOTAL	2915.21

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20 th July	J Irons – Clerk's salary 4 weeks to 30 th June	869.14
20 th July	J Irons – clerk's expenses June - July*	42.20
20 th July	J Hawkrigge - Lengthsman pay 3+ weeks to 30 ^h June	217.81
20 th July	S Hawkrigge - Lengthsman pay 3+ weeks to 30 th June	218.21
20 th July	HMRC – employees' tax & NI June - July	240.19
20 th July	DCC – clerk's pension return in July	283.78
	TOTAL	1871.33

*expenses comprise the following:

June:

Clerk's petrol Shardlow to Stenson Fields & return (28 miles at 0.65p per mile) on 14th June
to attend the June meeting £ 18.20
Home allowance (£24 per 4-week) £ 24.00
Total £ 42.20

Steve Hawkrigge's expenses comprise the following:

Laminate pouches £2.00

Jane Hawkrigge's expenses comprise the following:

Plastic sheets for noticeboard £36.84
Handle grips for carts £40.80

July:

Clerk's petrol Shardlow to Stenson Fields & return (28 miles at 0.65p per mile) on 20th July
to attend the July meeting £ 18.20
Home allowance (£24 per 4-week) £ 24.00
Total £ 42.20

(b) Income: Western Power wayleaves on 22nd May £ 48.06
Bank interest on 31st May £152.53
Bank interest on 30th June £181.62
Precept 2nd tranche 2023/24 on 3rd July £16000.00

(c) Bank balance as at 14th July 2023 £65180.19

1791/23 **TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**
None.

1792/23 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION** Clerk had circulated recent DALC newsletters and updates and other items from county & district councils.

1793/23 **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);
- Lengthsman Scheme;
- Action List;
- To discuss employing a private freighter/ skip refuse service.

1794/23 **Date of next meeting** – due to being inquorate an informal meeting will be held at Stenson Fields Primary School on Thursday 21st September 2023 at 7.15pm.
The Chairman thanked attendees for their input and closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

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

Appendix

a. District councillors' Online Report to Stenson Ward - May/June/July 2023

May 2023 Stenson Ward, South Derbyshire District Council Election Result

Cllrs Shepherd and Singh thank the voters of Stenson Ward for returning them as South District Councillors until 2027.

FITZPATRICK Jill Elizabeth (Con) 291

GOTHERIDGE Matthew John (Con) 266

SHEPHERD David Geoffrey (Lab) 892 *ELECTED*

SINGH Lakhvinder Pal (Lab) 898 *ELECTED*

Balancing Pond - Stenson Road

When the Taylor Wimpey, Miller Homes and Barratt Homes estate was built on the western side of Stenson Road, the Section 106 Agreement said that the balancing pond would be adopted by South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC). Cllrs Shepherd and Singh have received complaints from residents saying that the area is untidy, and maintenance is urgently required. Your councillors are told that the hand over is imminent and have asked SDDC officers to view the site to ensure that it is in a good condition when SDDC take it over. Residents raised concerns regarding the low level of water, the profusion of bullrushes and the amount of duckweed on the water surface. SDDC is asked to dredge the pond regularly. The lack of hedge cutting is also a concern. It was asked why Severn Trent Water will not take responsibility for the balancing pond.

SDDC officers have contacted the developers who confirm that hedge cutting will be done. They say that the only interest Severn Trent Water have is to maintain their assets such as pipes and sewers. They have no interest or responsibility for anything else.

Most balancing ponds hold some residual water, and this is quite common, as also is the introduction of reeds to help clean the water from storm water ingress from the roads. These will be managed so as not to overtake the pond, but also to increase the biodiversity of the site. Balancing ponds come with many liabilities, but once adopted SDDC will undertake planned routine maintenance. Given the health and safety implications this most likely will be undertaken by a specialist company with track machines to ensure safe access into the balancing pond. Once the balancing pond is transferred to SDDC, the District Council will maintain the hedge fronting on to Stenson Road from the Stenson Road/Wragley Way junction to the extent of the balancing pond.

Sinfin Lane Canal Bridge – Barrow upon Trent – Foliage Obscuring the View

Every year, Cllrs Shepherd and Singh contact the Canal and River Trust to cut back the foliage which obscure the view of Deep Dale Lane. They have been asked that foliage cutting be placed on a schedule to be maintained. Unfortunately, it appears that a request must be made every year.

Maintenance of Hedge – Stenson Road

Residents of the Taylor Wimpey, Miller Homes and Barratt Homes estate on Stenson Road have requested that the hedge along Stenson Road and facing on to Stenson Road be cut because it restricts pedestrian access. In the past, the developers took responsibility for cutting the hedge indicated in red, in an attachment provided by Barratt Homes.

Cllrs Shepherd and Singh examined the Landscape Management Plan prepared by Pegasus Design, REV B dated Jan 2018, referring to the Stenson Fields Map on the back of page 15 which "Denotes the POS and Management Areas" identified in green. They found that the map indicated the responsibility of maintaining the hedge from the Balancing Pond to the extent of the development indicated in blue lies with Premier Estates. The attachment provided by Barratt Homes appears to indicate that the responsibility for maintenance also continues after the Grampian Way roundabout to the railway bridge.

Recognising the restriction of hedge cutting between March and August and the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Stenson Ward councillors ask:

- That the developers cut the hedge fronting on to Stenson Road adjacent to the balancing pond to give pedestrians a clear view of traffic when crossing from the east to access the footway around the development. (Unless the Balancing Pond has transferred to South Derbyshire District Council).

- That Premier Estates cut the hedge fronting on to Stenson Road from the Balancing Pond to the private residence and business adjacent to the Grampian Way roundabout as the footway becomes restricted.
- Premier Estates confirm that they have the maintenance responsibility for the hedge fronting on to Stenson Road from the Grampian Way roundabout to the railway bridge. If it is their responsibility, please cut as residents complain that the hedge scratches their vehicles.

Premier Estates are in the process of arranging the hedge cutting, SDDC is being asked to tender for flail cutting the hedges.

Waste Bin Emptying - Play Area Adjacent to the Community Centre

Once again, the bins in the play area were overflowing. Cllrs Shepherd and Singh contacted Premier Estates who arranged for a local contractor to empty them. Premier Estates have contacted SDDC to discuss emptying the bins. SDDC already empty the dog bins, your councillors trust that the maintenance company and the District Council resolve the bin problem soon.

Waste Bin Replacement – Five-a-Side Football Pitch

The bin on the corner of the 5 a side pitch or behind the playing field is damaged. SDDC were expected to replace the bin on 16th June but this did not happen. Your councillors asked that the bin be replaced as soon as possible.

Repair to Bus Shelter on Wragley Way

Cllrs Shepherd and Singh have received a report of a broken window in a bus shelter in Stenson Fields. Having searched Derbyshire County Council's website regarding ownership the message that "most bus shelters are owned by District or Parish Councils" did not help. We found that SDDC website gave little indication. The matter was passed to SDDC officers who investigated. The SDDC Head of Operations gave the response below in italics.

"My team has assessed the bus shelter damage, they will do a deep clean of the bus shelter which will be completed this week and we are arranging for a replacement Perspex panel which will be installed by the end of the month. If you have any further queries with Bus Shelters, please contact me."

Weeds

Residents have contacted their District Councillors regarding the weeds in gullies and kerbs and asking when the gullies will be treated.

Gully Cleaning – Stenson Road

Residents have informed District Councillors of a gully near Stenson Fields Farm, Stenson Road near Grampian Way roundabout is blocked. Cllr Singh has examined these kerb stones and confirmed that they are blocked with debris. This gully was cleared about 18 months ago. Cllr Singh has requested to be informed when it will be cleared again as there is a water build up when it rains. The SDDC officer replied that SDDC follow set routes in the cleaning schedule and the gully will be cleaned in the next 10 days and will give an update when completed.

Parking at the Earls Drive/Merevale Way Junction

Concern has been expressed regarding vehicles parked near the junction of Earls Drive and Merevale Way. Cars parked right on the junction are forcing cars on to the other side of the road, with cars coming the other way not knowing what is around the corner. The Civil Parking enforcement officers can only take action where there are parking restrictions in place and it does not appear there are any on Earls Drive. Parking too close to a junction would fall to the police to enforce, however, it occurs on most if not all roads. Cllrs Shepherd and Singh recognise the problem at the junction but ask residents to think of the safety of others when parking.

Play Areas – Drones

Residents have complained that a drone is flying over their areas and are concerned with privacy issues. Anyone flying a drone (or Model aircraft) must adhere to the Civil Aviation Authority rules. (CAA (Civil

Aviation Authority) Drone and model aircraft code.) It will tell you legal height limits, distances from people, and areas where you must not fly etc.

If your drone or model aircraft is fitted with a camera or listening device, you must respect other people's privacy whenever you use them. If you use these devices where people can expect privacy, such as inside their home or garden, you are likely to be breaking data protection laws. It is against the law to take photographs or record video or sound for criminal or terrorist purposes. Any photos or recordings you take may be covered by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Make sure you can be clearly seen when you are out flying. This means people will know who is responsible for your drone or model aircraft.

Car Accidents – Stenson Road

In February, Cllrs Shepherd and Singh emailed Derbyshire County Council regarding a vehicle colliding with a fence on Stenson Road, see below.

I ask again that the speed limit be reviewed, that a traffic light controlled pedestrian crossing be provided and a mini roundabout be constructed as a physical impediment to excessive speed. I am concerned that we will have a fatality at some stage. Yesterday evening there was a road traffic accident on Stenson Road. I have represented Stenson Ward for 28 years and for most of that time, I have requested that the speed limit on Stenson Road be reduced from 40mph to 30mph. The Highways Department has not seen the necessity for the reduction despite the accidents occurring on the road. When the new estate was built on the western side of Stenson Road, my fellow councillor and I again requested a speed limit reduction and a light-controlled pedestrian crossing to enable residents to access the primary school, church, pub, shops etc safely. Both the speed reduction and the pedestrian crossing were refused, in view of the continuing hazard on Stenson Road, I ask that Derbyshire County Council reconsider our requests as a matter of urgency. Cllr Singh and I are visiting the residents whose property has been damaged tomorrow morning at 10:30, would it be possible for a Highways Officer to attend? If not, I would like to request a meeting with Highways Officers to discuss the steps to be taken to ensure the safety of Stenson Fields and the wider community.

On Wednesday 28th June 2023, another road traffic accident occurred on Stenson Road, Cllrs Shepherd and Singh again emailed the County Council's Highways Department requesting again that the speed limit be reduced, a light controlled pedestrian crossing be provided and a mini roundabout to reduce speed.

Deterioration of Tarmac Area – Tyndale Chase & Garry Close Ref: FS-Case-509269146

Residents contacted Stenson Ward District Councillors raising concerns about the deterioration of the surface. Your councillors have contacted Derbyshire County Council Highways Department regarding the problem. They await action from the County Council.

Wragley Way - Road Surface

Before Christmas, Cllrs Shepherd and Singh contact Derbyshire County Council's Highways Department to ask that the badly deteriorating road surface on the border between South Derbyshire and Derby City be repaired. The County Council repaired the surface within days of receiving our request but unfortunately, due to the frost action, the repair did not last. Your councillors requested another repair which was done but fear that the repair will not last so have asked for the deteriorated area to be dug up and re-laid. This was what they requested at the junction of Wragley Way and Beaufort Road and the repaired area there has lasted well.

Bogus Charity Bin

The Bogus Bin located near the Stenson Fields public house in an area which is the responsibility of South Derbyshire District Council was recently removed at the request of residents. Residents believed that the bin was not a charity collection but someone collecting clothes to sell on. Unfortunately, a similar bin has returned, located on private property. Since the bin is not on land belonging to SDDC, they are unable to act. The name on the bin has been checked on the Charity Commission website and has not been recognised. This may mean that it is registered with the Charity Commission under another name. Please see the email below from the SDDC Principal Community Safety Enforcement Officer.

Good afternoon, Cllr Shepherd,

As you can see from the email trail I have been asked to look into this matter. Could I ask please where the complaint originated from, if there have been multiple complaints, if so, how many and what the actual content of it was, and finally who the complaints are? This information will help in my deliberations. My officers have been out to the site and identified the clothes bank and its close proximity to SDDC waste receptacles, the position of each is up against fencing at the edge of site and are not causing any obstruction to pedestrians or vehicles. I am advised by Alan that from

records held at the Depot it would appear that all receptacles present are sited on private land., I have to be proportionate in my actions and act in the public interest, this case is sensitive due to the fact that the clothes bank is placed there by a charity with the intention to assist those in need and of course offering a service to those in the locality to recycle clothes that may otherwise have been disposed of as waste. Therefore, in the absence of any complaint indicating that its presence is causing an obstruction, having a detrimental effect on the general amenity of the area, clothes are being left outside of the 'bank', attracting instances of Anti-Social Behaviour I do not have the lawful grounds to arrange for its removal. Speaking with my officers who were involved in the removal of the item to which you refer the positioning of that receptacle was entirely different to what we are presented with currently, hence that removal was authorised.

Should any further and incident specific information come to light with regard to this matter I am more than happy to reassess it.

SDDC - Safer Neighbourhoods Funding

£4,000 is available for projects listed below for each of the six Safer Neighbourhoods areas (Stenson Ward is in the Repton Area Forum area), if there is any unallocated by Christmas the money goes into a big pot that anyone can apply for.

Maximum grant is £2500, and £500 can be applied for with no match funding. Projects should impact on one or more of the following, example projects are given in the guidance.

1. Preventing or reducing Anti-social behaviour (disorder and criminal damage)
2. Acquisitive crime (burglary, theft) and offender management
3. Domestic abuse and sexual violence
4. Creating stronger communities
5. Protecting those most at risk
6. Alcohol-related harm and substance misuse
7. Creating Safer Spaces

Any applications are brought to the Area Forum meetings for information and approval.

Any questions please ask Chris Smith, Community Team Manager at South Derbyshire District Council or contact Cllrs Shepherd on 07760128364 or Cllr Singh on 07449712881.

Footpath Resurfacing of Tulla Close - Stenson Fields

In September 2021, Nevis Close, Broom Close and Tay Close were resurfaced by Derbyshire County Council. Unfortunately, Tulla Close was not done so residents asked Cllrs Shepherd and Singh why Tulla Close had not been done at the same time. Your District Councillors contacted the County Council asking when the resurfacing would be completed. They were told that the slurry sealing would be done in 2022. It was not done so the County Council was contacted again; the County Council responded by saying that patching had been done at Tulla Close and slurry sealing for the 2022-2023 season had been completed.

Stenson Ward Councillors are surprised that when work on Nevis Close, Broom Close and Tay Close is scheduled, that Tulla Close is not included.

Tulla Close Footway to ASDA District Centre

The footpath from Tulla Close in South Derbyshire to The Eyrie in Derby City is owned by SDDC for a few metres, the rest is the responsibility of Derby City Council. Resident contacted Stenson Ward Councillors stating that the section in Derby City was uneven and a hazard to invalidity scooter users. Derby City Council Highways Team was contacted, and a technician examined the footpath. The report said that there were two patches where it was close to actionable levels and have surface course fretting which is not at actionable levels as it is flat and safe. Derby's technicians will examine the footpath and make a planned maintenance consideration for future improvement. Your Councillors will monitor the footpath for further deterioration.

Cars and Rubble on the Triangle of Land - A5132 Twyford Road

Stenson Ward Councillors were informed by a resident there are what appears to be several cars on the triangle being offered for sale. The triangle also has a large pile of rubble deposited. It is believed that the rubble is from road works carried out in near Stenson Bubble. Cllrs Shepherd and Singh have contacted

Derbyshire County Council Highways Department asking for an investigation into the car situation and that the rubble be removed as soon as possible.

Bryony Walk – Request for a Replacement Sign and Hedge Planting

Stenson Ward Councillors were asked by a resident to get the sign repaired and ask for a section of hedge to be replanted. SDDC were asked to fix the sign and Premier Estates were approached to undertake hedge planting.

Bollards – Earls Drive

Cllr Singh has contacted Derbyshire County Council Highways Department and Premier Estates to ask who is responsible for replacing the missing bollards. Cllr Singh has arranged for an officer from the Derbyshire County Council to visit the ward to view highways problems in September.

Trees in Harebell

After complaints regarding the lack of maintenance of the trees, Cllr Singh contacted Premier Estates who arrange for the area to be made tidy.

South Derbyshire District Councillors' Advice Surgeries for 2023 – Councillors Shepherd & Singh

Councillors' Stenson Ward Advice Surgeries in **Stenson Fields Primary Community School**, Heather Close
10:30am – 11:30am - Saturday 29th July, Saturday 30th September, Saturday 28th October, Saturday 18th November, Saturday 16th December 2023

Councillors' Stenson Ward Advice Surgeries in **Stenson Fields Community Centre**, Merevale Way, DE24 3EL
5.00pm - 6.00pm - Friday 15th September, Friday 17th November 2023

Cllrs David Shepherd and Lakhvinder Singh

b. Derbyshire County Council

Elected Representative – Councillor Neil Atkin - Aston Division Thursday 20th July 2023

1. Mr Shaw of Shaw Developments sadly passed away recently, and his funeral and wake will be on 28th July meaning parking around the Bubble Inn may be quite congested.
2. Resurfacing is due to begin on roads and pavements in Stenson village.
3. a recent traffic accident caused by a Beaufort Road resident resulted in him being detained in police custody.
4. a county council boundary review will be undertaken with a public consultation due soon. This will be a long process and Cllr Atkin will retain responsibility for several South Derbyshire villages. He presently has 15000 residents under his remit which is becoming excessive and hence another county councillor may be elected. Stenson Fields may be aligned with the Willington parish area. A new ward for Repton and Hilton may result.
5. Cllr Atkin has made provision of £1000 from his levy fund to contribute to the parish council for the proposed new bench at Hambleton Drive and may be able to increase this to its cost of c£1700. In addition, an amount of c£250 is available through a King's Coronation fund, which we could set towards a plaque on this bench.
6. a car accident at Twyford Green around 2 months ago resulted from a disgruntled customer at the Bubble Inn subsequently driving recklessly and damaging a post box and direction signs.

Steve Hawkrigde mentioned a large amount of gravel had been dumped on Stenson Road, towards the village; DCllr Shepherd will pursue. Cllr Baker rued the state of the damaged bridge at Barrow; Cllr Atkin will investigate whose responsibility this falls under. Some members and the clerk noticed that the 40mph speed sign on Stenson Road, opposite Merevale Way, has been knocked down; and the 30mph sign on Beaufort Road is damaged. Cllr Atkin will pursue.