

# 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 on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at the Melbourne Assembly Rooms, High Street, Melbourne.

Present – Cllrs Smith (from 7:45pm), Carroll, Earp, Sharp and Stockill (Chairman)

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

506. Apologies: No apologies were received.

507. Minutes of the previous Highways Committee meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

### Outstanding Actions – Derbyshire County Council

508. The light at the twitchell is working as some trees have been cut back. The light on Packhorse Road is currently working well but concern was raised when the trees are in leaf that the light may then become obscured. It was agreed to monitor the situation.

509. There was no further information or updates from SDDC about arrangements to improve the condition of the road surface at The Crescent. The Clerk will contact Cllr Harrison for an update. **(Action: Clerk)**

510. 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.

511. 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. The brick sets outside the Welcome café have now begun to sink.

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)**

512. The defaced speed sign on Cockshut Lane has been replaced and the Kings Newton Lane sign has also been cleaned.

513. 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)**.

514. The cellar grate outside Jilly Clarke's (bottom of Blanchcroft and Derby Road) has been repaired.

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515. At the December 2015 Highways Committee, the surface on the public footpath at the back of the Cemetery was reported as being left unattended. The members were unsure as to whether this was still the situation, so Cllr Carroll will walk the footpath and report back upon its condition. **(Action: Cllr Carroll)**.

## Outstanding Actions – South Derbyshire District Council

516. There has been no further information regarding the problem of the failing street light and overgrown hedging at the end of Jubilee Close. The Clerk was requested to make investigations as to the current situation. **(Action: Clerk & Cllr Hewlett)**.
517. The Beech Avenue street sign and the Queenway sign have been repaired.

## Other matters

518. CCTV System – The Clerk explained the reasons for the delay in the installation. The Clerk will contact the contractor and will stress the importance of making progress **(Action: Clerk)**

With the resignation of Cllr Minifie, there is a vacancy for the contact point for the CCTV. Cllr Stockill offered to be the new point of contact and this was unanimously endorsed. The Clerk will request Ms Minifie if she would train Cllr Stockill on the use of the CCTV and the Clerk will amend the CCTV policies. **(Action: Clerk)**

519. The new LED Christmas lights received many positive comments but over Christmas, there were two instances of vandalism. These acts were fully discussed in the Full council meeting in January 2016 and no further comments were made.
520. The light in the Lamb carpark is out of action. The Clerk will report this to DCC. **(Action: Clerk)**. The lamps in the carpark at MARS are now in a serviceable condition with the two new lighting heads fitted.
521. The lights on Church Street are out of action. The Clerk will report this to DCC. **(Action: Clerk)**.
522. The one way street sign at Blanchcroft it bent. This is to be reported to DCC. **(Action: Clerk)**.
523. The committee returned to the problems at Potter Street and considered the reasons for the continual damage to the kerb sets. Parked vehicles along Derby Road and on Potter Street were considered to be a contributory factor and a proposal will be made to DCC for double yellow lines to be installed on Potter Street, as far as the Chemist. **(Action: Clerk)**.

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

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:10pm.

Highways Committee - Cllr D Smith – Chairman