

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19th April 2018 AT 7.00pm AT STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, STENSON FIELDS

Present: - Cllrs R Lisewski (Chair), P Richardson, K Rogers, I Baker, GS Dhillon and K Butterworth.

In attendance: - District Cllr D Shepherd, PCSO Harriet Dunn and J Irons (clerk).

965/18 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS** None

966/18 **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** None

967/18 PUBLIC SPEAKING

a) Police. Members were pleased to welcome PCSO Harriet Dunn from the police. Issues under investigation in the area at present include a suspicious BMW, a van in the ASDA car park and a noisy scrap metal van. A few incidents of night prowlers have been reported, one of which occurred in Mallow Close and a suspect is currently being interviewed. Harriet is liaising with the school regarding errant parking; the chairman commented that such parking has resulted in frayed tempers at times and some cars block driveways. Harriet is patrolling although considers this to be a safe area with opportunism being the most prevalent misconduct. Play areas encourage congregating youths which can cause alarm. That said the perception of crime by the public is greater than crime itself. She will soon be trained in operating Speedwatch devices to monitor speeding vehicles. Harriet urged any resident with concerns to contact her:

PCSO 12820 Harriet Dunn

Mercia Safer Neighbourhood Team Derbyshire Constabulary TEL: 0771242522

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The chairman and members thanked her for her visit and hoped to see her again in the near future.

b) District and County Councillor Reports.

No county councillor was present and no report had been provided.

Stenson Ward Councillors - Cllr Manjit Chahal and David Shepherd's report to Stenson Fields Parish Council

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Infinity Garden Village Liaison Group Meeting Thursday 12th April 2018 in South Derbyshire District Council Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote, Derbyshire

Strategic Update

Development Framework Document Progress - SDDC Principal Planning Officer reported comments from Derby City and Derbyshire County Council have been received. Design and access will be provided in due course and comments, whether adopted or not, will come before the SDDC Environment and Development Services Committee on 31st May 2018. It was hoped that Council will send a cabinet member to attend the IGVLG meetings. Highways – SDDC Planning Manager reported that the traffic modelling is on track; various partners are providing data. Derby City Council Cllr Robin Turner questioned the SDDC officer regarding the proposed phase 2 of the Southern Derby Integrated Transport Link (SDITL); the road from Stenson Road to Rykneld traffic roundabout. He maintained that the traffic modelling would be inaccurate if phase 2 is not included. SDDC Councillor David Shepherd said that when he attended the public inquiry, it was said that the development would be jeopardised if the road from Infinity Way to Stenson Road and from Stenson Road to Rykneld was not constructed. At the IGVLG it has been speculated that the east/west traffic may be accommodated by the proposed Deep Dale Lane junction with the A50. Cllr Lisewski said that the capacity of Stenson Road is already over its capacity.

Education

1. New Secondary School – Derbyshire County Council sent a representative to discuss any schooling concerns raised. She said that the secondary school will accommodate 1200 pupils and is likely to be located on the Lowes

Lane site and will be accessed off Infinity Way. Cllr Shepherd said that the school should be on Wragley Way since the majority of pupils will come from the new development. These pupils will need to walk or cycle a considerable distance to Lowes Lane or will be transported by car; not a sustainable model. The representative of the construction consortium said that the Wragley Way site is required to deliver 2000 houses, if the school is located there it would have to reduce the number of houses. Cllr Shepherd said that Derbyshire County Council was aware 10 years ago that a new school was needed on the southern fringe of the city and should have planned for it. He then speculated that the location at Lowes Lane will be used to relieve the pressure on Chellaston Academy.

2. New Primary School – The need for a new primary school is self-evident. The location has yet to be decided but they are anxious to pursue the matter as the lack of a primary school will affect house sales. Cllr Shepherd informed the meeting that not all of Stenson Fields children of primary school age attend Stenson Fields Primary Community School. Some children have to attend Findern Primary School, which is totally unacceptable. He asked the Derbyshire County Council officer to take back his request that the school be able to take all children from Stenson Fields not able to attend Stenson Fields Primary Community School. The school may be located in the “Local Neighbourhood Centre”.

Medical provision – Various suggestions were discussed including the utilization of the former Scills Centre off Swallowdale Road. Cllr Shepherd outlined the actions he and Cllr Chahal had undertaken to ensure that residents of Stenson Ward do not have to travel to Littleover or to practices in Derby City for medical attention. The development is extensive enough to justify a medical hub on Wragley Way, probably in the proposed “Local Neighbourhood Centre”. He said that the disgraceful allocation of £260,000 generated by the development on Stenson Road but spent in Littleover at the Hollybrook Medical Centre must not happen again. Money generated locally must be spent. Whilst he and Cllr Chahal require the medical centre to be provided on the Wragley Way site, they would consider a facility on the ASDA site.

Presentation by P&DG (Planning and Design Group) – The meeting concluded with a presentation Stenson Road “Gateway”, the Deep Dale Lane “Gateway”, the new link road etc. The presentation was a concept only and not a decided plan. However, having seen the presentation one member said that the Wragley Way development should be renamed the INFINITY URBAN VILLAGE.

Miscellaneous Matters

- Vandalism – Nevis Close

South Derbyshire District Councillors for Stenson Ward, Chahal and Shepherd have received complaints from residents regarding the anti-social behaviour in the area and request that the footway be closed. I have contacted the residents raising the matter and agreed a course of action. I intend to survey the residents of Nevis Close, Broom Close, Tulla Close and Tay Close to ascertain their experience of vandalism and to see if they would support closure. I have already contacted the Safer Neighbourhoods Team to see if I can obtain funds for a CCTV camera.

- Fox Close – Fly-tipping, Grass Verge and Conifers

A constituent has complained to their South Derbyshire District Councillors regarding fly-tipping on the open space adjacent to the housing. Cllr Shepherd called on the resident who was having work done to his garden. He said that the builders would be finished in two days’ time, when I spoke to them, they agreed they would move the “Fly-tipping” at night to ensure public safety. The resident complained of a grass verge on the southern side of the entrance to Fox Close which had been run over by cars owned by residents. The conifers skirting the public open space were causing concern. I contacted SDDC and asked for a site visit to resolve the problem.

- Conversion of Garages into Living Accommodation – Concerns Regarding Parking Provision

At a recent SDDC Planning Committee, enforcement action against a resident who had converted a garage was discussed. It became obvious that Planning permission is not normally required for the conversion of an integral or attached garage to a dwellinghouse. This is because the works are usually permitted development – both in terms of the use of the space and the works to close up the opening. Where a condition removes the right for alterations to a dwellinghouse, or requires the retention of parking spaces, then this would most likely require a planning application to be made. An enforcement order was not issued.

- Various Matters

1. Rubbish on the embankment of the road over the A50. Reported to the SDDC Clean Team.
 2. Dog mess – Not picked up by dog owners. Contacted SDDC Neighbourhood Wardens asking for signage to be erected.
 3. Vans/cars parking on junctions of roads to the south of Beaufort Road and Beaufort Road.
- Advice Surgery

The next monthly Stenson Ward District Councillors' Advice Surgery will be held in Stenson Fields School, Heather Close, 10.30 – 11.30 on Saturday 28th April 2018.

Cllr David Shepherd 19th April 2018.

Cllr Rogers complained that only the west side of Arleston Lane had had its grass cut, not the east side. He phoned SDDC but received no reply. DCllr Shepherd will enquire.

968/18 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 15th March 2018

These were approved and accepted as a true record after which they were signed by the chairman (pp Cllr Richardson, seconded Cllr Rogers).

969/18 TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY TO BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED None.

970/18 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS None

971/18 CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk requested members' preferred contact details for insertion onto the website.

972/18 Matters for Decision or Discussion:

- a) Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety. Cllr Butterworth rues persistent speeding cars throughout the region. Cllr Richardson noted 4 or 5 potholes on Grampian Way and Kirkland Way. The chairman said that he has reported these on *'fixmystreet'.com* adding that Derby City seems to repair holes very quickly.
- b) Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road. Discussed earlier
- c) Lengthsman Scheme. The chairman handed the lengthsman's work sheets to the clerk and added that one is about to cease her role. Members thought this necessitates advertising for a new lengthsman. The chairman will post an advert in the notice boards and send a copy to the clerk who will arrange for it to be placed on the website
- d) Environmental issues. Cllr Baker is arranging new planting of bulbs. Clerk to ask the tree supplier how grass within the cage surrounding young trees can be cut. Clerk sent a complaint to Biffa over 4 non-collections of council's waste bin at the school and awaits its reply. Members are dismayed that waste bins generally are constantly being filled to overflowing. New bins have been installed at Blankney Close and Arleston Lane; the one at Zetland Crescent will be fitted shortly.
- e) Reply from SDDC's open spaces manager over Fox Close. District council is reluctant to fit plastic meshing to the goal areas therefore clerk to ask whether it has any objection to the parish council providing such. If agreed clerk to ask if it will part-fund to project.
- f) Website designer has explained that she is happy to continue in the medium term but wishes to be replaced by the autumn.
- g) Boundary changes map and details. SDDC stipulated that all information is accessible electronically and will not distribute hard copies of maps. Clerk to ask the Aston Ward district and county councillors if they wish to be notified of Stenson Fields' meetings in future as this parish is now encompassed in that Ward. By the same token the chairman will highlight our newly acquired inclusion in the Melbourne policing area at the next SNM.
- h) Reply from CCllr Atkin over social care provision within the council tax; none received.
- i) Reply from City Council & Davidsons over yellow lines at Wragley Way; none received.
- j) Council's GDPR Policy. **Resolved:** to be addressed in the next meeting; in the meantime the chairman will circulate an updated version of the policy to members for perusal. The revised 2018 NALC model standing orders and all existing council policies will also be addressed in the next meeting.
- k) Outcome of the Infinity Garden Village Liaison Group meeting on 12th April; covered earlier by DCllr Shepherd.
- l) To sign the internally audited accounts for year 2017-18. **Resolved:** agreed by members after which the following were duly signed by chairman and clerk:

973/18 Annual Governance Statement;

974/18 Annual Accounting Statement.

975/18 PLANNING

Applications

9/2018/0402 - THE ERECTION OF A FIRST FLOOR SIDE EXTENSION, GARAGE CONVERSION AND SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AT 18 WITTON COURT STENSON FIELDS. **Resolved:** no objection although clerk to comment to SDDC that ample car-parking space be retained at the front of the house.

Decisions.

9/2018/0147 - THE ERECTION OF A TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND SINGLE STOREY FRONT AND REAR EXTENSIONS AT 17 Nevis Close. Retrospective permission granted.

Consultations.

Update on 6 Glencroft Drive. District council recently ruled on this and has now closed the file.

976/18 FINANCE

a) Accounts for payment

Cheque No	Payee	Total £
002153	J Harvey (to replace chqs 2140 & 2143)	45.05
002154	J Irons – Clerk’s salary March to April	482.36
002154	J Irons expenses (see attached sheet) March to April	86.90
002155	K Fellows - Lengthsman pay March	181.35
002156	J Harvey - Lengthsman pay March	94.11
002157	S Lisewski - Lengthsman pay March	77.25
002158	HMRC –employee’s tax & NI March to April	147.50
002159	DCC – clerk’s pension March to April	145.28
002160	DALC – subscription 2018-19	754.19
002161	Nadine Cooper – website maintenance 2018-19	215.54
	TOTAL	2229.53

(b) Income

Bank interest 2017-18 £ 21.74;
1st tranche of 2018-19 precept received on 11th April £ 2236.00

(c) Bank balances as at 31st March 2018 current £ 24059.06;
Reserve £ 5579.78

977/18 TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – None

978/18 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION None

979/18 Agenda items for the next meeting.

- Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins, etc);
- Reply from SDDC’s open spaces manager over Fox Close (if any);
- Website designer update;
- Reply from CCllr Atkin over social care provision within the council tax (if any);
- Reply from City Council & Davidsons over yellow lines at Wragley Way (if any);
- Reply from SDDC’s monitoring officer over the 6-month rule;
- Annual review of council’s policies.

PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

980/18 To move the following resolution - “That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (in respect of the personal situation of an employee which could result in legal proceedings) it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.”

981/18 to sign the clerk's 2017-18 contract of employment. **Resolved:** the present contract continues in its current form.

982/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Annual Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 17th May 2018, commencing at 7.15 pm and will be held in the Stenson Fields Primary School.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 9:30pm.

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