

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 13th October 2014 at the Shone Room, Melbourne Assembly Rooms, Melbourne

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

In attendance: Clerk

271. Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Hudson and Cllr Stockill.
272. Minutes of the previous Highways Committee meeting held 8th September 2014 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Outstanding Actions – Derbyshire County Council

273. The light at the end of the twitchell between Derby Road and Packhorse Road is still blocked by an overhanging tree. It was uncertain as to which end this was now affecting; clarification will be sought.
274. The leaning lamppost is still leaning and the light is out. Councillors will inspect it and report back to the next Committee meeting as to whether to pursue this matter.
275. 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.
276. Broken and loose kerb stones and brick steps at Potter Street have been repaired but Councillors agreed that the work has not been completed properly but accepted that no further action can be taken on this matter.
Clarification was given that the barriers were erected near to the Chemist when the new BT box was installed. A resident has enquired as to whether planning consent was required for the installation of the BT box as it is within the conservation area. The Clerk will contact the planning dept for clarification as to whether planning consent was necessary.
277. It is unknown if any work has been carried out on the overgrown areas of Holywell Lane. The matter will be deferred to the next meeting.
278. The Crescent, off Station Road, remains in a very poor condition. The Clerk will make enquiries as to whether The Crescent is an adopted road before any further representations are made.
279. 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.

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280. A conifer blocking a street light at Church Mews/Victoria Mews remains the same as reported at the July Committee meeting. Enquiries will be made as to whether grant funding from the Safer Neighbourhood fund can be used to take the tree down. The Clerk will also report to the police that the lights are restricted and that youths are gathering in this area. Whilst no instances of criminal activity have been reported, some residents have expressed concern about being in the area whilst it is poorly lit.
281. 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.
282. The risks of the Footpaths Group undertaking the repairs and painting of the rusty nameplates were discussed.
RESOLVED Cllr Earp will speak with the Footpaths Group about the level of responsibility that the Footpaths Group will accept if they undertake the work. Enquiries will be made with companies as to the costs of other companies carrying out the work.
283. One light in the carpark has a cover missing, whilst a further 3 lights are out. This was reported to SDDC before the summer. No work has been undertaken and the Clerk will pursue the matter and will report the matter to the Police on health & safety grounds and crime prevention.
284. The weeds around the Parish are still very noticeable. The Clerk reported this to SDDC but has been informed that it is the end of the season and no action will be taken. The Clerk has arranged for one of the lengthsmen to undertake a spraying course. In the interim, the lengthsmen have been instructed to remove the weeds around the parish. Complaints have been received about the weeds and litter in the Market Place over the Festival weekend. The Clerk has taken action on this matter.
285. SDDC will be contacted about its volunteering group to be used to clear the verges in the car park at the back of the Lamb.

Other matters

286. The lights in the bus shelter are not working. The Clerk will arrange for work to be carried out.

Date of next meeting: to be advised at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 10th November 2014.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.24pm.

Highways Committee - Cllr D Smith – Chairman