

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

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

In attendance: - DCllr D Shepherd and J Irons (clerk).

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

948/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs I Baker (family matter), Peter Bonnell and GS Dhillon (work commitments) and DCllr Manjit Chahal; members acknowledged their absences.

949/17 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Members **agreed** a motion to change the order of business under point 10 (vi) of the standing orders; to hear DCllr Shepherd's report upon his arrival (which was at 7.40pm – see below).

950/17 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS None

951/17 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.

No County Councillor was present and no report had been provided.

952/17 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15th February 2018

These were approved and accepted as a true record after which they were signed by the chairman.

953/17 TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY TO BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED - None.

954/17 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS.

The chairman will attend Pride Park on Sunday to receive an award for services to the community. He thanked all members for their support and Cllr Lisewski for arranging the event. He asked the clerk to remind the school that council holds no meeting in August.

955/17 CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk asked if members wished to accept SDDC's offer of a free play activity at Fox Close POS on 28th March which was **agreed**, clerk to inform SDDC.

956/17 Matters for Decision or Discussion:

a) Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety. Cllr Lisewski announced that a new PCSO has been appointed for our area – Harriet Dunn. Clerk to ask her for an update on recent night-prowlers and robberies; and also to attend the next council meeting. Cllr Lisewski worries that running children on Earles Drive are in danger of being knocked over by cars. He has reported it to DCllr Shepherd who will ask the developer for a solution. Cllr Lisewski reported a pothole near the Asda store to 'fixmystreet'; the City Council filled it within 2 days. Another on Grampian Way has also been repaired. Cllr Richardson has reported 4 others. Cllr Lisewski rues the quad bikes roaming Fox Close. He believes the traffic lights on Stenson Road (at the junctions of Goodsmore Road and Blagreaves Lane) cause confusion and an accident occurred at the latter recently.

DCllr Shepherd arrived at 7.40pm.

Cllr Manjit Chahal and David Shepherd's Report to Stenson Fields Parish Council; 15th March 2018
Response to the Draft Development Framework Document Thursday 8th March 2018

At the Infinity Garden Village Liaison Group held on Wednesday 7th February 2018 the agenda item 4.2 Development Framework Document progress was discussed. Since the document had not progress sufficiently to present a report to the Liaison Group was asked to permit the Chair and officers to decide on the acceptability of the Development Framework Document. In view of the lack of consultation on the previous stage of the Infinity Garden Village Liaison Group process, Cllr Shepherd asked for a special meeting of the IGVLG. The members of the IGVLG Liaison Group agreed that members should have an opportunity to make recommendations and comments. A Special IGVLG Liaison Group meeting was held in SDDC Civic Offices on Thursday 8th March, the notes below are concerns raised by Cllr Shepherd.

INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND – Page 1

1.1.3 – Key Components of IGV

1st Bullet point –

- explain green and blue network – refers to Local Plan Policy – part 1 H15 – H15 on page 7 viii) and ix) refers to green but not blue?
- 1st Bullet point – Location of primary school – refers to Local Plan Policy – part H15 – H15 on page 6 iv) location of primary school – should take all the children of Stenson Fields?

3rd Bullet point -

- Delivery of a secondary school – refers to Local Plan Policy – part 1 INF12 - location of secondary school should be in Stenson Fields development not Lowes Lane.

4th Bullet point -

- Delivery of a new transport infrastructure – refers to Local Plan Policy – part 1 INF14 – This item should be removed, previous IGV meetings have been informed that the Southern Derby Integrated Transport Link is unlikely to go ahead, a section of Wragley Way will take the traffic to Stenson Road. The phase 2 link from Stenson Road to the A38 roundabout at Rykneld is unlikely to go ahead at anytime in the foreseeable future. This has been the opinion of Cllrs Chahal and Shepherd from the start of the proposed Local Plan – part 1 H15. Refer to the Inspector’s Report (Ms Jill Kingaby) report of May 2016, *“The infrastructure Delivery document advises that the Southern Derby Integrated Transport Link (SDITL) with an estimated cost of £11 – 15 million is needed to mitigate the transport impacts of the site as a whole. Phase 1 of the SDITL would connect the Wragley Way site to the new T12 route into Derby City.”* Also
- 1.1.4 – Expression of Interest 1200 homes – This is the only new proposal, all the rest is covered under local plans. In addition to the Derby City Council and South Derbyshire District Council the proposed under their local plans, SDDC thought fit to suggest a further 1200 houses with a link to the A50. Why was this suggestion made, if it is a valid need, why did the proposal not appear in the Local Plan – part 1? If it was not needed then, why is it needed now when even the initial inadequate highways system has been watered down? See above.

1.3 ENGAGEMENT – Page 4

1.3.1 – IGV Liaison Group – The Department for Communities and Local Government document Locally-Led Garden Villages, Towns and Cities, Garden Villages, Prioritisation criteria, page 7, item 17 dated March 2016 states: ***“They should also set out how the local community is being, or will be, engaged at an early stage, and strategies for community involvement to help ensure local support.”***

Why was the Liaison Group not established at the initial move to apply for Garden Village status. CEO, directors and other SDDC officers and the majority group all knew about the proposal, the majority group being briefed in July 2016. Stenson Ward residents, Stenson Fields Parish Council, South Derbyshire District Councillors and Derbyshire County Councillor for the Division were not consulted or even informed. They only learned about the IGV project when the Chair of Environment and Development Services appeared on television on 2nd January 2017 announcing the success of the application. THE APPLICATION DID NOT ANSWER ANY OF THE PRIORITISATION CRITERIA. Not acceptable.

2.1 CONTEXT – Page 5

2.1.6 – A50 provides a strategic link to M1, A38 and M6 – Infinity Park Way (T12) Bonnie Prince A50 Junction; *“There remains concerns in the area, particularly at peak times.”* Once the 3200 homes are built and Infinity Park (Allocation A15) develops and increases employment by 5000, the concerns should be addressed. Where is the plan to mitigate the concerns? Is this Policy INF4 iv) page 7? If so when will it commence?

2.1.7 – Stenson Road provide(s) connection to the city. This is a single lane route to the city controlled by traffic lights. It is already causing concerns at peak times. The situation will be made worse by the Local Plan – part 1 and the IGV. The answer is the proposal made by Cllrs Chahal and Shepherd in council – reinstate the pedestrian bridge and create two-way traffic as part of the IGV project.

OVERARCHING PRINCIPLES

3.1 LAND USES – Page 15

3.1.6 – New Secondary School. Land at Lowes Farm will deliver a secondary school. This location is unacceptable, if Stenson Ward is having the housing, we should have the school. The site suggested is too close to Chellaston Academy. It should be in walking distance of the extreme west of the site.

3.1.7 New Primary School. Envisioned to be close to the centre of the Wragley Way housing development. This location should be slightly to the east of Arleston Lane and must be of a size to accommodate all pupils from Stenson Fields. Some parents are forced to send children to Findern School.

3.2 MOVEMENT FRAMEWORK – Page 16

3.2.5 – Public Transport. Local members need to be part of the liaison between bus companies and the councils regarding routes.

INFRASTRUCTURE

4.5 SOCIAL, HEALTH AND EDUCATION – Page 20

4.5.1 – Healthcare. Any 106 money generated by the IGV or Local Plans must be used to provide facilities for residents not spent in Littleover. A site should be allocated and NHS urged to contact local doctors, i.e. those operating in Sinfin and Stenson Fields to see what facilities they would require to serve the new development.

Miscellaneous Matters

- Conversion of Garages – Stenson Ward

Parish Councillors know that a number of garage conversions have been undertaken in the ward. When Stenson Fields was built, permitted development right for the conversion of garages was removed. Parish and District Councillors have been concerned that some residents who have gone through the correct planning process have been subjected to what they consider onerous conditions whilst those converting and then requesting retrospective permission appeared to be less subject to conditions. Residents and councillors should consider the NPPF which states, *“enforcement action is discretionary, and local planning authorities should act proportionately in responding to suspected breaches of planning control.”* And *“local planning authorities should usually avoid taking formal enforcement action where development is acceptable on its planning merits”*. Anyone considering conversion is strongly advised to contact SDDC for advice on obtaining Planning Permission and Building Reg. If conversions are not done properly, problems when selling the property.

- Pot Holes on Buckford Lane

A constituent has complained to their South Derbyshire District Councillors regarding damage done to their vehicle whilst travelling on Buckford Lane. The damage costing £60 to repair was done by the car entering a pot hole. Cllr Shepherd visited the site on the morning of Tuesday 20th February and reported the following:

1. Pot holes near the entrance to East Farm.
2. A pot hole approximately 20m before the “National Speed Limit Applies” sign (black diagonal bar on white background). The hole is 75cm long, 11cm deep.
3. Near the public bridleway, both sides of the road including a pot hole 40cm long, 14cm deep.
4. Road deterioration beyond Pine Lake.
5. Pot holes before the “Oncoming vehicles in the middle of the road” sign.
6. Pot holes before/after the Findern Primary School Parents/Carers car park.
7. Pot hole by the field entrance opposite the school entrance. 160cm long, 17cm deep.

Cllrs Chahal and Shepherd ask that Derbyshire County Council investigate the above with a view to prompt repair. They also requested information on the process whereby compensation claims for damage to vehicle owners may be submitted? Awaiting a response.

Miscellaneous Matters from the Previous Meeting - update

- Arleston Lane. Derbyshire County Council Confirmed that the road would be repaired but would not say when.
- High Hedge Problem SDDC investigate high hedge complaints concerning evergreen and semi-evergreen species but there is a charge to the customer of £210 for this service. The procedure is based on central Government guidance and is investigated under Part 8 of the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003. The guidance states that the neighbours should make every effort to sort the issue out themselves first before contacting the Council. Once the Council get involved SDDC send out a form to the complainant asking for details of how the hedge is directly affecting them (with regard to mainly light loss) and proof of contact with the neighbours (copy of a letter or email). SDDC also write to the people with the hedge giving them the chance to put their side of the story across. Once the form comes back from the complainant (with the cheque for £210) we arrange a visit with both parties to discuss the points they have raised. Whilst at the complainant's property we measure their garden and we enter the results into a high hedge spreadsheet which gives an action hedge height for loss of light to the garden and loss of light to the windows. The lowest of these values would be the height that SDDC would require the hedge to be reduced to. If the residents with the trees are unhappy with the decision height they can make an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. If they lose the appeal the trees would have to be reduced, obviously taking in to account bird nesting seasons and the particular species of tree (we are not allowed to require works to the tree which would cause it to go into terminal decline).

- Adoption of the Balancing Pond and “Buy of” of the New Estate
The initial email to the SDDC Cultural Services Manager has been re-re-sent, 15 March 2015. Still 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. No Change
- Request for a Response to various matters (inc Fox Close Bollard Replacement)
Response received, awaiting for Cllr Shepherd to meet with SDDC Officer Phil Lenton. (see email 19/02/18)
- 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 March 2018; the district councillor left at 8.05pm.

- b) Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road; discussed earlier.
- c) Environmental issues (trees, bulbs etc). **Resolved:** discussion over trees and bulbs to be held over until Cllr Baker is present and can update on areas that would benefit. Clerk received a recent reply from Biffa saying it has logged our query over non-collections. Members agreed to pay Biffa’s latest invoice tonight. We still await a new waste bin for Blankney Close and replacement bins at Arleston Lane and Zetland Crescent; clerk to pursue SDDC. A bag of concrete lies near the school playing field waste bin on Nevis Close; clerk to report to the Clean Team. The footpath between Holderness Close and Nevis Close floods ; clerk to ask Highways to raise or amend the path. The clerk confirmed he wrote to Adsa’s head office to complain of shopping trolleys strewn on the roads around the store.
- d) Lengthsman Scheme. The chairman and vice-chairman handed the lengthsman’s work sheets for February to the clerk; both to provide projected hours worked in March next week.
- e) Cllr A Singh’s reply regarding the website and social media facility. Cllr Singh wishes not to operate such. **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting; in the meantime clerk to ask the present web developer if she would continue and if so for how long.
- f) Reply from SDDC’s open spaces manager over Fox Close matting for the goal areas; no reply to date, clerk to remind.
- g) Reply from Cllr Atkin over social care provision within the council tax; none.
- h) Outcome of the Infinity Garden Liaison Group meeting held on 8th March; discussed earlier.
- i) Boundary change details; none received to date. **Resolved:** clerk to ask SDDC for a definitive map outlining the boundaries.
- j) GDPR regulation policy. **Resolved:** Cllr Lisewski to circulate the SFPC GDPR Policy for discussion at the next meeting.

957/17 PLANNING

To consider planning applications:-

9/2018/0147 - THE ERECTION OF A TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND SINGLE STOREY FRONT AND REAR EXTENSIONS AT 17 NEVIS CLOSE STENSON FIELDS. . **Resolved:** objection on the grounds that these extensions are of excessive size and not in keeping with other properties in the area. It seems unduly large compared to the house itself.

9/2018/0199 - THE ERECTION OF BOUNDARY FENCE AT 2 CAERHAYS COURT STENSON FIELDS. **Resolved:** no objection.

Decisions.

9/2018/0014 - THE ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY FRONT EXTENSION AT 18 BICESTER AVENUE STENSON FIELDS. Householder Permission Granted

Consultation

Update on 6 Glencroft Drive. The Planning Committee recently resolved to take no further action in this matter. **Resolved:** clerk to ask DALC whether a form of appeal can be pursued to reverse this decision.

Building work appears to be underway at 1 Braemar Close therefore clerk to ask SDDC whether an application has been submitted.

958/17 FINANCE

- a) The following accounts for payment were approved:

| Cheque No | Payee | Total £ |
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| 002143 | J Harvey (to replace lost cheque 2140) | 45.05 |
| 002144 | J Irons – Clerk’s salary February - March | 482.36 |
| 002144 | J Irons - clerk expenses (see attached sheet) February - March | 123.43 |
| 002145 | K Fellows - Lengthsman pay February | 75.00 |
| 002146 | S Lisewski - Lengthsman pay February | 67.50 |
| 002147 | J Harvey - Lengthsman pay February | 37.48 |
| 002148 | HMRC –employee’s tax & NI February - March | 133.50 |
| 002149 | DCC – clerk’s pension February - March | 145.28 |
| 002150 | SDDC – litter & dog bin emptying 2017/18 | 2386.03 |
| 002151 | Cllr Fellows – chairman allowance Oct 2017 – March 2018 | 51.38 |
| 002152 | Biffa - waste collection April to June | 333.06 |
| | TOTAL | 3880.07 |

(b) **Income** – bank interest January & February £8.61

(c) **Bank balances as at 28th February 2018** **£27772.92 (current account);
£ 5574.20 (reserve account).**

959/17 TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Nothing to report.

960/17 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION 2 items were offered by the clerk.

961/17 Agenda items for the next meeting.

- Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins, etc);
- Reply from SDDC’s open spaces manager over Fox Close (if any);
- Website designer’s reply regarding the website;
- Boundary changes map;
- Reply from Biffa’s finance dept (if any);
- Reply from CCllr Atkin over social care provision within the council tax (if any);
- Reply from City Council & Davidsons over yellow lines at Wragley Way (if any);
- SFPC GDPR Policy.

962/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The APM & Ordinary Council meetings will be held on Thursday 19th April 2018, commencing at **7:00pm** at Stenson Fields Primary School.

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

PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

963/17 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.”

964/17 Clerk appraisal & salary review; and lengthsman’s wage review. **Resolved:** clerk’s performance was deemed satisfactory therefore his appraisal was approved; his salary will increase one SCP point to SCP 36. The lengthsman’s wage will increase to the national minimum in the new tax year to £7.83 ph. Samuel Lisewski’s contract will expire in June therefore members agreed to renew this for the foreseeable future.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 9:30pm.

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