

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15th
SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.15PM AT STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, STENSON FIELDS**

Present: - Cllr R Lisewski (Chair), Cllr P Richardson, Cllr K Rogers, Cllr I Baker (from 7:25), Cllr K Butterworth

In attendance: Mr J Storer (Locum Clerk), County Cllr R Davison (to 8:30pm), District Cllr D Shepherd (from 7:25 to 8:30pm)

Apologies: - Cllr C Fellows, Cllr P Bonnell.

681/16 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

No variations were identified.

682/16 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTEREST

No Changes were announced or discussed.

683/16 PUBLIC SPEAKING

a) Public

There were no members of the public present who wished to speak.

b) Police

No representative from the police was present and no report had been provided.

c) County Councillor Rob Davison desired to discuss and address the following 8 topics and points. Observations and suggestions were discussed between Councillors: -

Along Deepdale Lane road patching work has begun and is underway and repairs are looking to be at a good standard. The damage to the road near the A50 bridge has continued to deteriorate in standard which, as of the meeting, has not been addressed. Although it has been reported and will be followed up. Thoughts are that the work is being planned for after the current patch work as the damage has become so great and severe that the structure of the road may need to be addressed and the whole work will be a larger job.

The trees on Wragley Way will have their tops taken off, but the timeline has not yet been revealed.

The problem of speeding vehicles continuing along along the rural side of Arleston Lane remains a safety threat for pedestrians, horse riders as well as fellow road users. The option of rumble strips remains a possibility as well as a visual aid to help reduce speeds. An investigation will have to take place if the rumble strips were to be installed due to the close proximity to local houses. County Cllr Rob Davison remains on the case to improve the current situation.

The County Council received comments and complaints about the hedges along the path leading to and from the public house 'bubble inn'. The County Council has completed a trim to remove the immediate threat and inconvenience as the overgrowth forces pedestrians to use the road, although a larger cut may be needed to prevent constant trimming. This suggestion prompted the call for a more proactive system to be put in place for the council to resolve the problem of overgrowing hedges before they do become a problem to the public.

(Cllr I Baker and Cllr Dave Shepherd arrive at 7:25pm)

The proposed location of a railway station that is thought to be near the T12 area of the new build project although the exact locations and functionality remains unknown, its plans are being queried. The two leading possibilities for its usage; are to be incorporated in a larger route and timetable that goes to local towns and cities; or the other option is to be a service that is more enclosed and provide small shuttle journeys. Following the decision that is made

about its use, it has to be viable such as the other local stations such as Willington and Hatton. Cllr Shepherd added that if a track is scheduled into the new build plans and proposals then a station is common sense. The location remains unclear as the developers declared that land and open space areas are intended to be protected.

Cllr Davison continued onto his next point which is the possible crossing on Stenson Road. The proposals of a traffic light system may be cheaper than implementing a central reservation as it would require fewer changes to the layout of the road. Before an official application is issued, a traffic survey will be carried out to check and quantify the volume of pedestrians and road users. If the Parish Council feels the criteria may not be reached, then the plans may be postponed until the new estate has achieved full occupancy. The new pavement surface has been laid although there isn't a safety fence in place and therefore doesn't deter motorbikes using the pedestrian paths.

The new secondary school that is planned to be built in the Derby area does not look to include Stenson Fields in its main candidate list due to the scoring system that was used to identify possible locations and areas. The first contender is Thulston Fields but due to the proposed location being on green belt land, the second choice of Lowes Farm is looking like the most likely location. One possibility being thought about by Cllr Rob Davison was to use the A50 and build a purpose made entry and exit slip roads off for exclusive school use. This would hopefully provide a fair location where all or most students would travel an equal distance. This secondary school system is being looked at and worked on by both Cllrs Rob Davison and Dave Shepherd.

The number of trees in Stenson Fields is reducing and therefore saplings are being looked at being planted in open space areas. Cllr Davison will aid installation if the Parish Council helps as well. The financial amount will have to be finalised but £1000 may be possible in principal with metal casings surrounding the saplings to aid their growth and remove threat of damage and vandalism.

The Grampian Way side of Stenson Road has a large hedge that has only had part of it cut back. The rest of the hedge has not been able to be cut because it is too close to lampposts and road signs that deny the use of blade cutters in case of damage. This is a matter that Cllr Rob is going to take up and attempt to resolve.

The Arriva bus company has expressed its desire to cut back on routes and by doing so have stopped the No7 route going through the Arleston Lane loop of Stenson Fields. The signs on the bus stops along the route still claim that the service is running and so the clerk will inform Arriva that they must either change their signs and timetables to bring all the information back up to date or remove the sign altogether.

Sinfin Lane will be closed for 4 consecutive weekends but diversions will be provided although they do go through Stenson Fields. Traffic will therefore be increased and this is something for residents and road users to be aware of.

Cllr Rob Davison's final point was that the extension of Arleston Lane speed limit goes from 30mph to 60mph which is causing road users to travel above 30mph in preparation for the 60mph area. Anti-social drivers are still causing disturbances and remain a safety threat.

Cllr Dave Shepherd reported that the tree officer is concerned about residents cutting back trees owned by the District Council, primarily on Portman Chase and Tedworth Avenue. Cllr Shepherd urged residents to not cut the trees as they are liable for any damages deemed by the District Council such as having to fell the tree and replant. In the current situation on Portman Chase and Tedworth Avenue, the District Council is currently considering their options.

There was an accident on Grampian Way that demolished the central reservation that has been reported. It is raised that this is yet another incident in the local area and action is required to prevent further incidents. It has also been reported that the postcode area of DE24 has high car insurance prices due to the high volume of insurance claims.

The District Council again reassures the Parish Council that they are keeping on top of the building of the new community centre expected in the parish. No individual or organisation is yet to come forward and claim responsibility off the developers. No work has started yet

although the developers have reassured the District Council that the work will be completed and the developers will be off site by the 31st December 2016. It is claimed that the reason for the lack of activity is due to the lack of interest and response, something the District Council again are urging the public to do and continue to reassure the public that they will not be left on their own and the District Council will help as much as they can.

The developers have released further details regarding their local plan part 3 which currently places a further 95 houses in the Stenson Fields boundaries.

Currently on the new site, the dog bins that have been installed are too small and are having to be emptied twice a week due to problems with over flowing.

Cllr Dave Shepherd reassured the Parish Council that he is aware of the concerns regarding land ownership of open space and the resulting fear of unauthorised building. The requirement for clarity on this matter is noted by Cllr Shepherd who is aware of the situation and is taking the matter up with and to the District Council.

The Parish Council discussed the ineligibility of Stenson Fields residents to use the Raynesway tip for rubbish removal due to the requirement for proof of ID and therefore the nearest tip is likely to be in Newhall. This inconvenience is feared to encourage fly tipping and dumping.

Cllrs' Davison and Shepherd left at 8:30pm

684/16 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 21st July 2016**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 2016; as previously circulated were signed by the chair. Two matters were raised; Cllr Baker was described as present when in fact provided apologies. The second matter was a formatting issue in regards to ensuring consistency with sub points and margins.

685/16 **TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY TO BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

No items were deemed necessary to be taken with the public excluded.

686/16 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

The Chairman's report reads as such:

Historically the Parish of Stenson Fields was formed from a part of Barrow on Trent and a part of Twyford and Stenson. The new development, to the west of Stenson Rd, is a natural extension of Stenson Fields and it is a natural progression to incorporate the new development into Stenson Fields. Its historic place name is Stenson Fields, its address is Stenson Fields and Stenson Fields Parish Councillors are already raising issues relating to the new development, indeed, many residents may think they already live in the Parish of Stenson Fields. The residents of Newton Village/Saxon Gate, also, use our school, shops, public house, community facilities and playing fields. In reality they are already part of the Stenson Fields community. This will also apply to the residents of any new development south of Wragley Way and north of the A50.

The joint proposal by Barrow on Trent and Stenson Fields Parish Councils makes sense, and, has the support of the two Stenson Ward District Councillors and our County Councillor.

The idea that the unparished area of Twyford and Stenson could be grouped with Barrow on Trent is something that Barrow on Trent doesn't want, something that nobody has asked for, something that nobody seems to want, and, something, that could lead to reaction, resentment and unrest in the future.

Conclusion:- The joint proposal By Barrow on Trent and Stenson Fields Parish Councils, is the best way forward for the greater Stenson Fields area, Barrow on Trent and Twyford and Stenson.

687/16 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's report had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

The proposal put forward by Streetscape for a plaque on site of the play equipment on Fox

Close Play Fields will require investigation into a possible location to minimise damage from vandalism while still being visible and to the standards of Streetscape.

The planning permission agency has been notified regarding two seemingly unauthorized building works and currently await response.

After being informed by South Derbyshire Wildlife Officers of the problems arising in the installation of the concrete play area and their current inability to provide installation. The Parish decide that the plans are to end for now although are not ruling out the possibility of installing one in the future if the practicalities became plausible.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 688/16
1. The Parish Council has been updated with the information received by Yvonne Waring from the SDDC regarding the installation of the concrete table tennis table.
 2. The DALC circulars were circulated and received.
 3. Arriva Bus Company has announced their changes to their timetables and routes which have already been discussed. The Clerk will follow up and ensure sufficient information regarding the changes are advertised particularly on Arleston Lane where the route appears to no longer serve.
 4. The Road works that are to take place causing the closure of Sinfin Lane for 4 consecutive weekends has already been discussed

FINANCE

- 689/16 a) Accounts for payment

<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Payee & Description</u>	<u>£</u>
2017	August 2016 Salaries	59.2
2018	August 2016 Salaries	175.2
2019	August 2016 Salaries	191.96
2020	Clerk Expenses	71
2021	B Wood - Audit	42.9
2022	September 2016 Salaries	77.6
2023	September 2016 Salaries	81
2024	September 2016 Salaries	239.9
2025	Clerk Expenses	21.08
2026	Councillor Expenses	3.5
2027	Clerk Expenses	111.5
2028	Clerk Expenses	429.06

b) No changes to risk assessment

c) The online banking application forms have been submitted to the bank and awaiting one more letter to enabling online banking set up. This is something the Clerk will chase up and continue to oversee and organise.

PLANNING

- 690/16 Applications

9/2016/0860. 166 Wragley Way, Stenson Fields. Change of use of open space to residential garden land and erection of 2 metre close boarding fencing.

The Parish Councillors have raised their concerns and issue individually with the planning permission agency and feel a precedent needs to be set regarding the issue of residents claiming open space as their own.

9/2016/0759. 2 Beaufort Road, Stenson Fields. The Erection of a Two Storey side extension and a single storey porch extension to the front.

Decisions

No Decisions

POLICE ISSUES/ SPEED LIMITS/ ROAD SAFETY

- 691/16 The problem of speeding is set to be raised at the next Safer Neighbourhood Meeting that takes place on 4th October. There is a belief that more incidents are happening that aren't being reported to the councils or police.
- A resident appears to have painted the pedestrian pavement outside his property on No 20 Glencroft Drive with something believed to be roofing bitumen. This may be a slip hazard especially with the upcoming winter months as the surface is now rendered impervious to water. It may also be a safety hazard for pushchairs and pets as either a slip hazard or the paint may be carried with them and into houses. The matter is to be raised to the County Council and a resolution is urged to be found as soon as possible before an injury takes place. The Parish Council will monitor progress on this matter.
- Pavement parking continues to be a problem and some severe instances being photographed and reported to the police. The Parish Council believes that this is a nationwide problem and urged all members of the public if any incidents are spotted that they are to be reported by calling the police non emergency number on 101.
- Motorbikes on pavements continue to be reported, sometimes near schools including at peak times. If any member of the public witnesses any of this behavior, they are urged to call the police and report the problem using the non-emergency number on 101.
- The lack of available on site parking for the Bubble Inn continues to cause roadside parking and therefore traffic congestion on subsequent roads.
- Various reports of theft have taken place across Stenson Fields as thieves have taken the opportunity to gain access through open windows during the summer heat wave.

SAXONGATE

- 692/16 There is nothing further to report.

LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

- 693/16 There are no issues raised.

ENVIRONMENT

- 694/16 a) Cllr Baker has spotted a few possible locations for bulbi planting and has provided a map which will be circulated to the Cllrs. The map will also be circulated to Rob Davison who may be interested in the sites for tree planting as well.
- b) Replacing the bench at Ledbury Chase is the main location for a memorial for Mrs. P Harvey. The possibility of the bench maybe being eco-friendly is an option the Parish Council will investigate.

TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES

- 695/16 There was nothing further to report as already discussed.

CONSULTATIONS

- 696/16 There were no further matters to discuss.

TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- 697/16 PPG is the 'Patient Participation Group' for both doctor practices in Sinfin and Holybrook. They are currently in the process of a review of information to ensure the correct and up to date information and locations are distributed.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 698/16 a) The reports over the meeting have been up to date and already discussed.
- b) The 'Safer Neighbourhood Meeting' is to take place on 4th October 2016 at 6:15pm at Ticknall Village Hall.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

699/16 The next Ordinary Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 20th October 2016, commencing at 7:15pm and will be held in the Stenson Fields Primary School.

The following resolution was agreed

“That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (in respect of the personal situation of an employee) it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.”

CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

700/16 The Parish Council unanimously agreed to employ Dr Jonathan Irons as the new Parish Clerk and RFO commencing from the 20th October 2016. The new Clerk will be provided a pension and therefore this information must be advertised on a noticeboard prior to signing a contract of employment at the next meeting.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:25pm.

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