

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17th
DECEMBER 2015 AT 7.15PM AT STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, STENSON FIELDS**

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

In attendance: Mrs J Storer (Clerk), County Cllr R Davison (to 8.25pm), District Cllr D Shepherd (between 7:48pm to 8.25pm).

Apologies: - Apologies were received from Cllr G Dhillon (personal), Cllr R Lisewski (illness), Cllr Bonnell (work), Cllr I Baker (personal) and from Cllr D Shepherd (who would be arriving late as he was attending a prior meeting).

484/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

485/15 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

No variations were identified.

486/15 TO GRANT ANY DISPENSATIONS RELATING TO DECLARED INTERESTS

None granted

487/15 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 19th NOVEMBER 2015

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19.11.15; as previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

488/15 PUBLIC SPEAKING

a) Public

There were no members of the public present.

b) Police

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

c) County Councillor

Cllr Davison reported that he attended the first Neighbourhood Watch Meeting (NHW) on 30th November 2015, at which attendance was good.

He also attended the meeting held on 30th November 2015 between SDDC and the Parish Councils who are seeking a boundary review. His lack of confidence in both the process and that it will run to time, were explained.

Cllr Davison has followed up on the damage to the canal bridge and reported that any repairs do not fall to the Highways Dept but to the Canals and River Trusts to undertake.

Any enforcement of weight restrictions is the responsibility of Trading Standards to pursue, but they have advised that they do not get many successful prosecutions as it has neither the resources to make any investigations, nor does it get many reports of alleged infringements. Cllr Davison therefore made a plea for people to report any incidents via the DCC website.

The planning application for a temporary access to the new development has been refused by SDDC on grounds that the application does not meet with two highways regulations – lines of sight and pedestrian safety. The Parish Council has welcomed this refusal and the reinstatement of the area has already been undertaken by the developers. The only matter now to be resolved is the reinstatement of the hedge. The Parish Council queried the advice and alleged informal support given to the application by the Highways Officer (DCC) and Planning Officer (SDDC).

There has been no progression on the Combined Authority since the last meeting of the Parish

Council.

The residents at the end of Arleston Lane have complained of anti social behaviour occurring and have requested that action is taken to prevent any further incidents; possibly by limiting the access to the lane. Examples of limited and gated access to various local roads and how similar restrictions operated were cited.

Parish Councillors commented that the Lane is regularly used and expressed their unhappiness about any proposal to restrict access. Cllr Davison requested that the proposal of restricted access is considered further by the Parish Council and for any reasons objecting to restrictions or in fact any alternative suggestions to ease the situation for the residents, are given at the next Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Davison made enquiries about the extension at the school and how he has been informed that there are limited places for local children to attend this primary school. A discussion about the current availability of school places, both for primary and secondary schools took place, along with how the number of places have lagged behind the housing developments taking place. Cllr Davison agreed to make further enquiries about the number of children who can obtain a place at the primary school and how many go to other schools; this information will be brought back to a future Parish Council meeting.

7:48pm Cllr Shepherd arrived

A discussion about weight limits in the south of the parish and beyond took place. It was thought that there is no weight limit in force on the canal bridge and as there was some uncertainty, investigations will take place to see what limits are in force and where. Cllr Davison offered to make efforts to have weight limits installed in areas that are thought to require them.

d) District Councillor

Cllr Shepherd reiterated that the NHW meeting was good and that three persons have volunteered to be coordinators.

The Planning Inspector has heard all information and evidence relating to Part 1 of the LDP and has accepted that the area adjacent to Ladybank Road has been included in the LDP Part 1.

Cllr Shepherd reported that he has held a follow up meeting on 15th December with District Cllrs and Mr F McArdle (CEO – SDDC) about the proposal for boundary changes. Cllr Shepherd provided information as to what was agreed at the meeting on 30th November and that he is now awaiting confirmation from Mr McArdle of the details agreed.

Cllr Shepherd has issued Terms of Reference for the Planning Working Party and is awaiting for them to be reviewed by the Legal Dept (SDDC) before setting any meeting dates.

Cllr Shepherd has also taken up the matter of the churned grass verge (Min 475/15b).

Cllr Shepherd reported that he is still pursuing the proposal for a bus shelter on Stenson Road and at a site meeting, has requested that the decision on the siting of any bus shelter should take into account the possibility that a pedestrian crossing being installed at a later date.

The Chair reported that there had been an accident at this area, whereby someone leaving the bus was knocked over by a passing car; it was thought that no serious injuries were sustained.

8:25pm Cllrs Davison and Shepherd left the meeting.

e) Members declaring an interest

No declarations were made.

489/15 **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.

490/15 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**
No report was provided.

491/15 **CLERK'S REPORT**

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

Min 478/15a) - the hedge has not been cleared and insulation and polystyrene is still visible.

RESOLVED the Clerk was asked to chase the developers to clear the rubbish. (Action: Clerk).

492/15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. DALC – various circulars
2. SDDC - Public Spaces Protection Order consultation (deadline 1st February 2016)
3. DALC – Invitation for nominees for the SDDC Standards Committee
4. DALC – Advice on the new audit procurement for 2016/17
5. DCC – Posters to be displayed about Child Sexual exploitation
6. DCC – reply to reports on highways matters

All items of correspondence was noted. No actions are to be taken on any item.

493/15 **FINANCE**

a) Accounts for payment

<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Payee & Description</u>	<u>£</u>
1952-56	December salary payments	550.50
1957	Biffa – waste collection	299.52
1958	DCC – room hire	167.59
1959	Mrs J Storer – expenses	35.00
1960	Clr Fellows – chair's allowance	25.69
1961	Mrs J Storer – Use of home for Council	168.64

b) To consider any amendments to the Risk Assessments

There were no amendments made to the risk assessments

494/15 **PLANNING**

Applications

None received

Decisions

None

Planning Committee meeting

9 2015 0948 – the creation of a temporary vehicular access to plots 476-499 on land off Stenson Road, Stenson Fields

495/15 **POLICE ISSUES/ SPEED LIMITS/ ROAD SAFETY**

- a) Cllrs all agreed that there is still a major problem with speeding vehicles in the area, although no further action was agreed to be taken.
- b) Consideration was given to the request to limit access to Arleston Lane. Whilst Cllrs were sympathetic to the problems being experienced by residents, Cllrs all agreed that they were against any idea of closing the road. It was noted that no evidence has been presented of the alleged anti social behaviour. The item was noted and will be considered before the next meeting when discussion and proposals can be discussed in depth.
- c) Clr Butterworth reported on an incident whereby persons who appeared to be window cleaners had been suspected of attempting to gain entry to a property.

496/15 **SAXONGATE**

Concerns were raised that the balancing pond is getting deep and about the fear of drowning

and becoming stuck in the mud, should any person fall in. It was noted that the area had been recently risk assessed but the Clerk was requested to pass on the Council's concerns to Cllr Shepherd. **(Action: Clerk).**

497/15 **LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**

There are no major issues. The fly tipping of large heavy duty waste sacks has been removed but a bag on the corner of Grampian Way/Stenson Road and a number of bags by a farm gate close to the junction of Wragley Way/Stenson Rd require removal. **(Action: Clerk).**

498/15 **ENVIRONMENT**

- a) The goal mouth area at the Fox Close POS is deeply rutted and requires re-seeding. The Clerk reported this to SDDC; SDDC is investigating possible options.
- b) After the last meeting, the Clerk reported that there may be fat oils and other cooking waste being deposited down the main sewer along Pilgrims Way. The Environmental Heath Dept (SDDC) confirmed the actions had taken place and is pursuing the matter.
- c) The Clerk was requested to ask SDDC to trim around the road signs and hedge bottoms on Stenson Road whilst they are in the area trimming the hedges. **(Action: Clerk).**
- d) A new bin has been installed at the end of the Asda link path but was thought to be in the wrong location. SDDC is to be requested to reposition the new bin to its original location **(Action: Clerk).**

499/15 **TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGE**

The Clerk had provided a report which reflected that already given by Cllrs Davison and Shepherd.

500/15 **CONSULTATIONS**

SDDC – Public Spaces Protection Orders (deadline 1st February 2016)
RESOLVED this will be deferred to the January meeting.

501/15 **PRESS RELEASES**

No press releases will be made.

502/15 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

No information was exchanged.

503/15 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held on 21st January 2016 at Stenson Fields Primary School at 7.15pm. The Finance Committee will meet on 13th January 2016 at Stenson Fields Primary School at 7.15pm

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:17pm and extended his best wishes to Cllrs and residents.

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