

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15th February 2018 AT 7.15PM IN STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, STENSON FIELDS

Present: - Cllrs C Fellows (Chair), R Lisewski, P Richardson, I Baker, GS Dhillon, K Butterworth and K Rogers.
In attendance: - DCllr D Shepherd, CCllr N Atkin and J Irons (clerk).

933/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Peter Bonnell and A Singh (work commitments) and DCllr Manjit Chahal; members acknowledged their absences. It was agreed that the clerk ask DALC for its advice over the 6-month absence rule.

934/17 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS None

935/17 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS None

936/17 PUBLIC SPEAKING

- a) Police - No representative from the police was present and no report had been provided.
- b) Public speaking – no members of the public were present.
- c) District and County Councillor Reports.

County Councillor Neil Atkin. Week Commencing: 15th February 2018.

Derbyshire County Council Budget

Plans to achieve a balanced budget for the year have been agreed at a meeting of all members of the Council. Full Council met on Wednesday 7th February 2018 and agreed to set the annual budget for 2018 /19 at £503.2m and generate an additional £15m by raising our portion of the Council Tax by 4.99%.

In summary

- Setting the budget for 2018/19 at £503.2m (excluding schools)
- Raising the Council Tax 4.99%
- (included in the rise) a 2% adult social care precept to generate £5.9m
- (included in the rise) 1% to support vital services under pressure, to be targeted towards children's services, generating £3m
- A savings target £12m for 2018/19
- The council Tax rise is an increase of £47.03 a year or 90p a week for an average band B property
- The extra 2% for adult social care, called the Adult Social Care Precept, is to be spent on areas including services to help older & vulnerable people live safely and well, supporting hospital discharges and Community & Voluntary groups.

Fire Authority Budget report

The Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Authority met today 9th February to discuss & approve the budget for 2018/19 The recommendation approved a net budget requirement of £37.7m for 2018/19

A precept increase of 2.98%

The Council Tax base for South Derbyshire 32,467.00 properties

Total amount due in Council Tax £2,448,583

Council Tax Bands

Band	Council Tax 2017/18 £	Council Tax 2018/19 £
A	48.39	49.82
B	56.49	58.13
C	64.52	66.43
D	72.58	74.74
E	88.71	91.34
F	104.84	107.95

G	120.97	124.56
H	145.16	149.48

Arleston Lane Through Merrybower to Twyford

A site visit was recently undertaken with the Highways officer Wendy Harby & representatives of Barrow PC to discuss the problems arising from the recent Derby Road, Stenson closure by STW.

In future to prevent traffic taking the short cut along what is classed as a single track road it has been decided in future to put a road closure order in place for Arleston Lane. It may stop some traffic but not all should there be any future requirements for road closures.

It is likely at some point that the lane will be closed permanently once developments have been completed.

Cllr Atkin added that an upcoming Highways meeting in Matock in March will address the possibility of installing a pedestrian crossing on Stenson Road; blocked drains at Findern; repairs to the road on Arleston Lane; and widening of the road and parking areas at Twyford Green. He remarked that DCC does not get involved in bus service timetables. Cllr Butterworth asked whether bus routes are run by assigned operators over which Cllr Atkin will enquire.

Stenson Ward Councillors - Cllr Manjit Chahal and David Shepherd's Report to Stenson Fields Parish Council 15th February 2018

Infinity Garden Village Liaison Group

(N.B. The notes below were taken by Cllr David Shepherd and are not to be considered as definitive; the official minutes of the meeting will be released by SDDC in due course.)

Presentation by Derby Canal Restoration Society

The society outlined their plan for the reinstating of the canal link between Swarkestone Bubble and Derby city centre. The engineering problems to overcome include the A50 bridge which does not give sufficient clearance and the bridge on Harvey Road which was demolished in the 1970s. The project is unlikely to be completed in the near future.

Election of a Vice Chair of the IGVLG

- Cllr David Shepherd was elected as vice chair. In the event of the chair, Cllr Watson being unable to attend the meeting it was agreed that a vice chair is needed.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- Development Framework Document - SDDC Planning Manager Mr Tony Sylvester said that the development framework document which was promised for this meeting is not ready and will be presented to the Environment and Development Services (E&DS) committee first. Members of the IGVLG will be able to debate the document at the next meeting. Mr Sylvester said that the SDDC Chief Executive, Frank McArdle, will sign off the Memorandum of Understanding. The Development Framework Document will not go out for public consultation. Cllr David Shepherd said that it is unacceptable that the Development Framework Document will not be discussed by the IGVLG prior to it going to ED&S committee. It was agreed to hold a Special IGVLG Meeting to discuss the matter, to be held on Thursday 8th March 2018.

- Proposed Road Layout – Cllr David Shepherd asked for clarification regarding the proposed road system associated with the project in view of the uncertainty regarding the link to Infinity Way. The link outlined in the Local Plan – part 1 is still extant (new road from Infinity Way running south of Wragley Way to Stenson Road which is Phase 1 of the Southern Derby Strategic Transport Link, phase 2 being the link from Stenson Road to Rykneld roundabout) may be replaced by using Wragley Way. Cllr David Shepherd asked that a map be provided indicating all proposed roadworks associated with the project. The meeting agreed to this request.

Strategic Update

- Highways Presentation by Derbyshire County Council Representative

The DCC Highways officer said that the key elements of the roads will be outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding. The planning and traffic modelling of the possible A50 junction will be undertaken by the County Council. There are three highways authorities Derbyshire County Council, Derby City Council and Highways England. Mr Sylvester questioned the need for the Southern Derby Strategic Transport Link (SDSTL) in view of the possible junction with the A50. Cllr David Shepherd reminded the meeting that when he addressed the Public Inquiry into Local Plan – part 1, the SDSTL was considered essential to the housing development envisaged by the Local Plan –

part 1. Derby City Councillor Robin Turner said that transport modelling must be undertaken at each stage of development. The Derby City Council officer reported that the modelling had commenced before Christmas.

Development Framework Document Progress

- Mr Sylvester said that there will be an agreed approach to how the area is to be developed. The Development Framework will precede the Master Plan which will be followed by Planning Applications. Cllr Shepherd expressed concerns regarding the infrastructure and the effect that the project (and Local Plan – parts 1 and 2) will have on Stenson Ward. The Hallam Land representative said that they will endeavour to create the infrastructure to ensure the retention of the correct environment, including preventing traffic being drawn into Stenson and Sinfin Wards by the presence of the possible A50 junction. Stenson Fields Parish and SDDC District councillors questioned the location of the new secondary school since the inspector had eliminated the Thulston site. Both councillors said that Stenson Fields should be the site of the school rather than the Lowes Lane site. The meeting was informed that the Thulston and Lowes Lane sites would be safeguarded and that the location of the school will be finalised under the SDDC Local Plan – part 2). Cllr Shepherd raised the question of medical facilities, it will be unacceptable if Section 106 finance for medical purposes is allocated outside Stenson Ward.

The next ordinary IGVLG will be held on Thursday 12th April 2018 at 10am in the Civic Offices, Swadlincote

Matters Raised at the Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting in Ticknall Village Hall Wednesday 7th February 2018

- The meeting was addressed by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Derbyshire, Hardyal Dhindsa, explaining the role of a PCC. He outlined the effect of the loss of 400 police and backroom staff in the County. He explained that the increase in the budget will allow the employment of 25 Police Officers. After a question and answer session, the meeting thanked PCC Dhindsa for his attendance.
- Reports of suspected drug dealing
- Night time prowlers
- Lack of response when phoning 101
- Speeding on Grampian Way, Wragley Way and Stenson Road (A50 bridge to Grampian Way roundabout – especially between the hours of 7am – 10am and 2.30pm – 6pm).

Matters Raised at the Repton Area Forum held in Ticknall Village Hall Wednesday 7th February 2018

South Derbyshire District Council/Derbyshire County Council

- Request for a Meeting with Arriva Bus Co

Cllr Shepherd said that he and Cllr Chahal had been campaigning for a direct bus service to the Derby Royal Hospital and extension of the Number 7 bus route. They have contacted Arriva requesting a meeting but have received no response. The Repton Forum was requested to contact Arriva and Barton bus companies inviting them to a meeting. They will be happy to book and pay for a room in the local school to discuss the matter.

Derbyshire County Council

- F397665/185890 –SBS 35735927 Wragley Way, Stenson Road Junction Stenson Fields

A resident has raised the following matter with Cllrs Chahal and Shepherd. Derbyshire County Council were contacted but provided what the resident considers to be a poor response.

Resident's Initial Contact with Stenson Ward Councillors - *"Could you please investigate why there have been SIX unsuccessful attempts to repair the pot holes, associated with two small utility covers, at the Stenson Rd junction with Wragley Way. The sixth attempt is failing after approx two weeks from repairs. Also the centre carriage way "line" at junction of Beaufort Rd and Wragley way is seriously potholed. With regard with the Stenson Rd junction: the root cause would appear to be the 38 bus making a tight left turn and the tyres wearing the surface away. The initial repair was in the winter of 2017 associated with just one of the utility covers and approx 30 cm sq. The latest repairs are approx 2 x 60 cm sq".*

Derbyshire County Council's Response :

"We refer to your enquiry regarding the ongoing issues of potholes/repairs at the above location. The Highway Inspector visited the site today and noted that repairs have been completed but could see where it is failing and, although not at intervention level as yet, will monitor and issue repairs as required. The Inspector will also look into the history of the repairs, as it is unclear if the repairs have been carried out by the utility company, or Derbyshire County Council. A job has also been raised to repair two potholes on Wragley Way at the junction of Beaufort Road."

The resident would like to know

1. Why the repair has taken six (unsuccessful) attempts to resolve the matter?

2. Why the latest repair has lasted only a matter of days?
3. Will the repair be undertaken without cost to the council tax payers in view of the short duration of the repair?

- **New Development – Stenson Road – Lack of Road Signs**

Residents have raised the lack of road markings/Give Way signs on the new estate. Please investigate to determine the need for signage to be provided. Cllrs Chahal and Shepherd have requested this in correspondence with the Derbyshire County Council officer but request that a response is sent to Repton Area Forum.

- **Response to Cllr Shepherd's Email to Economy Transport and Communities Officer Regarding Street Light Issues in Stenson Ward Requested.** Cllr Shepherd emailed Ian Richardson on Saturday 9th December 2017 and can find no evidence of a response. Stenson Ward Councillors would like to request that a Derbyshire County Council officer attend either a Councillors' Advice Surgery or a another meeting to discuss residents' concerns.

Miscellaneous Matters

- **Arleston Lane:**

Derbyshire County Council contacted again, residents complaining that Derby City Section was repaired whilst the section in Stenson Ward remains a matter of concern to residents.

- **High Hedge Problem:**

Site visit undertaken, problem referred to SDDC Tree Officer for consideration under the legislation.

- **Adoption of the Balancing Pond and "Buy off" of the New Estate:** The initial email to the SDDC Cultural Services Manager has been re-sent. Awaiting a response.

- **Request for a Royal Mail Post Box on the Stenson Road Estate:** Acknowledgment received from the Royal Mail. Awaiting result of their investigation.

- **Request for a Response to various matters (inc Fox Close Bollard Replacement):** Email re-sent to Open Spaces officers. Awaiting result of their investigation.

- **Advice Surgery:** The next monthly Stenson Ward District Councillors' Advice Surgery will be held in Stenson Fields School, Heather Close, 10.30 – 11.30 on Saturday 17th March 2018

Cllr David Shepherd 15th February 2018

Cllr Butterworth worries about the lack of police presence in the area. DCllr Shepherd replied saying the number of beat officers has reduced but will ask the PCC again for an update. Cllr Lisewski questioned the accuracy of crime figures reported in general.

937/17 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th January 2018

These were approved and accepted as a true record once a minor amendment was made after which they were signed by the chairman.

938/17 TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY TO BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED - None.

939/17 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS.

The chairman and vice-chairman attended the Infinity Garden Liaison meeting on 7th February 2018, the minutes of which have been circulated.

940/17 CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

1. Cllr Dhillon returned his updated Register of Interests form to the clerk.
2. Yorkshire Bank reimbursed the account charges taken in error (see minute 943/17 below).

941/17 Matters for Decision or Discussion:

- a) **Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety.** Cllr Baker rues the parked cars on both sides of Wragley Way outside the Davidsons site office that cause congestion; this will only exacerbate when the IGV is built. He suggests double yellow lines might deter these drivers. Clerk to write to Derby City Council and Davidsons developers to request. Cllr Lisewski is dismayed that speeding cars continue to blight Grampian Way.
- b) **Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road;** discussed earlier.

c) Environmental issues (trees, bulbs etc). Clerk has received many replies from Biffa after complaining that the parish waste bin was not emptied; they all deny council has a contract in place. **Resolved:** clerk to send the correspondence to Biffa's finance department for clarification.

Clerk obtained a quotation for an artificial grass surface to be fitted at the goalmouths at Fox Close to reduce grass erosion; however this seems expensive. **Resolved:** members voted **in favour** of a surface being laid; and clerk to ask SDDC's open spaces manager if it would provide. Cllr Lisewski hopes that SDDC's hedge cutting obligations will be fulfilled this coming season citing Fox Close & Monks Close in need of the service.

Cllrs Baker and Richardson raised the issue of bulb planting and fertilisation in the forthcoming season, and possible tree planting in Sept/ Oct. **Resolved:** members to identify areas that would benefit and to report in the next meeting.

d) Lengthsman Scheme. The chairman and vice-chairman handed the lengthsman's work sheets for January to the clerk; both to provide projected hours worked in February next week.

e) Website and social media report (if circulated). **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting; in the meantime clerk to ask Cllr A Singh if he still wishes to create a new site.

f) The Infinity Garden Village Liaison Group meeting held on 7th February; discussed earlier.

g) Boundary change details; none received to date.

942/17 PLANNING

To consider planning applications:-

Decisions.

9/2017/1325 - THE ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AT 67 BEAUFORT ROAD STENSON FIELDS.
Householder Permission Granted.

Consultations.

Update on number 6 Glencroft Drive: SCCD regrets that the Planning Committee missed this item on 6th February and so will now decide it on 27 February

943/17 FINANCE

a) The following accounts for payment were approved:

Cheque No	Payee	Total £
002137	J Irons – Clerk's salary January – February	482.56
002137	J Irons - clerk expenses (see attached sheet) January – February	36.20
002138	K Fellows - Lengthsman pay January	112.50
002139	S Lisewski - Lengthsman pay January	22.50
002140	J Harvey - Lengthsman pay January	45.05
002141	HMRC –employee's tax & NI January – February	135.10
002142	DCC – clerk's pension January – February	145.28
	TOTAL	979.19

(b) **Income** – repayment of bank charges on 19th Jan **£22.60**
s136 concurrent functions grant on 29th Jan **£14185.00**

(c) **Bank balances as at 24th January 2018** **£15021.01 (current account);**
£ 5574.20 (reserve account).

944/17 TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Rogers attended the last PPG meeting announcing it is in chaos and has experienced resignations recently. A new manager has been appointed at the Holybrook practice. Renovations continue but the entrance now lies at the rear of the surgery. Repeat prescriptions available via phone will be introduced which can then be collected from a chemist. Five or six local surgeries will combine into one group although it has been mentioned that one of these is in Leicester. At the meeting Cllr Rogers asked about the availability of s106 monies for investment in the practice which was left unanswered.

945/17 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

No essential items were offered by the clerk.

946/17 Agenda items for the next meeting.

- Environmental issues (trees, bulbs etc);
- Reply from SDDC's open spaces manager over Fox Close (if any);
- Cllr A Singh's reply regarding the website and social media facility (if any);
- Reply from DALC over members' absence rules (if any);
- Reply from Biffa's finance dept (if any);
- Reply from Cllr Atkin over social care provision within the council tax (if any);
- Reply from City Council & Davidsons over yellow lines at Wragley Way (if any);
- To update council's Data Protection Act procedure.

947/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 15th March 2018, commencing at 7:15pm at Stenson Fields Primary School.

Forthcoming meetings in 2018: 19th April (APM & Ordinary), 17th May (APCM), 21st June, 19th July.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 9:20pm.

Signed..... Date.....