

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12th
May 2016 AT 7.45PM AT STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, STENSON FIELDS**

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

In attendance: Mr J Storer (Locum Clerk), County Cllr R Davison (to 8:55pm), District Cllr D Shepherd (from 8:25pm to 8:55pm), Mrs J Storer.

Apologies: - There were no apologies.

618/16 Appointment of Locum Clerk – Mr J Storer

No opposition to the appointment of the new locum clerk on a temporary contract.
RESOLVED Mr J Storer was appointed as the Locum Clerk and RFO with a temporary contract for 6 months.

619/16 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

No variations were identified.

620/16 Declaration of Members Interests

No Changes were announced or discussed.

621/16 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 Councillor Rob Davison reported on the following topics. Observations and suggestions were discussed between Councillors: -

The 'SLOW' road paint warning on Wragley Way appears to be on the wrong side of the road. However it was mentioned that Paul Jameson claims the work had been completed fulfilling the representation shown on Google Earth. The road warning also remains relevant on the current side of the road as there is a bus stop and junction not far down the road.

The 'Cats Eyes' on Stenson Road have been temporarily removed in preparation for surface dressing to be applied. However, it was commented that the efficiency of the highway authority to complete the work is inadequate and far too much time has elapsed since the "Cats Eyes" have been removed.

On 11th April, a meeting was held in Barrow where Police, SDDC, Parish Cllrs, residents and farmers were present. The meeting discussed approximately 14 different possible courses of action to tackle and resolve the problems in Arleston Lane such as anti-social behavior, fly tipping, speeding and parking, which all affect the quality of living for local residents. During this meeting it was brought up that the SDDC do a great job managing fly tipping. Although this may actually be a problem as there is no deterrent for such as actions due to the how efficient the cleaning and tidying work is carried out. More litter bins may be installed to reduce the quantity of fly tipping and littering. The possibility of hidden cameras which residents would have the power to relocate in order to catch and identify all manners of behavior was also brought up. 5 Rumble strips are to be placed by the council in order to protect pedestrians with the lack of pavement. If the council were to install the rumble strips,

it may be seen as a message of proactivity by the council and would then raise the possibility of a deterrent to possible negative behavior.

Some of the County Councils temporary road signs remained on Wragley Way as well as Stenson Road. They were not taken away after completion of work. This was reported to the County Council but due to perceived lack of action, they have been removed by the Cllr R Davidson and remain at his residence for council collection.

On Tregony Way, Virgin Media have begun access point work by digging up the road as well as some service strips in order to complete catch up upgrades for all areas. This includes the installation of truncation points to allow residents the opportunity to opt into their service. Residents are normally warned in advance and notified of any work taking place. This led to a question being asked regarding whether the company needs to liaise with the council and this will be something the County Council will look at.

On Tavistock Close the road will be dug up and remains an inconvenience for residents even without direct damage to property or driveways.

Cllrs raised their concerns over the rebuild of the roads and how they may be completed to substandard quality, as well as who will be held accountable for restoring the grass areas which are currently being utilized as temporary storage points. Both these points will be monitored going further.

A house for sale sign has been planted on a grass verge on Grampian Way by Pilgrim Way which reportedly blocks visibility and therefore Cllrs want it removing and the County Council were asked to deal with the situation.

The footway by Zetland Crescent and Bluebell Close has developed a large rut which has had railings placed around, however it still remains a risk and therefore the County Council will attempt to resolve.

A portion of Deepdale Lane's road surface has broken, to almost a reported 45 degree angle before the A50 bridge. Cllr Davison has already reported this but since the situation has become worse. Cracks are starting to appear and reports of cars bottoming out as a result, with the possibility of a car unknowing of the area could veer off the road and into the nearby hedge.

Rumble strips are proposed to tackle speeding however previous attempts have proven to be ineffective. The proximity of local houses means the rumble strips may not be able to be installed due to noise. However, local residents could be asked to provide their permission for the installation. Cllrs call for greater police presence was considered to be more effective, although, officers do walk the path daily as part of their routinely route. One proposal put forward would be to install active cameras and CCTV rather than the current warning signs.

The conditions for Millers Homes building work have been accepted but the maintenance issues have as yet not been fulfilled. The responsibility of the area is to be passed onto Premier as it will be in the public domain. There remains disappointment with the balancing pond and concerns regarding the observation area. Sticky mud remains and is a present safety risk if the area is still advertised for visitors as a village park pond rather than a balancing pond. Possibility of gating off the balancing pond in order to protect children although the land may be in the ownership of the Highway Authority.

The community facility had a provisional open date of 12th May, however it remains unopened and no response has been provided when the builders were questioned in April. Reports had been received that there is no more money available due to an insufficient capacity making the project unviable. When more money does become available, there are hopes that there can be plans put in place to expand and develop site. Stenson Fields Parish Council was not

invited to previous meetings, however, reassurances have been made to be invited to future discussions.

There are two different versions of the spelling Merevale Way on road signs. Currently in the pipeline to be resolved with new signs.

Speed bumps have been requested on both Earls Way and Merevale Way to stop speeding.

Attempts to gain signs that direct construction traffic and vehicles away from Stenson Road bridge have yet to be forthcoming.

There have begun to be gaps in the fence by the railway bridge and people have been spotted using these gaps as a shortcut. Deterrents and resolutions suggested include extending the fence or spiky hedges to fill the gap.

Dave Shepherd arrives 8:25pm.

Community Facility building is currently aimed to be fully finished by December 31st 2016. Until this building work is finished it is unsafe to install children's play equipment which is currently earmarked to fill the neighbouring space. The facility will become equipped with on-site parking, reportedly for 12 cars, but can accommodate up to 70 people. The Parish Council houses skepticism for this final deadline despite constant assurances. Currently there are no expectations for further planning permission applications due to lack of time. The facility will require someone official to hand over to and it would like the Parish Council to be such an official body, however the Parish Council have expressed its requirement for this agreement to be placed in writing before any further arrangements will be placed.

Severn Trent are discussing installing electrical monitors to be placed inside drains that will notify them when water levels become too high, so cleaning can take place. There are hopes that this will make the whole procedure more efficient.

South Derbyshire District Council will install dog waste bins and have said that they will monitor and empty these bins themselves.

Another mention of speed problems were mentioned regarding the contractors of the community facility who have been seen allegedly speeding over speed bumps as well as reversing onto pavements. The school has been notified and is monitoring the situation as well as a willingness to deal with the contractors if needed. The Parish is prepared to offer help and services if they are wanted or needed.

622/16 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 21st April 2016**
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21.04.16; as previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

623/16 **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.

624/16 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**
The report cited that the advert for the full time clerk position has passed its end date, in the meantime, would like to welcome the new locum clerk.
SDDC have released news regarding the proposed boundary change which now looks like a distinct possibility and will present the Parish Council with new challenges for the future. The Chair also expressed his belief that the neighborhood has been unfairly and disproportionately targeted in regards to the burden of providing new extra homes. This is especially true when SDDC have yet to release information about improving the highway

infrastructure to aid accommodating such a proposed increase.

The Fitness equipment at the Fox Close playing field seems to be a popular addition and so far well welcomed. Thanks to Jacqui Storer, Tarmac for their grant and to County Councillor Rob Davison for his donation.

A legacy in the form of a lasting memorial for Pam would be a fitting tribute to her services to the parish, but talks need to be held with the family as to what is considered to be acceptable. The Chair ended his report by thanking all the Cllrs for their hard work and commitment, and on behalf of the Parish Council, to thank the lengthsman for their continued hard work and dedication in a difficult and frustrating job.

CLERK'S REPORT

625/16 The Clerk's report had been previously circulated to all Councillors. No matters were raised from the report.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 626/16
1. Centenary Fields for World War One which aims to preserve playing fields for the future.
Will be circulated to Cllrs.
 2. Cycle Action Plan and Aviva Women's Tour of Britain on the 13th June 2016 will pass the parish. Any and all residents are encouraged to line the route and cheer as the spectacle will be televised.
A moving road block will be in place causing momentary road closures for roughly 15 minutes.

FINANCE

627/16 a) Accounts for payment

<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Payee & Description</u>	<u>£</u>
1992	April 2016 Salaries	110.8
1994	HMRC May Deductions	27.8
1995	April 2016 Salaries	93.60
1996	Came & Co.	497.18

PLANNING

628/16 Applications

9 2016 0432 – The single storey rear extension at 6 Clover Walk came after agenda was issued so will be on the June agenda. No covenant on site.

Decisions

9 2016 0265 – The erection of a porch at 15 Wheatland Close.
GRANTED subject to conditions

9 2016 0257 – The Change of use of land for operation of plant hire at Stenson Fields Farmhouse. Trading conditions include operating hours.
GRANTED subject to conditions

POLICE ISSUES/ SPEED LIMITS/ ROAD SAFETY

- 629/16
- a) Police have been notified regarding noise from a car near Fox Close down Pilgrims way and have been asked to monitor. This could be linked to reports of speeding cars in the same area.
 - b) Parking on Pilgrims Way, the footpath has been drastically reduced due to parking on the pavements. Cllrs report roughly half a dozen cars can be found parking like this and has left insufficient space for a pushchair to fit through, forcing use of the road and therefore becoming a safety problem, especially with some speeding cars in the

neighbourhood. The PCSO has been asked to monitor the situation and investigate whether illegal pavement parking is going to be enforced.

- c) It has been brought to the attention of some Cllrs that car tyres have been drilled into. Some of these events have not been reported to the police, which needs to be through the 101 phone line in order to remedy the situation and prevent it from becoming widespread. There is also a twitter account that can be used in such occasions.
- d) Excessive speeding along Stenson Road with cars travelling up to 60 or 70mph in a 40mph zone.
- e) Speeding cars driving recklessly along Arleston Lane. Encouragement was given to report despite current inability to check registration numbers.
- f) Parking at the Stenson Bubble during sunny days has caused problems and needs to be reported as it has caused single file traffic.

Cllr Shepherd and Cllr Davison leave 8:55pm.

SAXONGATE

630/16 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.

LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

631/16 There are no issues raised.

ENVIRONMENT

- 632/16
- a) The Parish Council no longer has its own contractor to cut grass, plant bulbs and fertilise. Cllr Baker is looking for suggestions for locations to plant bulbs.
 - b) There is a corroded waste bin on Zetland Crescent public open space. The current spare waste bin on Tregony Way could be reallocated to resolve this problem.
 - c) Fox Close trees by the new play equipment have had their bark stripped and left in bags next to the trees. This stripping of the bark could kill the trees and the tree officer has been requested to monitor the health of the trees.
 - d) A question was raised as to whether Ledbury Chase play equipment needed a complete refurbishment. It was pointed out that the Parish Council had recently provided part funding for a new slide and that grants were not available for replacing existing equipment. Current equipment will have to remain for the time being.
 - e) Replacing the bench at Ledbury Chase could be an opportunity for a memorial for the former Clerk; Mrs P Harvey.
 - f) Bin cleaning vans are reported to still be following the bin men on Tuesdays and have been seen using fire hydrants for their water.

TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED GOVERNANCE REVIEW

633/16 There was nothing further to report.

CONSULTATIONS

634/16 There were no matters to discuss.

TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

635/16 No news.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

636/16 The reports over the meeting have been up to date.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

637/16 The next Ordinary Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 16th June 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 received one application for the role of a full time Clerk. The Parish Council will aim to find a full time Clerk within the next 6 months.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:14pm.

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