

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20th
OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.15PM AT STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, STENSON FIELDS**

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

In attendance: Mr J Storer (Locum Clerk), County Cllr R Davison (to 8:08pm), District Cllr D Shepherd (from 7:24 to 8:08pm), One member of the public.

Apologies: - Cllr P Bonnell.

Meeting started at 7:21pm

701/16 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

No variations were identified.

702/16 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTEREST

No Changes were announced or discussed.

703/16 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 Davison confirmed that the pothole on Deepdale Lane has now been filled in.

The tree cutting on Wragley Way is still yet to be done but it is being looked at and will monitor the situation.

The speed rumble strips on Arleston Lane to deter speeding vehicles have been agreed but the strips close to the nearby houses will not rumble and will just be a flatter strip to reduce noise pollution. This will be in coordination with mobile speed cameras that are being looked at being introduced in the area.

The hedges along the pavement near the Stenson Bubble have been cut back although there is yet to be a new automatic system in place that would aid annual efficiency in keeping all road side edges hedges cut back.

Cllr Davison received the map with potential bulb planting locations and intends to look over it to check whether there are any possibilities for tree planting as well.

Cllr Davison reported on the road resurfacing completed which involved removing the cats-eyes for painting. The initial plans were for the eyes to be re-installed upon completion. Cllr Davison has enquired upon this and received a reply stating that cats-eyes are no longer required and their installation does not fit necessary criteria. Something Cllr Davison is contesting the decision to replace the cats-eyes.

Following the last Parish Council meeting, Cllr Davison did investigate the road crossing usage along Stenson road regarding its eligibility for a crossing to be installed. The results did not meet the national criteria requiring a crossing. This was a possibility and there was the opportunity that the Parish Council would wait until the new housing estate was fully occupied before applying, but the current numbers are so far below the required, that full occupancy may not become eligible. The junction off Stenson Road to Blagreaves Lane has been the subject of a consultation in December 2015. Funded by the 106 agreement, for the

new development, improvements to the junction will include the addition traffic lights at the junctions of Blagreaves Lane and Goodsmoor Road with Stenson Road. Work is due to commence in January 2017.

The Parish Council were informed about the possibility of the parliamentary voting boundaries been reevaluated due to, in part, the spike in registration following the referendum. Under the new boundaries, Stenson Fields would remain in the Derbyshire South Constituency area. November 5th is the deadline for opposition, although opposition that is put forward is preferred to be accompanied by suggestions for a new and improved plan.

Road and travel accidents and incidents are beginning to become expected around the Grampian Way and Stenson Road junction and roundabout due to the potential large increase in traffic. The Parish Council will monitor any further housing developments.

Cllr Shepherd confirmed that the sign for a new housing development on Wragley Way that was put in place by the 'Davidsons' company. The sign has been moved after being reported for being in the wrong location. Cllr Shepherd reported that he had heard some local residents were not aware of the planned developments despite information being available since 2009. The foliage along the canal bridge by Barrow on Trent is to be cut back again. It has already been cut back this year but has grown back to a size again in need of cutting. This is something that Cllr Shepherd is overseeing.

At the safer neighbourhood meeting it was reported to Cllr Shepherd that there has been a spike in reported hate crime within Stenson Fields. This has led to a meeting being planned and arranged in order to plan and discuss the best methods for understanding the spike as well as resolving and preventing future incidents.

The District Council will take over responsibility temporarily for the community facility and a financial agreement has been preliminarily agreed. There is also confirmation that there is room and space available for extensions to the facility if required.

There have been 2 or 3 accidents on Grampian Way and a fatality is feared by the Cllrs due to the speedy nature of the area. This fear is shared by residents too, as one family has moved this year citing this fear as the reason for their move. A VAS system has been mentioned however the Parish Council does not meet the criteria for such a sign. Funding of a VAS sign by the Parish Council is also not viable.

Cllrs Davison and Shepherd left at 8:08 pm

704/16 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 15th SEPTEMBER 2016**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2016; as previously circulated were signed by the chair. Two issues were raised; there was a spelling mistake of the word 'Environment' as well as 'Bulbi' being written instead of 'Bulbs'

705/16 **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.

706/16 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

The Chairman and Vice - Chairman had attended the safer neighbourhood meeting. The Chairman had also attended the community governance review meeting, held at Willington Village Hall, intended for residents of Tywford and Stenson. He had distributed by email the outcome.

707/16 **CLERK'S REPORT**

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

The 'Arriva' bus company timetable change having been reported and informed that the physical updates to the timetables is currently waiting on the execution of the updates.

708/16 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) The Cllrs were informed about the Derbyshire Law Centre invitation to their seminar
- 2) The DALC Circulars were distributed
- 3) The SDDC powerpoint regarding planning process was already circulated
- 4) The consultation regarding the BT phone box removal does not impact the area as there are no BT phone boxes. The Clerk was informed of an agenda error with this topic as the agenda stated 'pylons' rather than 'phone boxes'.

709/16 **FINANCE**

- a) Accounts for payment

<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Payee & Description</u>	<u>£</u>
2029	October 2016 Salaries	64.8
2030	October 2016 Salaries	167.4
2031	October 2016 Staff Expenses	2
2032	October 2016 Salaries	191.96
2033	Clerk Expenses	141.8
2034	Clerk Expenses	399.81
2035	Clerk Expenses	81

- b) No changes to risk assessment

c) The online banking transfer was discussed with the new Clerk being present. It was agreed that the transition will not go ahead as the new Clerk will prefer to use the current system.

710/16 **PLANNING**

Applications

There were no new applications.

The Parish Council was informed of two garage conversions that were completed at 17 Burnside Close and 2 Dulverton Avenue were carried without planning permission. The residents will be invited to submit retrospective planning applications. Once submitted the Parish Council is expected to enquire about adequate parking availability as a result of losing the garages.

Decisions

9/2016/0860 No 166 Wragley Way; the District Council refused the retrospective application change of use of open space to residential garden land and erection of two metre close board fencing. It is not clear that the application will be required to remove the already erected fence. Clarification that the fence will have to be removed will be sought from the District Council.

711/16 **POLICE ISSUES/ SPEED LIMITS/ ROAD SAFETY**

This has already been discussed by Cllrs.

The new housing developments means there will be more traffic on the roads although there is currently inadequate infrastructure to cope with that demand and no current plans by the developers to amend this. The increase in volume of the traffic on already dangerous roads is likely to cause risk and accidents.

The County Council is adamant that the speed limit on Stenson Road is to remain at 40mph as it does not meet the required criteria for a reduction to 30 mph. The Parish Council is considering a press release as a result.

A resident at 20 Glencroft Drive had painted the pavement with roofing bicherman causing a 35 yard health and safety risk. The resident is being prosecuted for damages as well as being fined. The pavement has been amended.

The Parish Council has identified a website entitled 'fixmystreet' making it easier for residents reporting any work to require attention. The site automatically identifies which council is

responsible for the work and therefore making the process a lot easier along boundaries. An overgrowing hedge on Grampian Way that is stopping visibility has been reported using this website.

Slimming World have placed adverts on street lamps along Grampian Way and Wragley Way without permission. This has been reported.

Traffic lights will be installed on Goodsmoor Road and Blagreaves Lane junction with Stenson Road. Work will commence in January 2017 and is expected to be completed by April/May of that year.

In a Derbyshire report into road safety and dangerous roads, Wragley Way has been highlighted in the top 110 worst roads in Derbyshire.

Due to the constant complaints made by residents and Cllrs regarding speeding vehicles the Parish Council has acquired a 'Community Speedwatch' poster that will be put on the website. The Parish Council is aware that those volunteers do become a slight risk of being identified as they will be operating in the local area. The scheme requires six volunteers and the likely roads to be chosen will be Grampian Way and Wragley Way.

Parking, particularly for Stenson Fields Primary School on Goathland Road has recently got worse. Images have been posted on Social media of cars blocking roads and driveways in order to park close to school rather than walking. This problem has been raised with Cllr Shepherd as well as the concern that the problem is likely to not be solved but be moved to other locations nearby.

Motorbike riders have been spotted driving fast and speeding in a racing behaviour along Arleston Lane, Farmhouse Road, Deepdale Lane, and Wragley Way. This is been a nightly occurrence and is both a safety concern as well as noise disturbance.

712/16 **SAXONGATE**

A fence around the balancing pond has been vandalised which the developers own and is their responsibility to fix. The fence on the railway side also has plenty of sizeable gaps which are large enough for children to fit through and gain access to the railway train tracks.

Another meeting with the developers before they leave will be a good platform to ensure all work is done as well as allowing both parties to outline any queries or concerns that are present.

713/16 **LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**

One of the Lengths people is required for jury service for potentially two weeks and therefore the Parish Council has agreed that they will need to liaise with each other regarding cover during this period.

The Lengths person/handy man will be requested to lubricate the locking mechanisms of dog waste bins before winter.

714/16 **ENVIRONMENT**

- a) The locations for possible bulb planting have been agreed and Cllr Baker is happy to provide the bulbs and plant them himself. He does have a reflective jacket and will bill the Parish for his expenditure.
- b) Ledbury Chase Open Space is the agreed location for a memorial bench and the Parish Council are contemplating an engraved name onto a composite bench. The Parish intends to investigate whether South Derbyshire Council will aid with funding.
- c) A waste bin on Zetland Crescent has rotted and the District Council has been notified about changing or removing due to it becoming a health and safety risk.
- d) The Parish Council will write to the District Council regarding inadequate grass cutting of recent weeks and months, expressing the deterioration of the quality of the work done.

715/16 **TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES**

Further consultation will take place in January 2017 following the responses received in September 2016.

716/16 **CONSULTATIONS**

There were no further matters to discuss.

717/16 **TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK AND REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

PPG have a coffee morning and health awareness days for all aspects of health.

The doctor surgeries are gaining between 70 and 80 new patients every month and there is no current way to expand the surgeries to cope with the demand as well as the parking problems that are bound to occur.

The next PPG meeting is in November.

In February 2017 there will be the next safer neighbourhood meeting

718/16 **'DAVIDSON HOMES' NEW HOUSING ESTATE**

This topic has already been discussed in the meeting.

719/16 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON STENSON ROAD**

This topic has already been discussed in the meeting.

720/16 **PUBLIC LAND ADOPTION**

A recent attempt by a resident to claim un-adopted Open Space land for a private garden was refused by the District Council. This may have set a precedent for any future attempts for residents trying to claim Open Space land. It was felt that it would not be in the best interests of the Parish Council to move to adopt un-adopted Open Space land. Should the Parish Council become aware of instances where residents attempt to claim Open Space land, irrespective of who owns the land it will be reported to the District Council for enforcement. Attempts by Councillors to establish the ownership of un-adopted Open Space land is not to be pursued.

721/16 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- a) The reports over the meeting have been up to date and already discussed.
- b) The dates have previously been discussed in the meeting.

722/16 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 17th November 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

At the September meeting the Parish Council unanimously agreed to employ Dr Jonathan Irons as the new Parish Clerk and RFO commencing from the 20th October 2016. Dr Jonathan Irons signed a contract of employment and will be the new Clerk and RFO with immediate effect. Notification that Dr Jonathan Irons will join the LGPS pension scheme will be advertised on the Parish Council noticeboards.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:25pm.

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