

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 7:00pm on Monday 12th September 2016 at the Melbourne Assembly Rooms, High Street, Melbourne.

Present – Cllrs Sharp (Chair), Carroll, Earp (from 7:23pm), Summerlin, Hicklin
In attendance: Mrs J Storer (Clerk),

624. Apologies: were received and accepted from Cllr Smith.
625. Minutes of the previous Highways Committee meeting held 11th July 2016 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Outstanding Actions – Derbyshire County Council

626. 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 had made a request for DDC to undertake an assessment of all brick pavements in the parish, as the Parish Council considers that they are not fit for purpose (Min 606 July 2016). To date no reply has been received and no work had been undertaken.
627. The Clerk will pursue the removal of the disabled parking spaces raised at the Full Council meeting on 3rd May 2016. **(Action: Clerk).**

Outstanding Actions – South Derbyshire District Council

628. The hedge which borders the paths on Jubilee Close has been monitored over the summer and reports were received that the hedge is now overgrown and requires cutting back. It is unclear who is responsible for the maintenance of the hedge, but the Clerk will contact SDDC as it has previously undertaken work in this area. **(Action: Clerk).**

Other matters

629. CCTV System – The contractor has provided some dates to Cllrs Hicklin and Carpenter for a training session to be undertaken on the workings of the CCTV system.
630. The lights on the steps between the car park and surgery remain out of action. SDDC has replied stating that it is not within their area of responsibility, but is for the surgery to remedy. The Clerk will contract the Practise Manager requesting that the lights are repaired. **(Action: Clerk).**
631. The Clerk and Cllr Hicklin are to meet with the Store manager to agree upon the location of the noticeboard and any works which may be required. **(Action: Clerk and Cllr Hicklin).**
632. Footpath in the Cemetery – The condition of this footpath has been monitored over the summer and no issues are reported.

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633. Bins at the reservoir – STW replied to the Parish Council's concerns surrounding the lack of bins, stating that there are sufficient in situ. This matter had been discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 6th September and the Clerk will be contacting STW disagreeing with this comments and providing them with suggested locations for additional bins **(Action: Clerk)**.
634. Following complaints about the number of grass cuts received this year from SDDC, one additional cut has been carried out over the summer. The Clerk explained that funding is an issue and that SDDC is providing more grass cutting visits than DCC pays them for. SDDC has stated that it is providing a good service in view of the limited resources it is receiving from DCC and there will be no additional cuts, unless Parish Councils fund these.
- 7:23pm Cllr Earp arrived.
635. The Clerk passed onto the Planning Dept, information relating to overflowing balancing ponds at the former Packhorse Inn site which occurred during the June 2016 floods. SDDC has received the information but has passed no comment.
636. The wall along a twitchel between George Street and Cockshut Lane is leaning. This was reported to DCC who in turn has contacted the persons with responsibilities for its maintenance. DCC informed the Parish Council that the owners are aware of the situation and that the matter is in hand.
637. A letter has been sent to the landowner who is responsible for the condition of the public footpath at the rear of the cemetery. No reply has been received.
638. A second bollard at the Kings Newton Cross is loose. The bollard is in position but has not been repaired. As DCC has responsibility for its maintenance, the matter is to be reported to DCC for action to be undertaken. **(Action: Clerk)**
639. The mechanical sweeper visits Melbourne, once a week. The Committee members acknowledged that its impact is limited due to the number of parked vehicles.
640. The hedge at Orchard Close has not been cut. These properties are the responsibility of SDDC and the tenants were advised to contact SDDC as the landlord. The Clerk reported the height of the hedge to Steve Shepherd (SDDC) who in turn has reported the matter to the Housing Dept.
641. The bus stop sign at The Lilypool has been snapped off but it was unclear if the sign has been replaced.
642. A crossing sign near to Thomas Cook Gardens is very faded and should either be removed or replaced. The Clerk reported the matter to DCC and the job is on a list to be undertaken.
643. Bin at Cenotaph – the cost of installing a new bin is £340 + VAT, with an annual cost to empty the bin being £229 + VAT.
RESOLVED the quote was accepted and the Clerk was instructed to place the order for a new bin to be installed next to the existing bin, thus ensuring then that there is sufficient capability for the rubbish.

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644. North Street nameplate – this is in need of a clean. The lengthsman will be asked to clean the sign **(Action: the Clerk)**
645. Recycling bins – brambles are encroaching the drinks carton recycling bin in the car park. The Clerk will inform SDDC **(Action: Clerk)**
646. Hope Street – the speed sign has disappeared. The Clerk will report to DCC. **(Action: Clerk)**
647. Despite the opening of the new Sports Ground on Cockshut Lane, vehicles continue to park along Cockshut Lane and members cited incidents they had witnessed of inconsiderate and poor parking, of near misses and of their fears that a serious accident will occur. The suggestion was made for double yellow lines to be painted either side of the Sports Ground drive. **(Action: Clerk).**
648. Parking on land at Beech Avenue – it was reported that vehicles are parking on land at Beech Avenue, which is under the Parish Council's authority. RESOLVED that a "No Parking by order of the Parish Council" sign is erected on this land.**(Action: Clerk)**

There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:55pm