

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 11th April 2016 at the Melbourne Assembly Rooms, High Street, Melbourne.

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

In attendance: Mrs J Storer (Clerk)

542. Apologies: were received and accepted from Cllr Carroll.
543. Minutes of the previous Highways Committee meeting held 7th March 2016 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Outstanding Actions – Derbyshire County Council

544. The Clerk has discussed with DCC the situation at The Crescent where the street lights are switched off after midnight, making the area very dark. As the Parish Council was consulted in 2014 about the proposal for efficiency savings relating to street lighting, and had no objections; DCC was not in a position now to amend its policy on street lighting at this location. DCC has stated that it will consider the poor condition of the road as to whether it will undertake any repairs.
545. 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 sunk and a brick set outside the newsagent is missing. DCC will be asked to justify their comments that the area is safe. **(Action: Clerk)**
546. The kerb edge near to the Baytree on Potter Street has been repaired, but past experience has shown that the kerb edging will be damaged again within a relatively short period of time, therefore the area will continue to be monitored and any damage reported immediately to DCC.

Outstanding Actions – South Derbyshire District Council

547. There has been no further information regarding the problem of the failing street light and overgrown hedging at the end of Jubilee Close. This matter remains with Cllr Hewlett and the Clerk will make investigations as to progress made. **(Action: Clerk & Cllr Hewlett)**.
The grass area at Jubilee Close has been missed off SDDC mowing rota. The Clerk will report this to SDDC. **(Action: Clerk)**.

Other matters

548. CCTV System – The system has been upgraded but concern has been raised about the quality of the images, particularly at night. CCTV footage was released about the recent incident at the chip shop and all present agreed that quality was disappointing. The Clerk will make enquiries of SDDC about the quality of CCTV images in other local villages. **(Action: Clerk)**

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549. The large lamp at the surgery and the lights on the steps, remain out of action. This was reported to SDDC, who in turn stated that this was not within their area of responsibility. The Clerk will report this to the Surgery and will request that repairs are carried out. **(Action: Clerk)**
550. It is thought that the one way street sign at Blanchcroft is still bent. Cllr Stockill agreed to check and report back to the Clerk. **(Action: Cllr Stockill & Clerk)**.
551. The Clerk has written to DCC requesting its policy on removal of redundant disabled parking spaces. No response has been received and the Clerk will continue to pursue. **(Action: Clerk)**.
552. The Clerk made a request to SDDC that the Assembly Rooms car park needs to be remarked to encourage motorists to park better. SDDC advised that it did not have the funds to undertake such a task and in addition, it was not a priority action for the District Council.
553. Quick Close road surface has been repaired, but the pavement is still awaiting attention. The Clerk will pursue DCC. **(Action: Clerk)**.
554. Potholes on North Street were reported to DCC last month. No action has yet been taken by DCC. The Clerk will chase these matters with DCC **(Action: Clerk)**.
555. The previously reported problem of a dangerously overhanging branch near to the allotments was considered and the branch has been removed.
556. At the Parish Council meeting held 02.04.16, Cllr Chilton provided Cllr Smith with information on the Community Pledge relating to a campaign for considerate parking. This matter will be deferred to the May Committee meeting.
557. The Burials Committee agreed to remove the noticeboard in the Cemetery, this noticeboard is now spare. The Clerk reported that many village organisations have commented about the lack of space to place their notices and she proposed that the spare noticeboard is relocated within the Parish to provide additional space. The Committee agreed that the best location would be at Sainsbury's. The Clerk will make an application to Sainsbury's to accommodate the noticeboard. **(Action: Clerk)**
558. The Lengthsman had reported that there was significant amounts of broken glass bottles around the Market Place area over the weekend. This is to be reported to the Police along with the cannabis use/dealing at the Reservoir, the back of Sainsbury's and at Thomas Cook Gardens.

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

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:26pm.

Highways Committee - Cllr D Smith – Chairman