

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16th November 2017 AT 7.15PM AT STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, STENSON FIELDS

Present: - Cllrs C Fellows (Chair), R Lisewski, P Richardson, K Butterworth, A Singh, I Baker and K Rogers.
In attendance: - Cllr N Atkin, DCllr Shepherd and J Irons (clerk).

887/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

GS Dhillon (work commitments). P Bonnell (belated apologies the next day).

888/17 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS None

889/17 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS None

890/17 PUBLIC SPEAKING

- a) Police - No representative from the police was present and no report had been provided.
- b) District and County Councillor Reports.

County Councillor Neil Atkin.

1. Cllr Atkin apologised for his recent absences due to a lengthy illness.
2. *The site of an intended new secondary school has not yet been decided; both Thulston Fields and Infinity Village at Stenson are possibilities. The latter is preferred due to TF lying in the greenbelt. Numbers differ over the intended places to be provided (min 2000 pupils) but the school must be ready within 5 years. It is intended to have academy status but must be assessed first, and will probably concentrate on engineering tuition. It will cost c£15m and will include playing fields. Much depends on the value of s106 monies available. A new primary school will be built at Chellaston Fields which should be in place by 2019.*
Cllr Atkin attended a fire authority meeting last week; fire stations will be improved. A development plan will be effected over the next 20 years. The station on Ascot Drive is the main control centre for Derbyshire and is a community centre, as is Swadincote's. These newly designed stations are state-of-the-art and will allow for more community safety activities to take place. They have been designed to be inviting and welcoming to the public, although this appears to be open to debate at present. Community activities that focus on areas such as health, education, housing and employment and crime and disorder are available. An 8-minute response time is the target. Crews and officers will be employed on a part-time basis but services will not suffer as a result. Melbourne station will provide night-cover only but may be assisted by NWL and Staffordshire. Two engines will be sent to house fires.
3. *A water leak is present at the Bubble Inn. ST attended on Friday and discovered it is chlorinated water. The road will close on 19th November for 2 days to allow repairs to be conducted.*
4. *Cllr Atkin will attend an airport meeting tomorrow. Cargo firms are expanding and planning permission has been sought for car parks. Members asked whether more night-flights will result; Cllr Atkin will know more after the meeting.*

Cllr Lisewski asked whether parking along dropped kerbs at the school can be addressed by Civil Enforcement Officers; Cllr Atkin will investigate. Car-parking congestion continues at the Bubble Inn.

Stenson Ward Councillors - Cllr Manjit Chahal and David Shepherd's Report to Stenson Fields Parish Council
16th November 2017

1. Infinity Village – South Derby Growth Zone - Infinity Garden Village Liaison Group

SDDC had emailed interested parties inviting them to participate in a liaison group, the first meeting being held in South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) Civic Offices 11th October 2017. Cllr Shepherd, Stenson Parish Councillor, Cllr R Lisewski and representatives of Barrow-on-Trent PC, Derby City Council Officers and Sinfin Ward City Councillor, Aston District Councillor and Developers' representative also attended. Cllr Shepherd asked why

Chellaston were invited and was told that a small part of the development was in Chellaston. The minutes of the meeting have been circulated to councillors but Cllr Shepherd's opening comments stating that since the matter had not come before SDDC full council that the process be shelved and proper debate and consultation held and that other sites in South Derbyshire were more appropriate for a Garden Village. The existing and proposed transport infrastructure is totally inadequate to cater for a further 1200 houses identified in the Expression of Interest (Eoi). This is in addition to the 2000 houses agreed to the south of Wragley Way under the SDDC Local Plan – Part 1. The development is envisaged to fund the South Derbyshire Integrated Transport Link (SDITL), Cllr Shepherd reminded the meeting that the SDITL was envisaged to link up with the roundabout at Rykneld but has been left out of the plan only to be completed at some future date as phase 2. Cllr Shepherd said that the lack of phase 2 could lead to heavy vehicular traffic using phase 1 as a route to the proposed A50 Junction. Additional matters discussed included affordable and social housing, medical facilities and the road infrastructure. A further meeting is planned for 29th November.

2. SDDC Press Release 3rd January 2016 - £400,000 Government Contribution

Cllr Shepherd (who had lodged a Freedom of Information (Foi) request regarding the £400,000) asked what had become of the money. When the grant of money was announced both he and Cllr Chahal had proposed that residents should be consulted regarding the use of the money. They suggested that it could be used to construct the footbridge over the railway line to enable two-way traffic on Stenson Road. The meeting was told that only £214,000 was allocated to SDDC, £75,000 of which will be used for transport modelling and that a Project/Partnership Manager and an Assistant Project/Partnership Manager would be employed for 12 months on £60,000 and £30,000 respectively. An amount of about £49,000 would remain unallocated to "facilitate other tasks". The remainder of the money will go to Derby City Council. Cllr Shepherd expressed his disappointment that the government grant was being spent on bureaucracy rather than for the benefit of residents.

3. Infinity Garden Village – Complaint from the Minority Group Regarding what they believe to be a Breach of SDDC Constitution

The leader of the minority group on SDDC made an official complaint regarding the process undertaken when the area was selected under the government's Garden Village initiative. The senior SDDC legal officer has compiled a report and an investigation is to be held. The Chief Executive has informed Cllr Shepherd that he will be interviewed and asked to substantiate his concerns regarding the process. As yet only senior members have seen the report. Cllr Shepherd has expressed his reservations that an internal SDDC inquiry will resolve the matter and has indicated his intention to refer the matter to the Local Government Ombudsman.

4. Damaged Canal Bridge – Barrow on Trent

The damage to the bridge was reported to Cllrs Chahal and Shepherd by a number of residents.

The Canal and River Trust was informed of the dangerous situation whereby the northern side of the bridge had been hit by traffic and the top brick courses had been moved approximately 4cm towards the canal. The danger being that if the bridge was subjected to impact again when a barge was passing under the bridge, a large part of masonry could damage or sink the barge or injure anyone on deck. It is a matter of speculation regarding the type of vehicle which has caused the damage. It is the opinion of the District Councillors that a car would be unlikely to cause the damage and that a lorry or an agricultural vehicle may be responsible. When the Canal and River Trust failed to respond to the warning sent, Cllr David Shepherd raised the matter at the Repton Area Forum held in Stenson Fields School on 10th October 2017. The clerk was asked to report the damaged bridge again to the Canal and River Trust and to request a copy of Derby City Council's travel plan respecting the development within the City boundary to the south of Wragley Way. The problem of inappropriate construction vehicles using the canal bridge appears to be increasing. A Stenson Fields Parish Councillor saw a construction vehicle leave the development on Wragley Way and struggle to pass over the bridge. A further complication is the planning application for 100 dwellings on Deep Dale Lane; councillors will remember the unfortunate experiences with construction vehicles over the canal bridge at Stenson Bubble during the building of the new development on Sinfin Lane. *Awaiting response from the clerk to the Area Forum.*

5. Play Equipment – New Development

Residents of the new development were extremely disappointed by the standard of the play area and the poor equipment provided. Stenson Ward District Councillors arranged meetings with the Open Spaces and Facilities Manager and the Principal Planning Officer. All agreed that the provision by the developers is totally inadequate; Cllr Shepherd met with Senior SDDC officers to discuss improvement and more appropriate equipment. District Councillors were so worried about the dangerous state of the play area that they asked the developers to cordon it off and close it. The Open Spaces Manager (who has since left SDDC) liaised with the company chosen to design an acceptable facility. Hags of Selby submitted a proposal which removed the grass mounding, planned to remove the

planks and then install stepping pods and balance beams which would provide more play value and remove trip hazards. Glacial boulders will be provided and since they weigh over 500 kg each, they will not be able to be moved or rolled. An additional bin will also be provided. When the Open Spaces Manager left, the project was picked up by the Senior Enforcement Officer who took up Ward Councillors' concerns regarding the solid fence and the effectiveness of the post and rail fence being insufficient to prevent dogs entering the play area. The equipment will be manufactured in December with an installation date of January 2018.

6. Public Open Spaces – Bollards to Prevent Traveller Incursion

In the summer a number of travellers accessed the POS to the north of Witton Court. Ward Councillors reiterated that the bollards they originally insisted SDDC to provide should be inspected and replaced where necessary. This was done but Cllrs Chahal and Shepherd walked the POSs and noted where replacements are still needed to prevent re-occupation by travellers. It should be noted that South Derbyshire has an excellent record for providing official sites for travellers.

7. South Derbyshire District Council - New Website. SDDC has revealed it's new, user-friendly website.

Cllr D Shepherd

Further issues arose for DCllr Shepherd:

Members asked if the change to Arriva's number 7 bus route can be changed as this is a long-standing issue. DCllr Shepherd will invite the company to his surgery to discuss.

Cllr Butterworth complained that mud is rife on Wragley Way near to the new building development around the sales pitch area. DCllr Shepherd said contractors should wheel-clean their vehicles and offered to refer this to Gaynor Richards so she can enforce the requirement on the builders.

DCllr Shepherd reported drug-dealing to the police at the SNM and regretted to say that they seemed disinterested. He continues to monitor adoption of the balancing pond at Saxon Gate; and developers cutting the inside of the Stenson Road hedge (from Grampian Way to the railway bridge). DCllr Shepherd has received complaints about dim street lights although this is attributed to new diffused bulbs being used. He hopes that the new community centre will be completed by end-2018 but more likely to be into 2019 and will pursue contractors for a timely completion.

891/17 both district and county councillors left at 8.05pm.

892/17 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19th October 2017

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

893/17 TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY TO BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED - None.

894/17 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS.

The chairman received notification that SDDC's Local Plan Part 2 has been adopted; and received a document from Derby City Council outlining its local plan.

895/17 CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

1. Members **agreed** to accept the website administrator's views over a hit-counter on the website.
2. Yorkshire bank now charges a monthly fee for use of the current account. Members **agreed** that the clerk ask them to waive this or council will move to another bank.

896/17 Matters for Decision or Discussion:

a) Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety. Generally discussed earlier although Cllr Lisewski added that he reported speeding cars on Grampian Way to CREST (Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership); however due to cutbacks there is little to be done. Cllr Lisewski rued that 5 burglaries had occurred recently around the pub and shopping area. One in Padstow Close was particularly disturbing and showed open brazenness because it occurred in the early evening. The police website recorded 18 incidents for Stenson Fields in September (burglaries 4, ASB 4, violence and Sexual behaviour 6, other theft 1, vehicle crime 2, criminal damage and arson 1). Clerk to write to the Derbyshire police sergeant highlighting our concerns.

Cllr Rogers reported a speeding car along Arleston Lane but failed to obtain the registration number. Any such incident can be reported to the police 101 number if a registration number is provided.

- b) Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road. Cllr Lisewski noted that some residents have asked when the new community centre will be built. Cllr Richardson complained of the footpath to the rear of Saxon Gate that floods and becomes impassable; clerk to tell DCllr Shepherd.
- c) Environmental issues (trees, bulbs etc). Clerk received a message from a resident on Arleston Lane – old toys had been dumped at the waste bin. Clerk reported this to SDDC's clean team after which they were removed. However, Cllr Butterworth noted that bin liners of dog waste are sometimes deposited here. The dog bins at Zetland Crescent and Blankney Close have not yet been replaced; clerk to remind SDDC. Clerk also to ask for notices to deter dog fouling that may be placed in the area.
- The chairman mentioned that Biffa did not collect from our bin at the school again last week which means it has not been emptied on 3 occasions. Clerk to write to tell them and demand a refund for these non-collections.
- d) Lengthsman Scheme. The chairman handed the lengthsman's work sheets for October; chairman to provide projected hours worked in November next week.
- e) Awareness of LGA Regulation regarding members' attendances. Under Section 85 (1) of the LGA 1972 any member absent for a period of six consecutive months is liable to be disqualified. However this requirement can be waived if the council approves the absence before the expiration of the 6-month period; this must be by a resolution of the council.
- f). Social media policy; held over to the next meeting. In the meantime members should consider the operation of the website by a councillor which includes the use of a social network platform. Cllr Singh will assess and create a report for circulation to members before discussion at the next meeting.
- g) Boundary change details; none received to date. The chairman noted that a planning application (9/2017/0922) contains useful maps that may be perused.
- h) s106 funds being reclaimed by the developers (in respect of local health care provision). Cllr Lisewski said during discussion at the Infinity Village Liaison Group meeting it was suggested that £260k should be provided by developers for this purpose. That said, it must be spent within 3 years or will be lost i.e. retained by developers. DCllr Shepherd will raise this at the next Liaison Group meeting on 29th November (which will also be attended by Cllrs Fellows and Lisewski).
- i) Budget review. Members perused the budget and a finance meeting to be held soon to finalise.
- j) Civil award for the chairman. **Resolved:** chairman to receive a long-service award, clerk to look into and report at the next meeting.
- k) To decide a date for the December meeting. **Resolved:** 14th.

897/17 PLANNING

10. To consider planning applications:-

9/2017/1139 - PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF A LARGER HOUSEHOLD EXTENSION WITH EAVES OF 2.500 METRES AND MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 2.900 METRES EXTENDING 5.000 METRES FROM THE REAR WALL AT 5 BUTTERBUR CLOSE STENSON FIELDS. **Resolved:** no objection.

9/2017/1163 - THE ERECTION OF A FIRST FLOOR SIDE EXTENSION AND SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AT 106 BEAUFORT ROAD STENSON FIELDS. **Resolved:** no objection.

9/2017/1169 - THE ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AT 170 WRAGLEY WAY STENSON FIELDS. **Resolved:** no objection.

9/2017/1124 - PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF A LARGER HOUSEHOLD EXTENSION WITH EAVES OF 2.6 METRES AND MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 3.6 METRES EXTENDING 4.0 METRES FROM THE REAR WALL AT 32 TREGONY WAY STENSON FIELDS. **Resolved:** no objection.

9/2017/0922 - OUTLINE APPLICATION (ALL MATTERS TO BE RESERVED) FOR THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO 100 DWELLINGS INCLUDING INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSOCIATED WORKS ON LAND AT SK3430 7732 DEEP DALE LANE BARROW ON TRENT DERBY. **Resolved:** clerk confirmed that he has asked SCCD for hard copies of the application and also an extension of time for comment earlier today.

Decisions.

9/2017/0950 - RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR A GAZEBO AT 42 EARLS DRIVE STENSON FIELDS: **Granted.**

30 Pilgrims Way - the shed was found to be permitted development so did not require the approval of the Council and the file on this has been closed.

Consultations.

Update (if any) on numbers 6 & 27 Glencroft Drive. SDDC reported that works have been carried out to number 27 as well as 29. Clerk awaits a reply regarding number 6.

898/17 **FINANCE**

a) The following accounts for payment were approved:

Cheque No	Payee	Total £
002118	J Irons – Clerk’s salary October - November	482.36
002118	J Irons - clerk expenses (see attached sheet) October – November	36.20
002119	K Fellows - Lengthsman pay October	101.00
002120	J Harvey - Lengthsman pay October	38.95
002121	S Lisewski - Lengthsman pay October	38.78
002122	HMRC –employee’s tax & NI October - November	133.90
002123	DCC – clerk’s pension October - November	145.28
002124	Grant Thornton UK LLP – external audit 2016/17	240.00
TOTAL		1216.47

(b) **Income** – none.

(c) **Bank balances as at 27th October 2017**

£18606.66 (current account);

£ 5574.20 (reserve account).

899/17 **TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr Rogers did not attend the recent PPG meeting and cannot attend the next.

900/17 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Clerk offered 1 item for circulation.

901/17 **Agenda items for the next meeting.**

- Environmental issues (trees, bulbs etc);
- Boundary change details (if received);
- Planning application 9/2017/0922 - extension of time for comment;
- Outcome of the Village Liaison Group meeting on 29th November (if held);
- Outcome of the finance meeting and Budget approval (if held);
- Civil award for the chairman;
- Comments over the website and social media report (if circulated) .

902/17 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 14th December 2017, commencing at 7:15pm at Stenson Fields Primary School.

Forthcoming meetings in 2018: 18th January, 22nd February, 22nd March, 19th April (APM & Ordinary).

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 9:35pm.

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