

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 Monday 7th March 2016 at the Melbourne Assembly Rooms, High Street, Melbourne.

Present – Cllrs Smith (Chair), Carroll, Sharp and Stockill

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

524. Apologies: were received from Cllr Howard, no decision was made as to whether to accept the apologies. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Earp (personal).
525. Minutes of the previous Highways Committee meeting held 12th January 2016 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Outstanding Actions – Derbyshire County Council

526. 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.
527. The street lights at The Crescent appear to be switched off after midnight, making the area very dark. The Clerk reported that the road is unadopted and all maintenance issues, including lighting, is for the residents to address. The Committee accepted the advice of the Clerk but instructed the Clerk to report how dark the area is and to request that at least one street light is left on. **(Action: Clerk)**
528. The tree root protruding on the pavement between Queensway and Ward's Shop has been addressed.
529. 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. This matter will continue to be monitored.
530. The kerb edge near to the Baytree on Potter Street has been repaired, but no actions has been taken by DCC about the request for the extension of the double yellow lines, or to use a harder wearing stone kerb.
531. A streetlight at the top of Robinsons Hill has been repaired.
532. Cllr Carroll has walked the footpath and reported that there are no issues.

Outstanding Actions – South Derbyshire District Council

533. 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).**

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Other matters

534. CCTV System – The system has been upgraded.

535. The light in the Lamb car park have been repaired. The lights on the steps between the car park and the doctor's are out. The Clerk will report to SDDC **(Action: Clerk)**. The large lamp at the surgery remains out of action. This is for the surgery to repair, but following a discussion about anti social behaviour, it was agreed that the situation will be monitored.

536. The one way street sign at Blanchcroft is bent. This has been reported to DCC and the Clerk will continue to chase this matter. **(Action: Clerk)**.

537. At the Parish Council meeting held 01.03.16, concerns and queries were raised about removing disabled parking spaces once they were no longer required. RESOLVED the Clerk will write to DCC to enquire as to its policy on removing the road markings once the space is no longer required **(Action: Clerk)**.

538. A request was made again that the Assembly Rooms car park needs to be remarked to encourage motorists to park better. The Clerk will raise this will SDDC. **(Action: Clerk)**

539. Quick Close road surface has been repaired, but in the process, the machinery has damaged the pavement. The Clerk will report this to DCC **(Action: Clerk)**.

540. It was reported that potholes exist the entire length of North Street. A drainage channel is raised on the pavement and is thought to be a trip hazard. The Clerk will report these matters to DCC **(Action: Clerk)**.

541. A resident has reported an overhanging and possibly dangerous branch near to the allotments. As it was unclear whether the tree was the responsibility of the Parish Council, Cllr Stockill will visit the area and report back as to whether the tree is for the Parish Council to take action upon.

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

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:05pm.

Highways Committee - Cllr D Smith – Chairman