

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 8.00pm on Monday 7th December 2015 at the Melbourne Assembly Rooms, High Street, Melbourne.

Present – Cllrs Smith (Chairman), Carroll, Earp, Sharp and Stockill

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

485. Apologies: No apologies were received.

486. Minutes of the previous Highways Committee meeting held 9th November 2015 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Outstanding Actions – Derbyshire County Council

487. The obscured lights on the Derby Road/Packhorse Road twitchell are still awaiting attention even though DCC has acknowledged the request.

488. There was no further information or updates from SDDC about arrangements to improve the condition of the road surface at The Crescent.

489. The tree root is still protruding on the pavement between Queensway and Ward's Shop. DCC has acknowledged that work is required and has issued a job number but no date for when the works are to be undertaken.

490. DCC reported that the uneven brick sets outside the Natwest Bank are in a safe condition and that no action will be taken. Concerns were raised that whilst they are considered to be safe at present, the brick sets will continue to sink and become a problem over the winter.

491. The kerb edge near to the Baytree on Potter Street is still in a poor state, with no action being taken by DCC, although DCC has issued a job number. A strong letter will be sent to DCC expressing that in the opinion of the Parish Council and the public; the area is now dangerous and action is urgently required. **(Action: Clerk)**

492. A reported pothole at the school end of Queensway has been attended to.

493. The defaced speed sign on Cockshut Lane has been replaced but Cllrs were unaware if the Kings Newton Lane sign has been attended to **(Action: Cllrs Earp and Sharp)**.

494. A streetlight at the top of Robinsons Hill is not working. The Clerk has reported this to the Highways Dept previously. The Clerk will continue to pursue the matter as part of the wiring of the light is exposed **(Action: Clerk)**.

495. The cellar grate outside Jilly's (bottom of Blancroft and Derby Road) has collapsed. The matter will be reported to DCC. **(Action: Clerk)**.

496. Cllr Carroll reported that the surface on the public footpath at the back of the Cemetery has not been attended to; it was thought that it should be maintained by

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DCC. The Clerk will report this to the Rights of Way Officer at DCC (**Action: Clerk**).

Outstanding Actions – South Derbyshire District Council

497. SDDC is now responsible for the maintenance of the public open space at Jubilee Close. The problem of the failing street light and overgrown hedging at the end of Jubilee Close is still being investigate and pursued by Cllr Hewlett. (**Action: Cllr Hewlett**).
498. The Derby Road street nameplate at the junction of Breach Lane has been cleaned.
499. The Beech Avenue street sign is broken and the Queenway sign is also damaged. The Clerk has reported this to SDDC (**Action: Clerk**).

Other matters

500. CCTV System – The Clerk has approached two business owners seeking their permission to install the necessary cabling for the upgraded system. A decision is awaited.
501. The request to have the bus route on Ashby Road reinstated has not been resolved. The matter is to be removed and not progressed.
502. The new LED Christmas lights are in place and the Committee commented upon how effective they are. Thanks were extended to Jeani Electronics for supplying the lights at cost. Consideration is to be given to the use of any funds generated at the Lights Switch on, to purchase a set of white LED lights which can be alternated with the coloured lights on an annual basis.
503. There is still some confusion as to the ownership of part of the grass verge at Beech Avenue/Queensway. No information has been presented by Cllr Dunicliff and no local authority has admitted to undertaking the mowing of the area; the Parish Council used to mow the area, but has not done so for 18 months since changing the mowing contractor.
RESOVLED: for the Parish Council to take on the mowing of the area. The Clerk will also contact the legal dept of SDDC to seek clarification on the ownership of the verge (Action: Clerk).
504. The light on the wall at the Lamb car park are out of action. The Clerk will provide the lamp number for the Clerk. (**Action: Cllr Earp and the Clerk**).

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

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:30pm.

Highways Committee - Cllr D Smith – Chairman