

# 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 7.35pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at the Melbourne Assembly Rooms, High Street, Melbourne.

Present – Cllr Smith (Chairman), Stockill, Earp, Sharp

In attendance: Cllrs Parker, Dunnicliff, Hicklin, Mrs J Storer (Clerk)

425. Apologies: apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Carroll (Personal).
426. Minutes of the previous Highways Committee meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

### Outstanding Actions – Derbyshire County Council

427. The obscured lights on the Derby Road/Packhorse Road twitchell are still awaiting attention although now DCC has acknowledged the request. The Clerk will chase the matter. **(Action: Clerk)**
428. Cllr Harrison at the Parish Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 and 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015, had no further information to impart on the condition of The Crescent. The matter is still with the legal dept at SDDC.
429. The tree root is still protruding on the pavement between Queensway and Ward's Shop. Whilst DCC has informed that the matter is on the list for work to be undertaken, the works are still outstanding. The Clerk will chase the matter. **(Action: Clerk).**
430. DCC accept there is a problem with the pavement outside the Natwest Bank, having maintained for some period of time that there was no issue. The works have been submitted onto the works list, but no date has been provided for the works to be carried out. The pavement between the Post Office and the Estate Agents is sinking, this has also been reported to DCC.

### Outstanding Actions – South Derbyshire District Council

431. The transfer of responsibility for the public open space at Jubilee Close is still to be completed by SDDC legal dept.

### Other matters

432. CCTV System – the Clerk provided the meeting with the quotation for an upgrade of a CCTV camera and also circulated copies of images taken from a new test camera. It was noted that the quality of the new camera was significantly better. **RESOLVED: To upgrade the CCTV and for the Clerk to make an application for funding from the Safer Neighbourhood Fund (Action: Clerk).**
433. Defaced speed signs on Cockshut Lane and Kings Newton Lane have not been cleaned but are on the list for works to be undertaken by DCC.

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434. The pavement from Main Street, Kings Newton to Sleepy Lane which was substantially blocked by overgrown shrubbery, is now clear.
435. A request was made for a Highways Officer to meet with the Parish Council regarding vehicles which are driving on the pavement on Derby Road. Highways Officers did attend the village in August 2015 regarding the request for a pedestrian crossing, but this matter of driving on the pavement was not addressed. It was agreed that a Highways Officer should not now be requested to attend but the situation will be monitored.
436. The Derby Road street nameplate at the junction of Breach Lane is dirty. SDDC is to be requested again to clean it. **(Action: Clerk).**
437. The broken kerb edging outside the Baytree has been reported to DCC, who have informed that the matter is scheduled for repair. The Committee discussed the reasons why the damage continues to occur and what preventative measures can be taken to avoid future damage. No solutions could be identified without having negative impacts on the village and businesses.  
**RESOLVED no action is taken at present.**
438. A 40mph speed sign near to the Packhorse Lodge was hit and is bent; DCC has confirmed that a new sign is to be installed, and as of the date of the meeting, the new sign has not been erected.
438. A meeting took place over the summer with Highways Officers about a request for a pedestrian crossing to be installed in the village. As reported at the Parish Council meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September, the criteria for a crossing was not met and no crossing will be installed.
439. A request was made to have the bus route on Ashby Road reinstated. This matter is with Cllr Chilton to pursue.
440. Earlier in the year, provision had been made in the budget for the purchase of a Billy Goat. Both lengthsman have advised the Clerk that they would prefer a barrow to the Billy Goat. An image of the barrow and its price was circulated to the meeting.  
**RESOLVED to purchase the barrow rather than a Billy Goat. (Action: Clerk).**
441. Cllr Smith provided statistical information of the number of HGVs which were reported (not prosecuted) crossing Swarkestone Bridge. The numbers are low.
442. **RESOLVED for the Parish Council to continue to participate in the Snow Warden Scheme.**
443. Cllr Smith reminded the meeting of the necessity to report instances of flooding within Melbourne and to maintain pressure upon Severn Trent Water to rectify the issues.
444. The seat on The Common is overgrown. The Clerk will contact Ian Stone and request for the area to be cleared. **(Action: Clerk)**

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445. Cllr Earp circulated the plans from SDDC for the carpark at the back of The Lamb pub, once the recycling bins have been removed. The proposal is for additional parking spaces to be generated and the number of spaces with restricted parking limited to 3 hours is to be increased.

**RESOLVED the plan was accepted.** The Clerk will advise SDDC. **(Action: Clerk).**

446. The Civic Society is undertaking its annual planting of bulbs and enquired of the Parish Council if there were any areas that it considers would benefit from such a planting scheme.

**RESOLVED: no areas were identified and the Civic Society can plant bulbs wherever it is considered appropriate and lawful to do so. (Action: Cllr Earp to advise the Civic Society).**

Date of next meeting: to be advised at the Parish Council meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.12pm.

Highways Committee - Cllr D Smith – Chairman