

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16th
June 2016 AT 7.15PM AT STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, STENSON FIELDS**

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

In attendance: Mr J Storer (Locum Clerk), County Cllr R Davison (7:30pm to 7:40pm),
District Cllr D Shepherd (from 7:50pm to 8:20pm), Mrs J Storer.

638/16 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr I Baker (personal), Cllr K Butterworth (personal), Cllr P Bonnell (personal)

639/16 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

No variation of business

640/16 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTEREST

No Changes were announced or discussed.

641/16 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 Council representative

No representative was present but it was agreed that when Cllr Davison arrived, then Standing Orders would be suspended to allow the receipt of reports.

d) District Councillor report

No representative was present but it was agreed that when Cllr Shepherd arrived, then Standing Orders would be suspended to allow the receipt of reports.

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MAY 2016**

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644/16 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH MEETING HELD ON 19th MAY 2016

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 19th May 2016 as a correct record. The minutes were signed by Cllr Fellows.

**645/16 TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY FROM PART 1 OF THE AGENDA SHOULD BE TAKEN
WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

There were no public in attendance, as such, no exclusions were required.

646/16 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chairman had nothing to report this meeting.

647/16 REPORT OF THE CLERK

The report of the Clerk was previously circulated to Cllrs.

There remains no further report from the tree officer regarding the inspection of the trees on Fox Close Park. The Clerk was requested to make enquiries with the Tree Officer.

The 'Bairstows' For Sale sign on Grampian way remains in place and another For Sale sign has appeared between Tregory Way and Glencroft Drive appearing to be from 'Martin & Co' estate agents. Both of these are blocking visibility and as such the Clerk will chase up their removal or relocation.

(R Davison arrives 7:30pm)

The Clerk will also continue to price check possible storage units and locations for the safe storage of the Parish Council records.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Cllr Davison to address the meeting.

Cllr Davison brought up that the previous minutes stated that 'Paul Jameson claims' in relation to the SLOW road paintings on Wragley Way and this appeared too accusatory.

Informed us that he has not yet reported the Virgin Media activity on Tavistock Lane and Tregory Way to the Highways Dept yet, but has visited the site and the work appears to be completed to very high standard. One complaint was received regarding the work where a hedge was burnt and Virgin Media have offered to replace the hedge if it is unable to re-grow. The team was complemented for their professionalism and quality of work.

The broken road portion of Deepdale Lane was reported by Cllr Davison in an email on June 6th and he has been informed that patching work to be carried out will be assigned a day to resolve the situation, however as of the meeting, no date has yet been assigned.

The possible provision of rumble strips on the rural part of Arleston Lane to deter speeding motorists which would also reduce noise, this has been reported to 'Safer Neighbourhood'. It has been rumored but not confirmed that some of the speeding motorists are local residents, and that vehicles heading up towards a farm which may now be storing scaffolding, something the planning department are investigating but as yet no information has been released.

Cllr Davison left 7:40pm

The Chairman returned to Standing Orders

648/16

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The 'For Sale' sign on Grampian way has already been discussed in the 'Report of the Clerk'
- b) The offer of a concrete table tennis table by the SDDC will need to be looked into to determine and confirm if there is sufficient space on the proposed site of Fox Close Park. The Council requested the desire for a walk around with the SDDC to help ensure that the Council are involved in the final decisions relating to the table tennis location. As an initial offer, after discussing the risk of vandalism and concerns regarding alcoholic drinking, the Council expressed an interest in acquiring the table and believe it would be a good fit in with and alongside the existing sports equipment on the same site. A maximum budgeted contribution towards the installation costs was set at £3,000.

7.50pm Cllr Shepherd arrived. The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Cllr Shepherd at address the meeting.

Cllr Shepherd reported on the matters discussed at the Development Liaison Committee meeting that took place on Thursday 12th May 2016. The discussion included the condition of the Balancing Pond and criticism that it is full of weeds and is untidy. It appears to not be the village pond that it was originally portrayed to be. The unsafe nature of the pond is made worst by the inadequacy of fencing around the pond.

The construction vehicles for the new developments are still using non approved routes.

There were also concerns regarding the quality of the current sewerage system, as there are fears it does not appear to be capable of serving the new development as without this extra strain, a strong unpleasant smell continues to remains.

Sightings remain for speeding cars and motorists on Earls Way.

There is a highway issue in that there isn't sufficient pedestrian crossings available on Stenson Road. Concern had also been raised that there is no pedestrian access to the northern part of

the new development. However, It was pointed out that a footpath is in place to access Stenson Rd close the rail bridge. The only obstacle is that this stretch of road has been classified as far too dangerous for a pedestrian crossing to be installed. One solution in the future could be to use the existing traffic lights up near the bridge. The Council also expressed the possibility of potentially changing the speed limit from 40 mph down to 30 mph along Stenson Road to help improve safety, particularly with the prediction that a possible 160 children, with parents, will be attempting to cross this road to get to their primary school twice a day.

Developers confirmed that the complaint they received from the Ward Councillors regarding the lack of dog bins will be addressed in the shape of 4 new bins being provided on the development.

Developers will also open a public footway off Earls Drive on 22nd June. The access at the northern end of the development will open in September.

Concerns were raised about the sheer quantity of dwellings that are proposed in Housing Policy 15 as well as in Housing Policy 16 of the Local Development Plan which relates to Wrangley Way and Primula Way respectively.

The current time scale set in place for the Local Development Plan is from 2011 through to 2028.

Cllrs have reported that they are providing pressure for a secondary school to be included within the development as there are no plans currently outlined, although concerns are present in how little space there currently is exists for schools without the introduction of 3 sections of dwelling development.

The current highway infrastructure is not strong enough to cope with the new development expansions. The reports for two phases which altogether would include connecting Chellaston junction A50 to Stenson Road as well as later connecting A38 Rykneld to join onto aforementioned route. This connection of the A38 and A50 could drive a lot of traffic through and along Wrangley Way.

The current speed limit along past the Bubble Inn is set at 60mph, although it would be safer if this was reduced even to 40mph or 50mph along the whole stretch of road. The County Council has not responded to the calls for the 40mph, through Stenson Fields, to be reduced to 30 mph.

(Cllr Shephard left 8:20pm)

The Chairman returned to Standing Orders

649/16 **FINANCE**

a) Accounts for payment

<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Payee & Description</u>	<u>£</u>
1997	May 2016 Salaries	76.40
1998	May 2016 Salaries	142.20
1999	May 2016 Salaries	287.84
2000	May 2016 Salaries	59.42
2001	DCC	167.93
2002	Reimbursements	3.50
2003	Streetscape Product & Service	11958.00

b) Risk assessments are up to date

There are no changes to the risk assessments.

650/16 **PLANNING**

Applications

No applications.

Decisions

No decisions.

651/16 POLICE ISSUES/ SPEED LIMITS/ ROAD SAFETY

Speeding is still relevant although the police have expressed that this is not a localized problem but a national matter that is currently a working progress.

The vehicle activity speed sign on Glencroft Drive had a positive effect on speeding overall.

On the new development site, reports have been received about anti-social driving that is dangerous for pedestrians especially when the vehicles are speeding over 30mph.

The grass length either side of the canal has been reported to be excessively long and is obscuring vision and safety barriers, although this area is within Barrow's boundaries.

652/16 SAXONGATE

There is nothing further to report except that the safety rail on the exit from the balancing pond to Stenson Road is still not in place.

653/16 LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

Chairman Fellows presented hour sheets and receipts for bin bags purchased. The Lengthsman had reported a mattress dumped on Wragley Way near its junction with Beaufort Rd. This has now been cleared by the "Clean Team".

654/16 ENVIRONMENT

- a) The Parish Council no longer has its own contractor to cut grass, plant bulbs and fertilise. Resolved to make an enquiry with the probation office to investigate whether the community payback team can provide such services as the planting of bulbs on the highway verges and in other identified areas. Otherwise, there will be the need to engage the services of a new contractor.
- b) On Grampian Way, there are low hanging and overgrown bushes which forces pedestrians to walk on the road. The Clerk was requested to report this to the relevant authority for attention.
- c) Grass cutting on the Ledbury Chase play area had been missed on at least two occasions. After complaints it has since been completed. Several other areas had only been cut with a tractor leaving many areas uncut and untidy. Some of this has been attributed to teething problems with newly hired staff.
- d) Reports throughout Stenson Fields of weed killing spray being over used in apparently the wrong locations was received as the grass is being killed rather than weeds. The Clerk was instructed to report this to SDDC.
- e) Loose weeds and grass are not being removed around drains. The Clerk was requested to report this to SDDC.
- f) Play equipment for summer holidays has been booked but dates have not been distributed. The Clerk will provide Cllrs with the dates.
- g) The corroded bin on Zetland Crescent needs replacing with the spare on Trigony way by the SDDC as current bin is not fit for health and safety. The Clerk was instructed to report this to SDDC and for SDDC to provide a replacement.
- h) Ledbury Chase play field hedge overgrowing again.

No Further progress in regards to the replacement of a bench with a memorial bench dedicated to Pam Harvey and has been deferred to the next meeting.

655/16 To Receive Any Update on the Proposed Paris Boundary Changes

There was nothing further to report.

656/16 CONSULTATIONS

There were no matters to discuss.

TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE

657/16 **BODIES**

The next PPG meeting will be held on the 28th July 2016.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

658/16 The reports over the meeting have been up to date.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

659/16 The next Ordinary Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 21st July 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

The Parish Council has replied to the applicant for the role of Clerk. The Council will continue to look for a candidate.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:01pm.

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