

STENSON FIELDS PARISH COUNCIL

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To: The Chairman and Members of Stenson Fields Parish Council

Dear Councillor,

ORDINARY PARISH MEETING

You are summoned to attend the Ordinary Parish Council meeting of Stenson Fields Parish Council to be held on THURSDAY 16th APRIL 2015 at 7.15pm at Stenson Fields Primary School, Stenson Fields.

Members are asked to complete the Declarations Sheet for items other than Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI). These will be available at the meeting.

Yours sincerely

Jacqui Storer
Clerk to the Parish Council

AGENDA

PART I – NON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

- 1 To receive apologies for absence.
- 2 Variation of Order of Business
- 3 Declaration of Members Interests.

Please Note:-

- (a) Members must ensure that they complete the Declarations of Interest sheet prior to the start of the meeting in respect of items other than Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and must indicate the action to be taken (i.e. to stay in the meeting, to leave the meeting or to stay in the meeting to make representations and then leave the meeting prior to any consideration or determination of the item)
- (b) Where a Member indicates that they have a prejudicial interest, but wish to make representations regarding the item before leaving the meeting, those representations must be made under item (c) of Public Speaking.

The Declarations of Interests for matters other than Disclosable Pecuniary Interests will be read out from the Declaration Sheet – Members will be asked to confirm that the record is correct.

- 4 Public Speaking
 - (a) Ian Hey to discuss Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP) and the Community Centre
 - (b) A period will be made available for members of the public and Members of the Council to comment on any matter.
 - (c) If the Police Liaison Officer, a County Council or District Council Member is in attendance they will be given the opportunity to raise any relevant matter.
 - (d) Members declaring an interest other than a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest who wish to make representations or give evidence under the National Association of Local Councils' (NALC) Code of Conduct shall do so at this stage.
- 5 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th March 2015 (Copy already circulated)
- 6 To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. If the Council decides to exclude the public it will be necessary to pass a resolution in the following terms: -

“In view of the confidential nature of item to consider a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the item.”
- 7 Chairman’s Announcements and reports.
 - (a) For the Chairman of the Parish Council to present any reports and/or amendments
 - (b) For the Chairman of the Parish Council to report on matters discussed during the public participation section as appropriate
- 8 Report of the Clerk on: -
 - (a) Items from the last meeting
- 9 Correspondence
 1. DALC – various circulars
 2. PC Collins – Email to advise that the police are unable to provide any assistance with the reported parking problems and the speeding matters, due to limited resources.
 3. PC Collins – Email on 01.04.15, to advise that he is relocating to the Swadlincote Police Station and that there will be no replacement. Mercian 2 & 3 will merge until the closure of Melbourne Station in 2016/17
 4. R Davison – copy of email sent to bus company regarding change in bus route

10. Finance
 - (a) Accounts for Payment
 - (b) To consider any amendments to the Risk Assessment
 - (c) To approve the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2015 subject to internal audit and to complete the Audit Return Form.
 - (d) To complete the Audit Return Form
11. To consider Planning Applications
12. To adopt the H&S policy
13. Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety
14. Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road
15. Proposed Community Centre
16. Lengthsman Scheme
17. Recreation Areas report including consideration of the proposal for new play equipment
18. Environment
19. To receive any update on the proposed Parish Boundary Changes
20. To consider the changes made by Arriva Bus Company to the Bus No 37 route
21. Consultations
 - None at time of producing the agenda
22. Items for information only
 - (a) Reports from Meetings attended
 - (b) Notification of Forthcoming meetings

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

23. To move the following resolution - “That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (in respect of the personal situation of an employee which could result in legal proceedings) it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.”
22. Date of next meeting – 21st May 2015
N.B: On this date, three meetings will be held in the following order:
 1. The Annual Meeting of the Parish @ 7.15pm

2. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council @ 7.30pm
3. The Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council @ 7.45pm

CLERK's REPORT – April 2015

AGENDA No

8. Matters from last meeting

Min 309/15 – Instructions have been given for the construction of the website; a basic website will be available to view by the May meeting.

Min 309/15 f) the police have responded (correspondence item 2) to advise that the issue of speeding is something they are aware of, but limited resources has meant that Stenson Fields areas of speeding are not to be addressed in the immediate future. Police resources in Stenson Fields have been allocated to the drink and drug matters.

Min 309/15 g) The sunken drain cover and cracked road surface has been reported to DCC; repairs are awaited

Min 309/5 h) The problems of parked vehicles near to the Bubble, were reported to the police. The police have responded to advise that due to funding issues, no action is likely to be taken on this matter.

Min 313/15 a) & b) – This matter is covered under a separate agenda item and a verbal report will be provided on the subject of the play equipment maintenance.

Min 316/15 a) The Clean Team sought clarification as to the location of the fly tipping on Arleston Lane; the area is to be cleared.

Min 316/15 b) The revenue budget for the clearing of the debris at the play areas is limited; the matter is on the list for action to be taken.

11. Planning

No applications are for consideration at the time of writing.

17. Update on Play Equipment

The Clerk has been advised that the Awards for All grant funding route is now available for this Parish Council, as it fails to meet the basic criteria; namely that the Parish Council owns the land or has a lease of more than 5 years.

Enquiries have been made with Zoe Sewter on 31.03.15 as to whether SDDC would make the application, but SDDC is not a qualifying body for this grant stream. Zoe Sewter is to make enquires with Howard Essen about the existence of any licences and whether to enter into a short licence period, will provide the Parish Council with a route to access the funding. Enquiries made at this point are in the very early stages; nothing has been agreed and should this be an option, then the finer details will need to be negotiated.

Given that the Parish Council has recently received agreement that SDDC is the owner of the play area and made the decision not to currently fund any of the revenue costs of the play areas, the Clerk made enquiries with other grant providers and contacted Ian Hey (Community Partnership Manager) to enquire if alternative funding sources are available. Enquiries have been made with Sarah Walton (Derbyshire Environment Trust – 01629 539182) about accessing grant monies from Lafarge.

I can confirm that the Parish Council is within the area that Lafarge would look to provide grant funding to and the company apparently, does prefer to provide funding for play equipment, over other projects. The limit also increases from £10,000 to £20,000 so allowing

additional equipment to be purchased. There is a 10% contribution from the Parish Council, (£2,000) and this is within the budget set aside for 2015/16 for this project.

The process is not as quick as Awards for All, the deadline for application is 22nd June 2015, with the panel not meeting until August/September to make a decision upon the application. This would likely result in a time line, if successful, of the equipment being installed around November time.

Should the application to Lafarge be unsuccessful, there are other landfill operators who can be approached, but the process is not straightforward.

19. Boundary Changes

No update at the time of writing.

22. Meetings to be held in May

The following meetings will be held on the same evening

1. The Annual Meeting of the Parish @ 7.15pm
2. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council @ 7.30pm
3. The Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council @ 7.45pm