

# Melbourne Parish Council



Mrs J Storer - Parish Clerk, 2 Mansfields Croft, Etwall, Derbyshire DE65 6NJ

## Highway Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Highways Committee held at 7.30pm Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at the Shone Room, Melbourne Assembly Rooms, Melbourne

Present – Cllr Stockill (Chairman), Carroll, Parker, Sharp

In attendance: Clerk

325. Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Earp and Smith.
326. Minutes of the previous Highways Committee meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

### Outstanding Actions – Derbyshire County Council

327. The overhanging tree which was blocking the light at the end of the twitchell between Derby Road and Packhorse Road, has been removed. The matter is resolved.
328. The leaning lamppost has been straightened and the light is working. The matter is now resolved.
329. The Committee believes that Holywell Lane is a road and as per the January meeting; agreed no action is to be taken.  
AGREED to taken no further action.
330. The Crescent, off Station Road, is still in a poor condition. Cllr Chilton reported that The Crescent is the responsibility of SDDC. AGREED to leave this matter for Cllr Chilton to pursue. **(Action: Cllr Chilton).**
331. A tree root which is coming up on the pavement between Queensway and Ward's Shop has been identified by DCC as requiring work but nothing has yet been done. The Clerk will report the matter to DCC **(Action: Clerk).**
332. The road surface of Quick Close is in a poor condition and was reported as such to DCC following last month's Committee meeting. DCC has replied that the road surface has no problems and no action is to be taken.

### Outstanding Actions – South Derbyshire District Council

333. The Clerk reported that SDDC has approved the design of a new bench at Jubilee Close. Once the bench is in situ the responsibility of the area should pass over to SDDC. There continues to be no further information on this matter.
- 334 The Clerk had made enquiries and provided a comprehensive report to the Chairman of the Committee and to the Chair of the Parish Council. The Clerk provided a verbal report to the meeting; the Clerk had been advised that the signs are not the property of SDDC but are instead the responsibility of the property owner on which the signs are attached. The Clerk advised that as the

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signs are now owned by the Parish Council and the Parish Council has no powers to spend money on these items, then to do so would be acting ultra vivres. The consequences of this action were explained to the meeting.  
AGREED: to take no action on this matter.

335. SDDC has now finished the maintenance of the shrubbery in the car park. Committee members commented on how well the area looks.

## Other matters

336. The problems with dog fouling in the village continues. The Committee noted that the problem and that there is an ongoing awareness.
337. Cllr Stockill reported at the January Highways Committee that tarmac in the centre of North Street has lifted up. This was reported to DCC who consider there to be no problem.
338. Cllr Stockill reported that there is a deep gully between the pavement and road surface on Moira Street, where water runs down. The gully is deep and will be reported to DCC. **(Action: Clerk).**
339. The Chairman of the Highways Committee has received an email from a resident of Spinneyhill requesting for the street lamp outside her house to be included in the night switch off programme for street lamps. This programme has closed. The Clerk will advise the resident that it is too late to include this street lamp **(Action: Clerk).**
340. The Highways Committee members discussed various ideas for the street names of the new development. Following several alternatives, it was AGREED: to suggest to SDDC that the roads are named after the nine Royal Engineers who were killed by a bomb which land on Melbourne 11<sup>th</sup> July 1940.
341. The hedge on Packhorse Road near to the Bowls Club and Scout Hut has been cut and the clippings left on the pavement. The Clerk will ask the lengthsman to sweep them up.
342. The Committee considered the suggestion made at the last Parish Council meeting that a Queensway verge is used to provide carparking. After consideration of the aesthetics and practicalities of the proposal it was AGREED not to pursue the proposal to generate car parking provision at Queensway.

Date of next meeting: to be advised at the Parish Council meeting.  
There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Highways Committee - Cllr D Smith – Chairman