

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 Monday 10th November 2014 at the Shone Room, Melbourne Assembly Rooms, Melbourne

Present – Cllr Smith (Chairman), Carroll, Earp, Sharp, Stockill

In attendance: Clerk

287. Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Parker.
288. Minutes of the previous Highways Committee meeting held 13th October 2014 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Outstanding Actions – Derbyshire County Council

289. The light at the end of the twitchell between Derby Road and Packhorse Road is still blocked by an overhanging tree. Committee members thought they now knew the owner of the land which the tree stands on; the Clerk will write to the landowner to request the pruning of the tree. **(Action: Clerk).**
290. The leaning lamppost is still leaning and the light is out. The Clerk will continue to report this to DCC. **(Action: Clerk)**
291. The problems of the footway at Woodhouses continues, the area has been marked out but no work has yet started. Enquiries will be made as to when the work will commence.
292. Holywell Lane is still overgrown. Cllr Sharp provided a report about a misdirection given by a SatNav which resulted on in a vehicle becoming stranded on this lane.
293. The Crescent, off Station Road, is not adopted by DCC; the Clerk will report the condition of the road to SDDC. **(Action: Clerk).**
294. A tree root which is coming up on the pavement between Queensway and Ward's Shop has been identified by DCC as requiring work but nothing has yet been done.
295. A street light at the top of Robinson Hill is out. Cllr Earp will obtain the number so the Clerk can report to DCC **(Action: Cllr Earp & Clerk)**
296. The road surface of Quick Close is in a poor condition. The Clerk will report this to the Highways Dept **(Action: Clerk).**
297. A resident of Huntingdon Court has reported that the area around her property is very dark now that the partial switch off of street lights has been implemented. The resident has expressed concern that her property is now vulnerable to a break in and made the added plea for one street light to be left on. The Clerk will raise the matter with the Highways Dept **(Action: Clerk)**

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298. At the November Parish Council meeting, a resident expressed concern that traffic was speeding through Kings Newton. The Committee noted that regular speed checks have been carried out in the Kings Newton area. Councillors have discussed this topic with other residents in Kings Newton and they are of the view that there is not a speeding problem. It was agreed that no action will be taken on the matter of speeding.

Outstanding Actions – South Derbyshire District Council

299. A conifer blocking a street light at Church Mews/Victoria Mews remains the same as reported at the July Committee meeting. The Clerk has reported this to SDDC on health & safety grounds. SDDC has been in communication with the police about the lack of lighting here and in the car park. The Clerk will remind SDDC that this light still remains unattended to. **(Action: Clerk)**
300. The Clerk reported that SDDC has approved the design of a new bench at Jubilee Close. Once the bench is in situ the responsibility of the area should pass over to SDDC. No further information has been received on this matter.
301. The Clerk will contact other companies to obtain information and estimates for renovating some of the rusty street nameplates.
302. The Clerk has been working with SDDC regarding repairs to the lights in the car park. The wall lights and majority of car park lights are now working; but the decorative lights are old and obsolete, so SDDC has informed that these lights will not be repaired or replaced.
303. This week, a quad bike has been around the parish, spraying the weeds.
304. SDDC has agreed to include the verges and shrubbery in the car park in its winter maintenance schedule. No date is available as to when the works will be carried out.
305. The leaves on Penn Lane are lying in a thick layer. The Clerk will request SDDC To clear these as they currently represent a slip hazard. **(Action: Clerk)**

Other matters

306. The budget requirements were discussed, amendments made and the budget agreed. This will be presented to the Finance Committee meeting on 1st December for approval.

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

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Highways Committee - Cllr D Smith – Chairman