

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2016 AT 7.15PM AT STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, STENSON FIELDS**

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

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

**742/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Ian Baker.

**743/16 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Members **agreed** to accept DCllr Shepherd's report if/ when he arrived.

**744/16 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

None

745/16 DCllr Shepherd arrived 7:25pm.

**746/16 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

a) Police - No representative from the police was present and no report had been provided.

b) District and County Councillor Reports

**Cllr Rob Davison.**

1. Cllr Davison had met Simon Tranter at DCC the result being that DCC will not reinstate 'cats eyes' on Stenson Road; there is no merit in this because no safety advantage exists due to the presence of street lighting. Each costs £50 meaning a total cost of £6000 would be incurred. That said Cllr Davison does not support DCC's view. Simon Tranter will attend a future parish meeting to discuss.

2. Cllr Davison supports December's developer liaison meeting set up by DCllr Shepherd and said these proved most useful at Elvaston with Persimmon Homes. The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be held next month. Trees on Wragley Way have been pollarded, rumble strips on Arleston Lane are finished and a street light on Zetland Crescent has been repaired. Another light needs rewiring and Cllr Davison will monitor.

3. He will meet SDDC's tree officer along with Cllr Baker to progress possible sites for the planting of trees.

4. Funding of adult social care is in the spotlight and the Secretary of State has suggested an increase in council tax of 3% per year for 2 years; this needs public consultation before implementation. Cllr Davison believes this only provides a 'sticking plaster' to the problem and will not alleviate people being kept in hospital longer due to lack of care provision at home. Cllr Rodgers asked whether the extra money would be used in Stenson Fields; Cllr Davison replied saying it is distributed country-wide and depends on local area precepts. However, DCC is obliged to certify it is spent on adult care and such funds are safeguarded. Cllr Rodgers asked if the spend will be presented on DCC's website to which the county councillor replied it would.

**DCllr Dave Shepherd**

1. Several residents have raised concern over the size of the extension at 2 Pilgrims Way and especially that a 6ft wall is intended to surround it. Consequently DCllr Shepherd explained to district's planning officer that the wall will restrict vision. It was agreed that this is a Highway's matter and it has been referred to DCC. Cllr Lisewski added that it had been the scene of several accidents in the past and consequently SDDC reduced the hedge height to improve visibility.

2. Since the felling of trees on Wragley Way other residents wish theirs to be removed too, hence DCllr Shepherd will pursue this with SDDC.
3. Developers will replace the burnt dog bin near the balancing pond.
4. The liaison meeting with developers was a success but they are not keen to build a community facility and have already missed deadlines. DCllr Shepherd will maintain pressure over this issue.
5. DCllr Shepherd inspected a street light at Arleston Lane that was unlit and informed CCllr Davison of it.
6. DCllr Shepherd made comment of the ending of the Local Plan Part 2. The planning application at 166 Wragley Way is now on appeal with the planning inspectorate (the initial application was refused). He is adamant that any householder cannot pinch land and is worried that the matter may escalate.

The resident wondered why the bridge on Stenson Road provided only 1 lane for traffic and not 2. DCllr Shepherd replied saying this was part of the Grampian Way development and a pedestrian footbridge was intended but not built. SDDC, City Council and Railtrack discussed it for years but unfortunately only traffic lights materialised. DCllr Shepherd chased for 15 years over its provision but to no avail although will continue to request it each time houses are built. Cllr Lisewski added that 20 years ago it had 2 lanes but no pedestrian walkway so for safety reasons it was reduced to 1. He believed that s106 money that could have been used for a bridge is now intended for the community facility.

Both the county and district councillors wished attendees a happy festive season and left at 7.55pm.

The resident asked of the councils activities to which the chairman responded by giving an outline of the 3 tiers of local government. She queried whether bushes and trees on a local footway at the Saxon Gate, Newton Village Development may become overgrown and create a dark alley; the chairman explained that this area is not in the parish but may become so in January after the boundary consultation.

**747/16 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016**  
These were approved and accepted as a true record once a minor amendment had been made after which they were signed by the chairman.

**748/16 TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY TO BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED - None.**

**749/16 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS – None.**

**750/16 CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Clerk contacted SDDC requesting replacement of missing bollards at Tregony Way, Fox Close, Glendon Road and Zetland Crescent to combat the problem of refuse vans driving across Public Open Space grass. However, SDDC denied responsibility for these saying it is for the parish council to replace if necessary.
2. Clerk contacted SDDC regarding replacement of corroded waste bins at Zetland Crescent and Arleston Lane near Derwent Drive. Clerk received no reply and has therefore asked again.
3. Summer Play Scheme. Clerk furnished members with the latest list of events which will be perused and decided upon in the next meeting.

**751/16 Matters for Decision or Discussion:**

- a) Website maintenance. The site is adequate for now but members will monitor and review if necessary.
- b) To receive any update on the proposed Parish Boundary Changes. Members await the outcome of the consultation at end-January and the ensuing decision.
- c) Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety. The Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire was present at DCllr Shepherd's recent surgery; beat officers are now equipped with cameras and trackers, the latter are especially useful for accessing the most readily available officer to an incident. Crime figures are very low in this area; Stenson Fields

for October showed 27 incidents, half of which were for ASB. This compares with 62 for the whole Mercia region. For more information visit <https://www.police.uk/derbyshire/SS02/>

Cllr Lisewski is in contact with Laura Palmer (CREST Data Intelligence Officer, Operational Support Team, Roads Policing Derbyshire Constabulary) and noted that car accidents occurred on Arleston Lane and Wragley Way; an overturned one at Stenson Road is undergoing investigation. Speed reduction is being pursued and progress is being made. Cllr Lisewski handed the chairman a draft council press release which the chairman read to members; it makes a case for vigilant speed reduction on Stenson Road. Cllr Lisewski will circulate to members for comment after which it may be inserted into the Derby Telegraph and/or the local 'Resource' magazine. The next edition of the latter is due for delivery in 3 weeks' time. In addition it may be posted on the council website.

Cllr Butterworth explained that Stenson Road is closed near to the Bubble Inn for 2 days soon, a diversion being through Barrow.

d) Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road. As mentioned above the next liaison meeting will be held in January when weeds on paths, lighting issues and shortcutting through a fence on Stenson Road will be raised with developers. The overgrown vegetation present between Glencroft Drive and Tregony Way has now been cleared by City Council.

e) Lengthsman Scheme and to sign Jack Harvey's SSP1 form. The chairman handed one lengthsman's work sheet to the clerk and duly signed Mr. Harvey's SSP1 form.

f) To consider areas to benefit from planting of bulbs and trees. Cllr Baker and Cllr Davison will assess soon.

g) To consider the replacement of a bench with a memorial bench for Mrs. P Harvey. The chairman awaits Zoe Sewter's (SDDC) reply but will chase.

h) To sign the clerk's S1 pension form. Duly signed by the chairman.

i) Bank mandates, budget update and setting of the forthcoming year's precept. Cllr Bonnell signed the mandate but Cllr Baker was absent and so could not amend his form. Clerk gave council updated budget figures having previously circulated these. However, page 2 of the document was not received by any member. Clerk to circulate again and council to discuss this and the precept request at a finance meeting at Cllr Lisewski's house on 12<sup>th</sup> January. Cllr Lisewski offered to circulate the previous clerk's budget figures from last year. He also raised the issue of possibly increasing the precept to take account of absorbing more housing due to the possible boundary changes.

## 752/16 PLANNING

### Applications

9/2016/1159 - THE CONVERSION OF THE GARAGE INTO LIVING ACCOMMODATION AT 17 BURNSIDE CLOSE.

**Resolved:** clerk contacted SDDC asking to ensure provision of enough car parking spaces for 2 vehicles.

9/2016/1163 - CONVERSION OF THE GARAGE INTO LIVING ACCOMMODATION AT 2 DULVERTON AVENUE. **Resolved:** as above.

9/2016/1160 - THE ERECTION OF AN EXTENSION AT 9 OUTRAM WAY. **Resolved:** no objection.

9/2016/1193 - ERECTION OF EXTENSIONS AND THE FORMATION OF BOUNDARY WALL WITH GATES AT 2 PILGRIMS WAY. **Resolved:** discussed earlier under DCllr Shepherd's report.

9/2016/0860 - CHANGE OF USE OF OPEN SPACE TO RESIDENTIAL GARDEN LAND AND ERECTION OF TWO METRE CLOSE BOARD FENCING AT 166 Wragley Way. **Resolved:** as above.

Cllr Lisewski noted that a development is underway to the rear of 7 Glencroft Drive and made SDDC aware. It is brick built with windows and 2 TV aerials which suggests it may be used for living accommodation or a business office. SDDC's enforcement officer will visit soon. An unauthorised garage conversion into living accommodation at 1 Glendon Road was also brought to the attention of the enforcement officer.

In addition, due to a number of clerks being employed in the last 2 years Cllr Lisewski has made several comments to district planning and copied the clerk. He has made district aware that future comments will be directed through the present clerk.

### Decisions.

9/2016/1036 - CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS FOR PROPOSED REAR SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION OF 3M DEPTH AND 3M HEIGHT TO EAVES AT 78 MEREVALE WAY. *Lawful Development Certificate Granted.*

753/16 **FINANCE**

a) Accounts for payment

<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Total £</b>
002042	J Irons – Clerk’s salary November	496.06
002042	J Irons - clerk home allowance	18.00
002042	J Irons expenses (petrol & stationary)	59.48
002043	K Fellows - Lengthsman pay November	72.00
002044	HMRC – clerk’s tax & NI November	117.48
002045	DCC – clerk’s pension November	134.69
002046	BIFFA – waste collection	333.06
002047	Grant Thornton LLP - external audit 2015/16	120.00
002048	Came & Company – premium to include new playground eqpt	25.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1373.77</b>

754/16 **TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** - None.

755/16 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Nothing further to that already discussed. The next Safer Neighbourhood meeting is proposed for January.

756/16 **Agenda items for the next meeting.**

- New/ revised policies and procedures update;
- Summer Play Scheme;
- Bank mandate, budget approval and setting the forthcoming precept;
- Areas for planting bulbs and trees;
- Replacement of a bench with a memorial bench;
- Press release regarding speeding cars.

757/16 **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** - None

758/16 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017, commencing at 7:15pm and will be held in the Stenson Fields Primary School.

There being no other business, the Chairman wished attendees a joyful Christmas and New Year and closed the meeting at 9:40pm.

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