

# 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 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at the Melbourne Assembly Rooms, High Street, Melbourne.

Present – Cllrs Smith (Chair), Sharp, Carroll (from 8:05pm), Earp, Summerlin (from 8:05pm)

In attendance: Mrs J Storer (Clerk), Cllr Collyer, Cllr Jackson

604. Apologies: were received and accepted from Cllr Hicklin.

605. Minutes of the previous Highways Committee meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

### Outstanding Actions – Derbyshire County Council

606. 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 DDC 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.

607. The Clerk was instructed at the Full Council meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> May to write to DCC to remove the disabled parking spaces. Further information from DCC is awaited; the Clerk will pursue this matter. **(Action: Clerk)**.

8:05pm Cllrs Carroll and Summerlin arrived.

### Outstanding Actions – South Derbyshire District Council

608. 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. The condition of the hedge which was reported in May, will continue to be monitored.

### Other matters

609. CCTV System – The Clerk explained that the incident of damage to a fence near to Lothian Gardens on the evening of 17<sup>th</sup> June, had been overwritten as the new camera was found to take up additional data storage space. The contractor is to install extra memory.

610. The large lamp at the surgery has been repaired but the lights on the steps remain out of action. The Committee could not agree as to which organisation had responsible for the lights, but by a process of elimination, concluded that it was the responsibility of SDDC. The Clerk will request that SDDC carries out the repairs **(Action: Clerk)**.

611. The Clerk reported that the Sainsbury Store manager is very keen to engage with the community and to house the relocated noticeboard. The Clerk and Cllr Hicklin

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will meet with the Store manger during August to agree upon the location of the noticeboard and any works which maybe required.

612. Footpath in the Cemetery – The Clerk explained some of the problems experienced in this location following the recent heavy rainfall and localised flooding. As the problems are weather related; the Burial Committee is to continue to monitor the situation both relating to flooding in the Cemetery and the condition of the public footpath which crosses the Cemetery.
613. The Clerk has reported to STW concerns about the lack of bins around the reservoir, and a response is awaited.
614. The bin at Potter Street is still missing, the Clerk reported at the Parish Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July that this bin is the property of SDDC and as no complaints have been received about littering, SDDC has made the decision not to reinstate the bin.
615. The Clerk had complained to SDDC about the lack of grass cutting, the first cut has only very recently been undertaken in the Parish.  
RESOLVED to monitor the grass cutting as concerns surround motorist and pedestrian safety due to poor visibility caused by high grass on the highway verges.  
RESOLVED the Clerk is to report to SDDC that the grass on the verge at Kings Newton Corner is very high and is impeding visibility **(Action: Clerk)**.  
RESOLVED to raise the Parish Council’s concerns about grass cutting at the next Area Forum **(Action: Cllr Earp)**
616. Melbourne suffered from 1” of rain on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July, adding to the problems of those properties and businesses which were flooded earlier. It was reported that the balancing ponds at the Packhorse appeared to have overflowed.  
RESOLVED to write and report the matter to the SDDC Planning Dept, suggesting that the current infrastructure does not appear to be sufficient to cope with heavy rainfall. **(Action: Clerk)**
617. The wall along a twitchel at between George Street and Cockshut Lane is leaning. The Committee agreed that it has been in that condition for a lengthy period of time, but that the situation should be reported to DCC, together with a request that the wall is assessed as to its safety. **(Action: Clerk)**
618. The public footpath previously the subject of a complaint by Ms Starkie, has been cut and the Clerk has been provided with the landowner’s contact details in order to make a request that the footpath is kept cut back. **(Action: Clerk)**
619. A second bollard at the Kings Newton Cross has been dislodged. As DCC has responsibility for its maintenance, the matter is to be reported to DCC for action to be undertaken. **(Action: Clerk)**
620. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries as to how often the mechanical sweeper visits Melbourne. **(Action: Clerk)**

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621. Tenants at Orchard Close had complained that their hedge has not been cut. These properties are the responsibility of SDDC and the tenants were advised to contact SDDC as the landlord
622. The bus stop sign at The Lilypool has been snapped off and needs replacing. The Clerk was instructed to contact Arriva. **(Action: Clerk)**
623. A crossing sign near to Thomas Cook Gardens is very faded and should either be removed or replaced. The Clerk will report the matter to DCC. **(Action: Clerk)**

There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:45pm