

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18th
FEBRUARY 2016 AT 7.15PM AT STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, STENSON FIELDS**

Present: - C Fellows (Chair), P Richardson, K Rogers, K Butterworth, R Lisewski, I Baker

In attendance: Mrs J Storer (Clerk), County Cllr R Davison (to 8.07pm), District Cllr D Shepherd (to 8.07pm).

Apologies: - Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Bonnell (personal).

524/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

525/15 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

No variations were identified.

526/15 TO GRANT ANY DISPENSATIONS RELATING TO DECLARED INTERESTS

None granted

527/15 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 21st JANUARY 2016

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21.01.16; as previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

528/15 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 the sewer collapse on A514 and the subsequent road closure during the repair, caused less problems for the parish than had been envisaged.

Since November 2015, there have been 5 prosecutions for breaching the weight limits on Swarkestone Bridge; further statistics of cautions and of costs awarded during legal proceedings were given. It was noted that there is a marked significant increase in enforcement action being undertaken than has previously been the case. DCC is still attempting to get an electronic enforcement system in place relating to weight limit enforcement; capital funding is available for such a system but there is a lack of revenue funding which is preventing the system from being installed.

Cllr Davison read out the DCC Officer's response as to why the developer had been advised that planning permission was not necessary for the temporary access between Grampian Way and the railway bridge. This response was accepted and no further action is to be taken.

The DCC precept for 2016/17 will increase by 3.99%, 2% of which is in response to the changes to the funding of adult social care announced in November 2015 by the Government. Cllr Davison explained that the increase in social funding will be earmarked and can only be used for that purpose; the County Council's Treasurer having to sign off any social care expenditure to ensure correct accounting of the additional fund.

Cllr Shepherd circulated the amended Terms of Reference for the Development Liaison Committee. Cllrs will consider the amended Terms of Reference and make any observations

to Cllr Shepherd.

Members of the public are still accessing sections of Stenson Road despite the area of the new development being blocked off. Concerns were expressed about the possibility of a pedestrian fatality occurring.

d) District Councillor

Cllr Shepherd reported that some trees on Wragley Way have been cut back by a contractor, on behalf of residents, without the necessary permission from SDDC. SDDC is very unhappy about the unauthorised work and will now consider if any enforcement or remedial action is to be taken.

Over a number of years, complaints have been made by residents about the height of the hedge which acts as the boundary between the county and the city. It has now been established that the City Council is responsible for the maintenance of the hedge.

The suggested proposal for boundary changes for this parish and Barrow upon Trent, will go before the District Council in March.

At the last meeting, a report was received that the shrubberies had been attended to, but the trimmings had been left in the area and on the grass verge. This was reported by the Clerk but the trimmings remain. Cllr Shepherd was requested to pursue this matter.

The Community Building on the new development should have been finished when 250 houses are occupied, but no work has started despite there being in excess of 300 houses being occupied. Anxieties were expressed about the delay and further anxieties were expressed over whether the building would ever be completed.

8.07pm Cllr Davison and Cllr Shepherd left the meeting.

e) Members declaring an interest

No declarations were made.

529/15 **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.

530/15 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

Cllr Fellows reported at the January 2016 meeting, that there appears to be confusion over some advertising of Barratt Homes properties on the new development. The Clerk has confirmed with SDDC that there is no duplication of road names and further reported, that Zoopla (where the misinformation exists) will amend the information on its website.

531/15 **CLERK'S REPORT**

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

A discussion took place about the proposal made by the police; that Speedwatch is a route to take to gather information about speeding in the parish. Comments were made that the Speedwatch scheme is not able to function across the parish, due to the high number of roads with speed limits in excess of 30mph. Cllrs reiterated their opposition to undertaking the scheme, but agreed to invite volunteers to undertake Speedwatch, this will be done via the Parish Council website. **(Action: Clerk)**

532/15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. DALC – various circulars
2. SDDC – Local Plan Part 2 (deadline 12th February 2016)
Cllr Baker reported that he had studied the sections relevant to this parish and whilst mention is made that a school is required, no further details as to location or date of the build were provided. No comments were made in response to the consultation.
3. DALC – Consultation on HM Treasury report Autumn 2015
4. SDDC - Consultation on South Derbyshire Open Space, Sport & Community Facility Strategy

5. Police – Response to the request for further action to address the problem of speeding in the area

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

533/15 **FINANCE**

- a) Accounts for payment

<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Payee & Description</u>	<u>£</u>
1968 – 72	February salaries, pension, HMRC	541.28
1973	Mrs J Storer – expenses	11.60

- b) To consider any amendments to the Risk Assessments
There were no amendments made to the risk assessments

534/15 **PLANNING**

Applications

9 2016 0039 - the retrospective application for a single storey side extension at 2 Glendon Road, Stenson Fields.
NO OBJECTIONS

Decisions

None

535/15 **POLICE ISSUES/ SPEED LIMITS/ ROAD SAFETY**

A report was provided of the last Safer Neighbourhood and Area Meeting held on 16th February. This parish and in particular the area around Fox Close, was previously identified as a police priority for drug use. There has been no recent evidence of drug use and as a consequence, this area has been removed as a police priority.

536/15 **SAXONGATE**

There is nothing further to report, having received Cllr Shepherd's report on the Community Building.

537/15 **LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**

There are no major issues.

538/15 **ENVIRONMENT**

- a) The door on the rubbish bin by the railway bridge, installed by SDDC, is broken. The Clerk reported this to SDDC but no action has been taken. The Clerk will remind SDDC of the damage. **(Action: Clerk)**
- b) The shrub beds on Grampian Way have been attended to but the debris has been left behind. Cllr shepherd will pursue this matter. **(Action: Cllr Shepherd)**
- c) Further to the report of the cut back trees on Wragley Way, the Clerk will arrange for information about tree work and removal to be placed on the website. **(Action: Clerk).**

539/15 **TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGE**

There was nothing further to report; the Parish Council will await the decision of the District Council full meeting in March.

540/15 **CONSULTATIONS**

- (a) SDDC - Consultation on South Derbyshire Open Space, Sport & Community Facility Strategy (deadline 26th February 2016)
NO COMMENTS

(b) DCC – Highways Asset Infrastructure survey (deadline = 30th March)
NOTED but it was considered that the survey was of little value

(c) SDDC – Charitable Collection Policy (deadline = 18th March 2016)
NO COMMENTS, the Parish Council considered this policy of to be no relevance

541/15 **PRESS RELEASES**

The Clerk read the press release for the new play equipment which had been drafted by Tarmac. Amendments were made and the Clerk will forward these to Tarmac. **(Action: Clerk)**

542/15 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

The Clerk was requested to make enquiries as to which organisation is responsible to install information at the new bus stop. **(Action: Clerk).**

The next Parish and District Council briefing session will be held on 9th March.

543/15 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held on 17th March 2016 at Stenson Fields Primary School at 7.15pm.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:58pm. .

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