

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 7:40pm on Monday 13th June 2016 at the Melbourne Assembly Rooms, High Street, Melbourne.

Present – Cllrs Smith (Chair), Sharp, Carroll, Hicklin, Earp
In attendance: Mrs J Storer (Clerk), Cllr Collyer, Cllr Jackson

581. Apologies: were received and accepted from Cllr Summerlin.
582. Minutes of the previous Highways Committee meeting held 9th May 2016 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Outstanding Actions – Derbyshire County Council

583. DCC has agreed to undertake repairs to the bricks sets by the Welcome Café but will not address the issue of the sinking brick sets further along on the pavements. The Clerk has asked DCC to undertake an assessment of all brick pavements in the parish, as the Parish Council considers that they are not fit for purpose, and for this assessment to include the kerb edging at the Baytree and Potter Street. A response is awaited.
584. The bent sign at Blanchcroft has been reinstated.
585. The Clerk was instructed at the Full Council meeting of 3rd May to write to DCC to remove the disabled parking spaces. Further information from DCC is awaited. **(Action: Clerk)**.
586. Quick Close road surface has been repaired, but the pavement is still awaiting attention. The Clerk will pursue DCC. **(Action: Clerk)**.
587. Potholes on North Street were reported to DCC in April. DCC has confirmed that the potholes are on the list for repair but it is unclear if these have been repaired. Checks are to be made if any repairs have been undertaken.

Outstanding Actions – South Derbyshire District Council

584. The section of land at the bottom of Jubilee Close was not been adopted when the remainder of the development was, but SDDC is now looking at the adoption process. At the last Committee meeting, agreement was given for the hedge at this location to be cut. The Clerk reported that she has not issued any instruction as the hedge appears to have been cut, but it is unknown as to whom carried out the work. The condition of the hedge will continue to be monitored.
585. No action has been taken by SDDC relating to the carpark at the rear of The Lamb public house. The recycling bins have been removed but as a result, there are some signs which are no longer required. The Clerk will advise SDDC. **(Action: Clerk)**.
Cllr Hewlett is also to be asked to provide an update on the situation regarding the remarking of the carpark.

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Other matters

586. CCTV System – The Clerk explained that she has yet to make contact with MARS and any enquiries are still to be made. **(Action: Clerk)**
587. The large lamp at the surgery has been repaired but the lights on the steps remain out of action.
588. Cllr Sharp reported that a meeting had occurred with the police, the Parish Council, MARS and the surgery about anti social behaviour (ASB). The police appear to be keen to resolve any issues and are making individual appointments with the various interest parties to try to address the problems.
589. The Clerk wrote to Sainsbury's requesting permission to site a noticeboard at the front of the store. There has been no response to date. The Clerk will write again to Sainsbury's **(Action: Clerk)**
590. At the meeting in May, the Lengthsman had reported that there was significant amounts of broken glass bottles around the Market Place area. This was reported to the police and again raised at the meeting with the police on 8th June. The advice received, is that little can be done to address this problem, although landlords will be spoken to by the Licensing Authority.
591. Enquiries were made as to whether the lengthsman should sweep Russell Yard. It was considered that this area falls within the jurisdiction of Harpers and it is they who are responsible for cleaning of the area.
592. Footpath in the Cemetery – This had been discussed at the Burial Committee and will be considered again in the autumn.
593. The Litterbin at the Pool and the bin at the Cenotaph regularly overflow with bags, including dog fouling which in this heat is unpleasant. This matter was discussed at the Parish Council meeting held 7th June.
There are also a lack of bins around the reservoir. The Clerk was instructed to ask Severn Trent Water (STW) to install bins near to the many benches that they have in this location. **(Action: Clerk)**
594. The bin at Potter Street still missing. The Clerk had reported this to SDDC and will pursue the matter. **(Action: Clerk)**
595. Consideration was given to relocating one of the litter bins at the Thomas Cook Gardens, to elsewhere in the Parish. The use of these bins will be monitored and if not required, the suggestion will be to relocate one of them. **(Action: Cllr Hicklin)**
596. Concern had been raised that the newly planted window boxes on High Street/Derby Road whilst looking impressive, would hamper access along the pavement. The matter was considered. The window boxes look impressive and brighten the centre of Melbourne, and are not thought to create a hazard to pedestrians.

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597. The grass at Cockshut Lane and Newton Lane corner has been cut back. Cllr Sharp reported that her family had cut the very high grass on the grass verge near to their property in the interest of highway safety.
598. Surface water has settled at the bottom of Robinson Hill, causing traffic problem on 10th June. It is possible that the culverts are blocked, and DCC are to be asked to clear them. **(Action: Clerk)**
599. The wall along a twitchel at Derby Road is leaning. The Committee agreed that as it has been in that condition for a lengthy period of time, no action will be taken.
600. The public footpath previously the subject of a complaint by Ms Starkie, has been cut and the matter resolved.
601. A bollard at the Kings Newton Cross has been hit and dislodged. As DCC has responsibility for its maintenance, the matter has been reported to DCC.
602. The flagpole looks impressive and will be discussed further at the Facilities Committee.
603. 20mph zones – the Parish Council could not identify any areas which are suitable and meet the Highways' Dept's criteria. No suggestions will be submitted by the Parish Council.

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re being no further matters, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:14pm