
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20th April 2017
AT 7.00pm AT STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, STENSON FIELDS**

Present: - Cllrs C Fellows (Chair), P Richardson, K Rogers, R Lisewski, I Baker, GS Dhillon and K Butterworth.

In attendance: - County Cllr R Davison, District Cllr D Shepherd, 1 resident and J Irons (clerk).

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everybody

1. Apologies

Cllrs Arvinder Singh (work commitments) and Peter Bonnell (unwell).

2. Chairman's Report

Full written report attached and available on our website

3. South Derbyshire District Councillor's Annual Report

DCllr Dave Shepherd

1. The councillor was pleased to say that he has attended parish meetings and reported back throughout the year. Of note was his involvement in the creation of the Barrett Homes liaison committee.
2. DCllr Shepherd showed chagrin at the announcement of 2000 houses to be built south of Wragley Way.
3. DCllr Shepherd has regularly attended Safer Neighbourhood meetings and has ensured repairs to fences etc in the area have been completed. He has also attended Area Forums and worked with the parish council on all issues. That said, DCllr Shepherd remains dismayed at the lack of a pedestrian crossing on Stenson Road and is trying to get the Highways officer to explain.
4. A quarterly newsletter containing SDDC contact details has been delivered across the area.
5. The delay in building a community centre at Saxon Gate is unfortunate but the district councillor continues to chase Barrett Homes to deliver on its promise.
6. He is pleased to see the Community Governance review reach a successful conclusion, which has brought parts of Barrow and Stenson & Twyford closer to Stenson Fields.
7. Announcement of the Infinity Garden Village development caused consternation; DCllr Shepherd and his colleagues believed these to be confidential while plans for the project were made public. He once again regretted the secrecy surrounding the procedure.

Finally, DCllr Shepherd thanked the council for its help and cooperation over the past year.

4. County Councillor's Annual Report – Cllr Rob Davison

CCllr Rob Davison.

1. Due to being in the election Purdah period CCllr Davison was prevented from becoming involved in controversial issues.
2. CCllr Davison highlighted an error in the minutes which was immediately corrected by the clerk.
3. CCllr Davison favours collaboration between villages and thus remaining as local communities. He agrees with and welcomes the incorporation of parts of Barrow and Stenson & Twyford into Stenson Fields. Retention of the 3 tiers of government is key and should not be changed citing the difficulty of Derby City to act locally.
4. Regarding the Infinity Garden Village scheme CCllr Davison has written to the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee to investigate. No senior managers at county hall were involved in the process.
5. Over the past year CCllr Davison has regularly attended meetings at 6 parish councils.
6. STW has repaired the water leak at Merevale Way.
7. CCllr Davison recently circulated to members the reply from the Director of Finance in answer to questions over funding of social care.

Finally, CCllr Davison also expressed his gratitude to council for its support and cooperation during the past year.

The chairman gave his appreciation to both district and county councillors and thanked them on behalf of the council. He then allowed the resident an opportunity to speak.

1. The resident thanked DCllr Shepherd for his response to her concerns over bushes and trees at Saxon Gate growing and creating an alleyway and haven in which muggers may thrive.

2. She reported the vandalised play equipment at Fox Close POS in the last meeting and raised it again here. Members assured her that this has now been repaired. She wished to see instructions for the exercise equipment displayed although members informed her that this is now in place.

3. A triangular sign on Stenson Road appears confusing; it states 'no footpath for a half-mile'. DCllr Shepherd explained that this dates from a time when a footpath existed; members **agreed** the sign should remain.

Both the county and district councillor left at 7.46pm.

5. Finance Report

Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council's bank balance as of the 31st March 2017 was £32290.03 Council has asked for £3000 precept from SDDC for the forthcoming year. Copies of the clerk's financial statement were made available for the public and councillors to view.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.51pm and proceeded immediately with the Ordinary Monthly Parish Council meeting, the minutes of which are separately recorded.

SignedCllr C Fellows (Chairman)