

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20th September 2018 AT 7.15PM AT STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, STENSON FIELDS

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

In attendance: - DCllr D Shepherd, CCllr Neil Atkin, Steve Hawkridge (lengthsman) and J Irons (clerk).

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1035/18 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllrs C Fellows and GS Dhillon: members approved the absences.

1036/18 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:** to welcome Cllrs Atkin's and Shepherd's reports if/when they arrive.

1037/18 **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** None

1038/18 **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

a) Police - No representative from the police was present.

b) Steve Hawkridge noted that the dog bin at Glenmore Drive has been removed and the bin on Grampian Way needs replacing. Members **agreed** to replace both bins with new 90 litre ones although clerk to enquire first whether the general waste bins allow dog waste to be deposited. Clerk also to remind SDDC to lock the bins once emptied.

Steve wondered if he should clear waste that accumulates at a triangle of field south of Wragley Way as this lies just within the parish boundary; the chairman replied asking him to monitor this for now.

Steve thought the recent refuse freighter was well-used but believes the pub car park to be a mess; the chairman pointed out that this is not our responsibility.

Finally, Steve noted that wooden bollards at Fox Close/ Zetland Crescent were broken; however the chairman highlighted that this is a SDDC issue after reporting it within the past year.

1039/18 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19th July 2018**

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

1040/18 **TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY TO BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED** - None.

1041/18 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS** None.

1042/18 **CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Clerk asked both Derbyshire county council and the district council whether funding of its recently installed matting at Fox Close is possible. Their replies stated:

DCC – *'Unfortunately we are unable to fund projects that have already taken place, so would not be able to consider the matting. You are welcome to submit an application to a future application round, but it needs to be for something additional and not something that would be expected to be funded from the parish council precept'*.

SDDC – *'Sorry, but I do not know of any funders that would provide a grant retrospectively, it is not something that we would be able to do with the Community Partnership Scheme. Most funders that I have worked with are oversubscribed so take a view that if you have been able to pay for it, any grant would be nice to have, rather than essential and they have to limit their support to those projects where it is essential'*.

2. DCC wrote: *'A number of Parish Councils have made a request to attach poppies to street lighting columns in their Parish as part of the above campaign being organised by the Royal British Legion. Derbyshire County Council as Highway Authority does not generally allow any additional signage to be attached to items of street furniture. This is due to the number of requests we may receive from all interested charities, companies and organisations and the problems and sign clutter this may cause'*.

3. Clerk has asked SDDC (since April) to undertake inspections of the Fox Close play equipment including the matting.
4. Clerk asked the chairman to forward his thoughts over the budget so as to begin collation for the next meeting.

1043/18 **Matters for Decision or Discussion:**

a) Police Issues/Speed Limits/Road Safety. The chairman announced that a Community Speed Watch group will soon operate in the area and will convey to the PCSO that it should operate in 40mph as well as a 30mph zones. He rues that scrap metal vans have returned to the area which he reported to the PCSO. One van was detained through lack of tax, insurance and/ or scrap licence. Cllr Lisewski is also dismayed to regularly see hot food signs in the area; the Highway inspector assessed and decided that no action should be taken (see Cllr Atkin's report below).

b) Saxon Gate at Newton Village Development, Stenson Road. A fence has been erected at the site of the new community centre denoting that work on its construction should begin soon. Cllr Richardson noted that travellers at Stenson Road/ Glenmore Drive had gone. The chairman reported that hedges at Fox Close had been trimmed but leylandii had not been cut; DCllr Shepherd has informed SDDC of the latter.

1044/18 **Cllrs Atkin and Shepherd arrived at 8.15pm.** The chairman invoked the earlier decision to vary the order of business as per minute number 1036/18 to hear their reports.

Cllr Neil Atkin.

1. Cllr Atkin has discussed nuisance signage with the Highways officer who considers them not to present a problem; however members prefer these to be removed. Cllr Atkin will speak to the officer again and revert.
2. Parking at the Bubble Inn; the leaseholder has explained that congestion arises from ramblers leaving their cars there for the day. However a new notice has been erected stating 'for patrons only'.

DCllr Dave Shepherd:

Stenson Ward Councillors - Cllr Manjit Chahal and David Shepherd's Report to Stenson Fields Parish Council 20th September 2018

SINFIN INCINERATOR

Residents of Stenson Fields have been inconvenienced by construction traffic and unpleasant odours emanating from the site on Sinfin Lane.

The proposal to construct an incinerator on Sinfin Lane goes back many years. In 2002 "Brightstar" submitted a proposal for an incinerator on the site; this was opposed by Labour Councillors representing Stenson Fields. Cllr Shepherd recalls "there was considerable concern amongst residents so we invited the director of "Brightstar" to meet the residents at the monthly Councillors' Advice Surgery". Brightstar decided not to pursue the proposal but another company proposed an incineration scheme on the site. Plans for the waste incinerator were rejected over fears that gases could cause health and environmental problems. Public consultation started in 2009 but planning permission was refused. In 2010 the planning inspector turned down an appeal, this was overturned by the High Court in 2011. In 2012 a public inquiry was held, Councillor Shepherd addressed the inquiry expressing concerns about the effects of emission and the congestion to be caused by 300 lorries a day accessing the site. Unfortunately, planning permission was given by the second inquiry. In 2017 and 2018 your councillors have taken up traffic problems associated with the construction of the waste incinerator with Derby City Council. Complaints regarding the unpleasant odour started to be reported by residents. Your councillors asked South Derbyshire District Council's Environment office to investigate. Unfortunately the Environment Agency will not accept complaints from South Derbyshire District Council or your councillors on behalf of local residents. Your councillors attended the public meeting held in St Stephen's Church Hall on 18th September to support Sinfin Ward councillor colleagues. Stenson Fields residents attended the meeting and spoke of their concerns. It was worrying that residents around the school are amongst those experiencing the odour. This at a time when the plant is not running at full capacity, the company having stated that no odour will be generated by the incinerator. A resident claimed that having met with the Environment Agency, an impression was gained that if reasonable measures have been taken to mitigate the odour, residents would just have to live with it. The odour was experienced as far away as Deep Dale Lane.

Sinfin councillors are to place the following motion to the Derby City Council meeting later this month:

"Sinfin incinerator has had a chequered and contentious cross party history from concept, site-selection, planning, financial viability, construction and commissioning. More than 10 years down the line and 18 months after the handover deadline, many of the concerns and fears raised by local councillors and the Sinfin, Osmaston and Normanton community have been proven to be totally valid. The plant causes severe odour and noise pollution, impacting the daily lives of local residents. Something that the companies involved promised would never happen.

The entire financial justification of what is the biggest contract this council has ever entered into is no longer credible. Council therefore calls upon the cabinet to exercise the legitimate break clause provided in the contract, signed and agreed by all concerned parties, to terminate the Sinfin Waste Plant contract.”

Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council are paying £25m each towards the cost of the incinerator. Stenson Ward councillors opposed the construction of an incinerator in a built up area. Recycling should be encouraged rather than landfill to resolve the waste problem.

Residents are urged to report concerns to the Environment Agency Incident hotline on 0800 80 70 60 (Freephone, 24 hour service)

STENSON FIELDS OPEN SPACES – MEETING IN SDDC CIVIL OFFICES 6TH SEPTEMBER 2018

A concern regarding the status of open spaces has arisen, it is alleged that some residents are encroaching onto open space. A meeting was arranged between South Derbyshire District Council’s Planning Policy Officer, the Chair, Vice Chair, and SDDC Councillor to discuss the matter. The meeting was shown the areas considered by SDDC to be in their ownership and informed of the action taken by the council to prevent open space being appropriated.

ROAD SURFACE AT JUNCTION OF WRAGLEY WAY/STENSON ROAD – MEETING WITH DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICERS 14TH AUGUST 2018

This matter was raised by Stenson Ward Councillors with Derbyshire County Council in response to a complaint from a resident regarding the number of times the junction had been repaired. The email was not answered so the matter was raised at the Repton Area Forum.

I met with the officers at the Junction of Wragley Way and Stenson Road and discussed the problems associated with the utility covers. The officer said that the role of the Highways Department was not to repair the damage around the utility covers but to ensure that Severn Trent repair it to a satisfactory level. He said that he had checked up and thinks the County Council workers came either two or three times, each time to temporarily ensure health and safety issues were corrected. The remaining times when the unsatisfactory repairs were done, were the work of the utility company. Each time the repair was made an inspector was sent from the council and a report compiled. This entailed the utility company being required to effect a permanent repair at no cost to the council. In fact, the utility company had to pay for the inspector’s visit and report. I have to say that this junction has been a problem to residents and me for some time. By the look of the latest repair, it is now better than it has been for years. That said, if it deteriorates again, let me know and I will chase up again. I took the opportunity to raise a few other highways concerns within the ward but as always, lack of money prevents prompt action.

STENSON FIELDS TREE MATTERS – MEETING WITH SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICERS 19TH SEPTEMBER 2018

As often happens, residents of Stenson Ward have reported problems with trees. Unusually, on this occasion two residents have requested more trees whilst two more requested tree removal. Whilst Stenson Ward Councillors sympathize with such requests, the council’s Tree Policy is designed to maintain the wooded aspect of the district. Whilst supporting the policy, we believe that on some occasions trees causing concern should be removed in spite of the policy. As always, we support the planting of two trees for every tree lost.

STENSON WARD POLICING MATTERS – MEETING WITH POLICE IN SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES 15TH AUGUST 2018

Councillors met with the police to discuss the “County Lines” aspect of drug distribution in South Derbyshire. Dealers from large cities are expanding into rural and small towns. The homes of vulnerable people are being used to accommodate dealers and involving very young people.

POLICING MATTERS – PCSO DUNN WILL ATTEND COUNCILLORS CHAHAL AND SHEPHERD’S MONTHLY ADVICE SURGERY IN STENSON FIELDS SCHOOL, 10.30 – 11.30 ON SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER.

PCSO Dunn has impressed residents with her approach to community policing. She will join Stenson Ward Councillors to listen to residents’ concerns in private if required. Cllr Chahal and Shepherd thank PCSO Dunn for accepting our invitation to meet residents of the ward.

1045/18 The chairman thanked both councillors for their attendance and contribution. Cllr Atkin left at 8.25 pm and DCllr Shepherd at 8.40pm after which standing orders resumed.

c) Environmental issues (Biffa, trees, bulbs, bins etc).

Biffa has now reinstated council's previous collection contract which the clerk has signed and returned. A collection from the bin was made on Monday 17th September. Council paid its invoice on 15th March 2018 for services Apr-June and received a credit in May. So far no invoice has been forthcoming for July – Sept services.

Trees and bulbs to be discussed at the next meeting where Cllr Baker will provide an update.

d) Lengthsman Scheme. Steve handed the lengthsman's receipts for waste sacks etc to the clerk for reimbursement. The chairman once again conveyed his and council's gratitude to both lengthsman for their ongoing service.

e) Website designer update. **Resolved:** clerk to ask the present website manager for details of the programme used and any other relevant information that may assist us to run it ourselves or in conjunction with another manager.

f) To consider upgrading the Ledbury Chase play equipment. **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting.

g) New notice boards. Clerk asked the contractor to install the new board at Arleston Lane especially due to the original one having been blown down adding that council will sanction the payment tonight. Members will consider replacement of the other boards in due course.

h) Outcome of the IGV meeting on 2nd August: the minutes of these were circulated to members.

i) Outcome of the Open Spaces meeting on 6th Sept: covered earlier in DCllr Shepherd's report.

j) To consider adoption of a Co-option policy. **Resolved:** adopted. Clerk produced a poster highlighting the existence of casual vacancies and inviting applicants which members **agreed** can be displayed.

1046/18 PLANNING

Applications

10. To consider planning applications:-

9/2018/0829 - THE ERECTION OF A BOUNDARY FENCE AT 17 TREGONY WAY STENSON FIELDS. Consultation End Date 03-Sep-2018. **Resolved:** objection on the grounds that it is not in keeping with the open aspect of the area and traffic visibility will be impaired.

9/2018/0791 - CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS FOR THE PROPOSED ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AT 15 GLENCROFT DRIVE STENSON FIELDS. **Resolved:** no objection.

Decisions.

9/2018/0517 - THE ERECTION OF A WOODEN BOUNDARY FENCE ON TOP OF EXISTING BRICK WALL AT 2 TULLA CLOSE STENSON FIELDS. Householder Permission Granted.

9/2018/0710 - THE ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AT 32 GOATHLAND ROAD STENSON FIELDS Householder Permission Granted.

1047/18 FINANCE

a) Accounts for payment:

Cheque No	Payee	Total £
002182	J Irons – Clerk's salary 4 weeks to 26 th July	503.81
002182	J Irons – Clerk's salary 4 weeks to 23 rd August	504.01
002182	J Irons - clerk expenses (see attached sheet) June - August	72.40
002183	J Hawkrige - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 26 th July	214.57
002183	J Hawkrige - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 23 rd August	230.15
002184	S Hawkrige - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 26 th July	179.98
002184	S Hawkrige - Lengthsman pay 4 weeks to 23 rd August	165.05
002185	HMRC –employee's tax & NI - July	173.10
002185	HMRC –employee's tax & NI - August	173.50
002186	DCC – clerk's pension return in August	152.12
002186	DCC – clerk's pension return in September	152.12
002187	Cllr Fellows – chairman allowance April – September 2018	51.38
002188	DCC – room hire March 2017 – February 2018	645.64
002189	Streetscape – Fox Close goalmouth matting	4766.40
002190	Robert Lewis Signs – new notice board at Arleston Lane	960.00
	TOTAL	8944.23

