

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15th November 2018 AT 7.15pm AT STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, STENSON FIELDS

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

In attendance: - DCllr D Shepherd, Steve Hawkridge (lengthsman) and J Irons (clerk).

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1069/18 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllrs GS Dhillon and I Baker, DCllr Shephard (lateness): members approved their absences.

1070/18 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:** to accept District and County councillors reports if and when they arrive. No county councillor arrived and no report had been provided.

1071/18 **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** None

1072/18 **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

a) One of our lengthsman, Steve Hawkridge, reported that off-road scooters are being ridden over the field at Wragley Way. Also, e-bikes are left unattended and tied to railings on Beaufort Road and 3 at Fox Close; however once reported these have disappeared. The 3 new notice boards are now in place; Cllr Lisewski noted that one should be sited at the Community Centre although this is the developer's responsibility. It needs to be in the same or similar design as the new boards being erected in the area. Should the developer fail to provide one the council has financial reserves to insert a board at the development.

Steve has told DCllr Shepherd of the faulty gate at Fox Close; and the trees that need trimming on Wragley Way.

b) Police - No representative from the police was present.

1073/18 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th October 2018**

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

1074/18 **TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY TO BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED** - None.

1075/18 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

The chairman had attended the school governors' meeting where 2 resignations were submitted (the governors' chairman and another). He also attended the recent Saxon Gate housing meeting; the Community Centre is progressing, the fence by the pond repaired and the grass has been cut.

1076/18 **CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

None as all issues appear in the next item.

1077/18 **Matters for Decision or Discussion:**

a) Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety. The chairman rued that burglaries persist in the area; the PCSO is involved and is investigating.

Cllr Butterworth regularly sees speeding cars along Arleston Lane, Wragley Way and Stenson Road; Cllr Lisewski added that these are seen on Grampian Way too. The police's Speedwatch will start to operate soon although mainly along Pilgrims Way from where most of the complaints derive. The chairman is dismayed that the service will not operate in a 40mph area although it does in other counties. He suggested that council monitor the service when it begins to assess its effectiveness. Cllr Lisewski is annoyed that cars continue to park on the Grampian Way traffic roundabout but the police still refuse to act. The chairman insists that if this continues then we should consult the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire.

b) Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road. On his arrival DCllr Shepherd highlighted a direct contact number offered by the developer for residents' enquiries which he will circulate.

c) Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins etc). Steve noted that a dead tree stands at the Asda link path near Glendon Road. Conifers at Fox Close have been trimmed and lopped. A hedge at Eggesford Road encroaches onto the pavement; Cllr Lisewski suggested that the lengthsman trim this in preference to waiting for the district council to act.

Clerk ordered 2 new 110 litre bins to accommodate both general and dog waste at Glenmore Drive and Grampian Way; SDDC awaits delivery of these after which they will be installed.

Clerk received confirmation from SDDC that it will conduct inspections of the Fox Close play equipment but not the new goalmouth matting. Cllr Lisewski had told the clerk of end-caps and handgrips missing from some equipment which the clerk has since reported to Streetscape for repair.

Clerk has reported a large branch that fell near to the railway bridge on Stenson Road towards Grampian Way which blocked the footpath and is has now been moved onto the verge. However, Cllr Richardson noted that this lies at Stenson Road/ Grampian Way island. Clerk to ask the tree officer to remove.

Clerk asked SDDC for posters deterring dog waste which the lengthsman have now received and attached to lamp posts. However SDDC did not grant the pavement stencil images to discourage such behavior requested by the clerk.

d) Steve Hawkrige had sent the lengthsman's timesheets to the clerk beforehand. The chairman thanked both Steve and Jane for their ongoing service.

e) Website designer update. The clerk received a quote from the website designer advised by Cllr Butterworth. Cllr Lisewski provided two further contact numbers for web designer companies. **Resolved:** clerk enquire with one of the providers.

f) To consider upgrading the Ledbury Chase play equipment. The chairman suggested that the equipment be painted in preference to fitting new rides although he will enquire with the school. **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting.

1078/18 DCllr Shepherd arrived at 7.58pm.

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

Matters Raised at the Meeting with Taylor Wimpey/Barratt Homes/Miller Homes 23rd October

- Play Area – When will it be completed?
- Dog Bins – Have new and additional bins been supplied (in addition to the 4 already supplied)? If so, has the contract with SDDC been amended? Has the bin which was removed been replaced? Complaints about the maintenance of the estate. Could we have a copy of the Management Document/Service Level agreement?
- Complaints about the landscaping of the estate. Many dead saplings evident.
- Has the inspection of the estate by SDDC officer scheduled for Sept/Oct been done? If so, may I have a copy of the report. If the inspection has not been done, I would like to join the officer inspecting.
- Block paving at the junction of Mallow Close taken up, put back unevenly.
- Fence at the corner of the pond facing Wragley Way, taken up to allow access to a digger and not replaced.
- Hedge from Merevale Way to Grampian Way roundabout needs cutting back as it is restricting pedestrian access.
- Tree planting opposite the private drive on Foxtail Close, problem.
- The hedge between Lupin Close and Stenson Road, may the residents have a copy of the police request for the hedge not to be replanted. If the document cannot be found, could the hedge be replanted.
- Section of fence missing on Buckthorn Close still enabling people to cut through – please investigate and resolve.
- Litter picking on the estate not being undertaken, when the grass is cut it shreds the litter making a large amount of small fragments of paper to blow around the estate.
- The hedge near the pond was been trimmed but the top of the hedge has never been cut. Too high.

Awaiting response from the developers

Site Meeting with the CVS & SDDC Officers – Community Facility Merevale Way – 5th November

Stenson Ward Cllr Shepherd, South Derbyshire District Council Communities Officer Ian Hey and Committee for Voluntary Services Community Development Manager Cathy Miles met on site. We discussed how the community is to be involved. D Shepherd offered to provide a proforma of the "Residents' Survey" used by Stenson Councillors, Ms Miles is in the process of compiling the survey to be distributed. Those residents who have expressed an interest in being involved with the management of the centre will be invited to a meeting to discuss the running of a community centre.

Second Meeting with Arriva Bus Co. – 7th November

Meeting again discussed the possibility of finance from SDDC. Cllr Shepherd said that there is no chance of money from that source. I also said that I would examine the Section 106 money generated by the new development on Stenson Road.

Section 106 Agreement – New Development – Stenson Road

Stenson Ward councillors have been trying to find out where the £1.8m in Section 106 money generated by the new development on Stenson Road has been spent. Cllr Chahal and I have been very concerned that £251k healthcare contribution was spent on medical facilities in Derby City rather than in Stenson Ward. We have taken steps to ensure that this is not repeated when applications are received for development of the land to the south of Wragley Way under the Local Plan – part 1. We have been in discussion with Arriva Bus Company regarding slight alterations to bus route 5A to enable direct bus access to the Royal Derby Hospital rather than having to change buses and an extension of the termination of the bus route 7. I have met with Arriva twice, and as always, finance is a problem. I investigated the destination of the section 106 money bus service contribution and discovered that £47k has been spent on 2 bus stops on Stenson Road (currently only one in Stenson Ward) and “Stenson Road Bridge bus detection”. £170k was allocated to the provision of real time information. I am unsure what this is and have contacted Derby City Council Officer, MS Reid to clarify. I assume that it is the digital display which informs passengers of the bus whereabouts. Ms Reid says that the money will now be spent on bus shelters stating that “this is proposed to be spent on new vandal proof bus shelters as the buses in the area already have RTI”. If RTI is what I think, I do not believe that it exists anywhere in South Derbyshire, it certainly does not in Stenson Ward. Before any money is spent on bus shelters, the RTI system should be extended to Stenson Ward. I received a phone call from Ms Reid on 10th November, I explained that RTI does not exist in Stenson Ward and the money should be spent on that, she agreed to discuss with officers. She also said she would report our wish for alterations to the routes 5A and 7. I am also concerned that the open space money will be spent in Derby City.

Tree Work at Bluebell Close & Play Area

- Stenson Ward Councillors were contacted by a resident of Bluebell Close who said that for 2 years, SDDC had been promising to cut down a tree adjacent to her property. Councillors took up the case and, after 17 emails, several telephone calls and a site visit, it was cut down 13th November.
- Cllr Shepherd met with SDDC officers and contractors and agreed the cutting requirements to enable the lights to illuminate the footway.

Play Area on the Open Space at the Rear of the Stenson Fields Pub – Broken Gates

Residents have reported that the gates designed to prevent dogs accessing the fenced play area continue not to function. One is chained closed and the other remains open. The open spaces manager has been contacted and asked to repair the gates.

Signage at Junctions - Obscuring Oncoming Traffic

This matter has been raised a number of times by Stenson Ward Councillors. It was raised by your councilors at the October Repton Area Forum/Safer Neighbourhood Meeting. Since Derbyshire County Council does not send representatives, Cllr Shepherd has sent an email with photographs illustrating the problem.

Cllr David Shepherd

The chairman thanked DCllr Shepherd who left at 8.15pm.

1079/18 PLANNING

Applications none.

Decision. 9/2018/0791 - CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS FOR THE PROPOSED ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AT 15 GLENCROFT DRIVE STENSON FIELDS. Lawful Development Certificate Granted.

Cllr Lisewski is pleased to see that the district council planning webpage now includes an officer's report in which the decision rationale is explained. This helps us to understand how a decision was made. He believes this to be a positive and useful contribution.

1080/18 **FINANCE**

a) Accounts for payment:

Cheque No	Payee	Total £
002199	J Irons – Clerk’s salary 4 weeks to 18 th October	504.01
002199	J Irons - clerk expenses (see attached sheet) September- October	139.94
002200	J Hawkridge - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 18 th October	168.98
002201	S Hawkridge - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 18 th October	292.45
002202	S Lisewski - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 18 th October	40.45
002203	HMRC –employee’s tax & NI - October	21.90
002204	DCC – clerk’s pension return in November	152.12
002205	Robert Lewis signs – 3 notice boards	2880.00
	TOTAL	4199.85

(b) **Income** – none

(c) **Bank balances as at 26th October 2018** **£11577.02 (current account);**
£ 5579.78 (reserve account).

1081/18 **TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr Rogers has the minutes of the last PPG meeting and an 11-page action chart. He will peruse these and will update council when he next attends a council meeting; he gave apologies in advance for the upcoming December meeting. Cllr Rogers suggested that the clerk ask the county councillor about issues not reported on recently and meetings not attended. He reported a faulty flashing street light on Arleston Lane to county council.

1082/18 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

No major items of interest had been received by the clerk.

1083/18 **Agenda items for the next meeting.**

- Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety;
- Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road;
- Lengthsman Scheme;
- Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins, etc);
- Website update;
- To consider upgrading/ painting the Ledbury Chase play equipment;
- To set a date for a budget review.

1084/18 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 20th December 2018, commencing at 7:15pm and will be held in the Stenson Fields Primary School.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 8:28pm.

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