

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20th July 2017 AT 7.15PM
AT STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, STENSON FIELDS**

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

In attendance: - County Cllr Neil Atkin, District Cllr D Shepherd and J Irons (clerk).

840/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr A Singh (personal commitment) and DCllr Manjit Chahal (work commitments).

841/17 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS None

842/17 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS None

843/17 PUBLIC SPEAKING

a) Police - No representative from the police was present and no report had been provided.

b) District and County Councillor Reports

Cllr Neil Atkin.

1. Parking on the Round-a-Bout Junction of Stenson road / Grampian Way. Traffic & Safety officers have been monitoring the location and as yet have not witnessed this situation (week ending 5th July) at first hand. They are aware that one of my constituents has made the Police aware and that they are carrying out investigations. The hatched area in question has been installed to ease movement of traffic around the island using the most appropriate line, as is commonplace with traffic islands of this nature. DCC would not be able to install, for example, double yellow lines to prohibit parking on the roundabout as this treatment is not part of the traffic signs and general directions manual and not approved by the department of transport.

We would not have the power to remove vehicles parking on the roundabout, this power lies with the police and we would encourage the constituents to maintain communication regarding their concerns via their Safer Neighbourhood Team on the non-emergency telephone number 101.

2. Request for a reduction of the Speed limit on Stenson Road from 40mph to 30mph. A hard copy of the email response from the Traffic & Safety Team will be forwarded to the Parish Clerk for circulation. However, the Traffic & Safety Team has refused this although Cllr Atkin commented this will be reviewed.

3. A request for a crossing point to be provided on Stenson Road. The Traffic & Safety team visited the location on Tuesday 4th July (mid -day approx) when there was no evidence of pedestrian activity. I have pointed out this was the wrong time of day, best to witness activity before the start of a school day and afterwards, also early evening when pedestrians are likely to be walking to Stenson and back. This has now been noted.

The safety team believes there may be a good case to review the situation for a crossing on Stenson Road based on criteria from new developments on Wragley Way which would be the trigger point due to the impact of an increase in traffic movements. We have now also copied in Graham Hill who manages our Highways Development Control Section as I am keen for DCC to ask for developer section 106 contributions through the number of proposed housing developments within the area leading to an increase in volume of traffic from these new developments - update to follow.

4. Seeking a resolution of a water leak on Stenson Road. I have yet to receive a response however have met Phil Hardy on Wednesday 19th July to deal with many issues across the ward and it is anticipated this will be the subject of discussion. More problems are being encountered because several utility companies are involved; therefore traffic delays are likely especially near to the intended traffic light installation on Blagreaves Lane.

5. A request for the number 7 bus loop to be extended to the island on Arleston Lane / Deepdale Lane. Request was sent out on 16th July and no response to date.

6. Swarkestone Causeway. A meeting at Matlock with local County Councillors Neil Atkin (Aston Division) Martyn Ford & Willington & Findern Division) and Mrs Linda Chilton (Melborne Division) along with Officers from the Traffic and Safety team to discuss the current enforcement criteria for HGV's crossing the causeway and the wider implications in the area now causing some disruption elsewhere. The Department of Transport traffic count census

point on the A514 not far from Cuttle Bridge is currently showing for 2016 an AADF (average Annual Daily Flow) of 20,760 vehicles.

7. *Removal of Parking Charges.* For clarification purposes the removal of parking charges relate to Matlock Bath only to encourage tourism. As for all other locations around the County where parking charges currently apply are under review.

8. *DCC Senior Management Review & Staff evaluations.* On the 26th July an extraordinary Council meeting has been called to discuss as reported in the press a Senior Management review. The proposals are to save £300,000 per year on management costs with a move to do without a Chief Executive and to abolish 2 top tier posts in addition to the CEO. This will reduce the top team from 5 to 4 senior directors. In effect there is a plan to create a new post of "Strategic Director of Commissioning Communities and Policy"

9. *Review of Council Employees.* An annual report was recently sent to Council for approval containing a consultation document circulated to the Unions on likely posts to be lost. The total being 588 people would be affected through changes on bringing services more in line with requirements to deliver new bold services. There is nothing to be alarmed about as this is standard procedure to let all the Council departments know a review is being undertaken and completed at the present time.

DCllr Dave Shepherd

DCllr Shepherd circulated and read following report which reads as follows:

Report on matters given to SDDC – Stenson Ward Councillors

Reduction of Speed Limit and Pedestrian Crossing on Stenson Road; Raised at Repton Area Forum/ Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting (1 & 2).

1. *Speed Limit reduction from 40mph to 30 mph- Stenson Road- Once again I raised our concerns regarding the speed limit on Stenson Road. I have raised this issue at a number of previous forums. This resulted in speed checks which showed speeds which the Highways Department did not consider excessive. Obviously, I disagreed with this stating that the road traffic accident had indicated a need for a reduced speed limit in what is an urban road.*

2. *Pedestrian Crossing – Stenson Road*

I reiterated the points made many times at previous forums that the pedestrian crossing is essential now that 500 homes are occupied on the new development. The meeting was a little impatient regarding the case I made but it was gratifying that two residents who had contacted me stood up to make their case. As an interim measure I wrote to Derbyshire County Council asking if a School Crossing Warden could operate during school start and finish times. The response was that the provision of the School Crossing Wardens had ceased. I wrote again asking if "Slow Down – Pedestrians Crossing" signs could be provided, still awaiting a response.

3. *Water Leak on Stenson Road*

I attended the Flood Liaison Meeting in SDDC Offices June 22nd and raised the matter of the constant water on Stenson Road. I read the emails sent and received and informed the Severn Trent representatives that the problem which had existed for over a year had not gone away and asked that they rescind their recent email saying the matter is closed. The discussion took well over 10 minutes, I sent Councillors the minute from the meeting which did not reflect the discussion or the time spent. The representatives promised to look into the matter. I have emailed Ms Zelia Lockett for an update but she is currently on annual leave.

4. *Number 7 Bus Route – Emailed the Arriva representative I dealt with at my meeting with her last year. I asked what progress had been made regarding my request for the bus to continue to the Farmhouse Road/Arleston Lane roundabout and pick up passengers at the stop on the periphery of the ASDA District Centre, awaiting a response.*

Concerns Raised by Residents Regarding the School New Build

I arranged to meet with the School Business Manager and Derbyshire County Council Tree Officer to discuss matters of concern July 19th at 11.30am. (The Tree Officer failed to attend.)

a. *Trees – Resident concerned that the sycamore tree roots are undermining the drive. Business Manager and I reviewed the situation but do not have the expertise to give an opinion. Awaiting a visit from the Tree Officer.*

b. *Request for trees to be planted around the edge of the area to the right of the entrance. This will be done as part of the landscaping agreed.*

c. *Viewed the trees in the quiet area. Complaint from neighbour regarding overhanging branches. Awaiting views of the Tree Officer.*

d. Request to retain hard standing to the right of the entrance for parking. This area will be landscaped as outlined in the DCC Plans.

e. Speed of cars leaving the school grounds. The speed bump curtailed half way across the road. This will be resolved when the former turning circle is "white line" marked for cars to park. The speed bump will be of sufficient length to deter speeding then. I asked for 10mph signs to be painted at the entrance and the start of the exit. This was agreed.

f. Request to re-position the side gate; refused because of the state of the school budget.

Anti-social Behaviour – Open Space Eggesford Road/Beaufort Road

Raised at meeting with Police who have since interviewed a number of 8 to 12 year olds playing football on Monday evening. Said that they were nice lads, did not know they were causing concern to residents. Contacted by residents, I said that I would look into getting shrubs planted along the hedge or ask the SNF to fund a chain link fence. Residents now considering options.

Concerns from Residents of New Development

1. Play Area

Received a number of complaints from residents regarding the Play Area and Open Space.

Resident aggrieved at paying £100/annum and getting little by way of maintenance in the area. I visited the abysmal Play Area with the SDDC Principle Planning Officer and the Open Spaces Manager. Visited the site again Friday 14th July and was shocked by the state of it. Planks from the fence were lying on the paths, nails sticking out. I emailed the Taylor Wimpey representative asking for the area to be closed and received a reply saying that they had made the site safe.

Arranging a meeting with SDDC officers to consider why s.106 agreement has not adhered to.

2. Community Facility

I am getting both angry feedback from residents in the area but also some support from the community. Should be coming to council soon.

3. Various Problems on the New Development

Have a series of emails and survey responses. Asked again for a Liaison Committee Meeting with the developers to go through the complaints.

Point 2 - Cllr Lisewski wondered why some people were against the community centre and asked whether residents had received notice of the intended build.

Point 3 – Cllr Shepherd suggested 31st July, 1st or 2nd August and will confirm the date to members once decided.

Both the county and district councillor left at 8.13pm.

844/17 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15th June 2017

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

845/17 TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY TO BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED - None.

846/17 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS None.

847/17 CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

1. Following a tip-off from a member of the public, Ciprian Clain was spotted by police illegally discarding the processed non-recyclable waste on land at Cadley Hill, Swadlincote, in August last year. His 15-tonne HGV was detained and handed over to South Derbyshire District Council, which used new powers given to local authorities to formally seize the vehicle.

2. Members agreed to the provision of a laptop/ notebook for the clerk's use; clerk to contact the previous clerk for more information.

848/17 Matters for Decision or Discussion:

a) Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety.

Generally discussed earlier although Cllr Richardson added that a collision had occurred this night at the Stenson Road/ Grampian Way roundabout. Cllr Lisewski noted that a collision had taken place at the Bubble Inn. He has complained about the efficiency of the police 101 number for reporting incidents; the reply is that the Force is

experiencing a high volume of calls at peak times and encourages the public to use other forms of contact methods. Cllr Richardson added that when reporting an incident recently it took 15mins to have it answered.

Cllr Lisewski commented that many scrap metal vans roam the area and asks residents to contact him if spotted. These are well-known for stripping and taking only the valuable parts of white goods although Cllr Butterworth remarked that some make a charge in order to dispose of waste properly.

Cllr Butterworth complained of a car parked in front of temporary traffic lights on Wragley Way thereby obscuring the lights. Clerk to inform the PCSO.

Cllr Rogers is annoyed about speeding cars traversing Arleston Lane and will endeavor to note their registration numbers.

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.

d) To consider the replacement of a bench with a memorial bench for Mrs. P Harvey. The chairman continues to progress this.

e) Update on the re-siting/ installation of waste bins. SDDC will conduct an audit of bins. The chairman reported that the dog bin at Blankney Close has been stripped of its liner. Clerk to request a new bin from district council.

f). Social media policy; held over to the next meeting.

g) Boundary change details; none received to date;

h) to consider DBS checks for employees. **Resolved:** two of the lengthsman to complete these checks and clerk to obtain the forms. The 3rd lengthsman has already undergone a successful check.

i) The Barratt Homes Liaison meeting was not held. As mentioned above DCllr Shepherd has suggested 31st July, 1st or 2nd August and will confirm the date to members once decided.

j) Aon insurance rules for councillors. **Resolved:** clerk to confirm the position with Aon and inform members.

849/17 PLANNING

Applications

9/2017/0675 - PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, WITH EAVES OF 2.500 METRES AND MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 2.900 METRES EXTENDING 4.500 METRES FROM THE REAR WALL AT 5 BUTTERBUR CLOSE STENSON FIELDS. **Resolved:** no objection.

9/2017/0602 - ERECTION OF AN EXTENSION AT STENSON FIELDS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH PILGRIMS WAY STENSON FIELDS. **Resolved:** no objection.

9/2017/0657 - THE ERECTION OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND ASSOCIATED PARKING AREA (RE-DESIGN OF COMMUNITY CENTRE APPROVED UNDER PLANNING PERMISSIONS 9/2011/0484 AND 9/2012/0039/RM) ON LAND OFF CHARTLEY ROAD STENSON FIELDS. **Resolved:** no objection.

Decisions.

9/2017/0487 - THE ERECTION OF A FIRST FLOOR REAR EXTENSION AT 5 Hambledon DRIVE STENSON FIELDS. **Refused.**

9/2017/0523 - ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY FRONT EXTENSION AT 18 QUICK HILL ROAD STENSON FIELDS. **Granted.**

Consultations.

Updates (if any) on 6 Glencroft Drive and 1 Glendon Road (enforcement visits).

850/17 FINANCE

a) The following accounts for payment were approved:

Cheque No	Payee	Total £
002095	J Irons – Clerk's salary June - July	482.36
002095	J Irons - clerk expenses (see attached sheet) June – July*	18.00
002096	K Fellows - Lengthsman pay June –July	133.76
002097	J Harvey - Lengthsman pay June – July	36.00
002098	S Lisewski - Lengthsman pay June – July	141.75
002099	HMRC –employee's tax & NI June – July	125.90
002100	DCC – clerk's pension June – July	145.28
	TOTAL	1083.05

* Clerk omitted a petrol expense and so will add it to the September expenses.

