

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 7.55pm Monday 8th September 2014 at the Shone Room, Melbourne Assembly Rooms, Melbourne

Present – Cllr Smith (Chairman), Hudson, Sharp, Stockill

In attendance: Clerk

246. Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Earp, Cllr Parker and Cllr Carroll.
247. Minutes of the previous Highways Committee meeting held 7th July 2014 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Outstanding Actions – Derbyshire County Council

248. The light at the end of the twitchell between Derby Road and Packhorse Road is still blocked by an overhanging tree.
249. The two potholes on Victoria Street have been repaired.
250. DCC was working at the site of the leaning lamppost on Derby Road and an assumption was made that the leaning lamppost was being repaired. Councillors will inspect and report back to the next Committee meeting.
251. The section of pavement outside the Indian Restaurant which pooled in wet weather has now been repaired.
252. Work has been carried out on the trees on Robinson Hill and the area is greatly improved.
253. The problems of the footway at Woodhouses continues, the area has been marked out but no work has yet started.
254. 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. Barriers have been erected near to the Chemist shop but it was unknown why.
255. The verges at the entrance to Queensway have been repaired.
256. It is unknown if any work has been carried out on the overgrown areas of Holywell Lane.
257. The Crescent, off Station Road, is in a very poor condition. This was reported to DCC before the Summer and no repairs have been carried out. The Clerk will continue to press for repairs to be undertaken.
258. 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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Outstanding Actions – South Derbyshire District Council

259. A conifer blocking a street light at Church Mews/Victoria Mews remains the same as reported at the July Committee meeting.
260. 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.
261. The Footpaths Group has offered to paint the two rusty street nameplates; one at The top of North Street and the other at the bottom of Blanchcroft. The Committee considered the logistics of another body carrying out work on the nameplates. RESOLVED to leave the signs in place and not to request any work is carried out.
262. 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.
263. Cllr Stockill reported that the appearance and general tidiness of the recycling area has improved.
- 263a). The condition of The Crescent will also be reported to SDDC and pressure will be applied for works to be undertaken.
264. At the last Committee meeting, a discussion took place about the street cleaner only travelling in one direction along Penn Lane. The Committee was advised that Penn Lane has been closed and work has been carried out. The Committee acknowledged the work that the Lengthsmen do in this area, particularly during autumn.
265. The weeds around the Parish are still very noticeable. The Clerk will make a request to SDDC for the weeds to be treated or removed, particularly in the gullies and before the onset of bad weather.
266. SDDC informed the Clerk that the verges in the car park at the back of the Lamb are not their responsibility, but that of the pub. The Clerk has informed SDDC that this is incorrect and has requested that SDDC tidies the carpark.
267. The Cockshut Lane street nameplate remains propped up in the hedge. The Clerk will report the matter to SDDC again.

Other matters

268. The Parish Council's contractor has cleared the land where the jawbones are.
269. The Committee was heartened to learn that DCC has carried out some of the work required, and that repairs were about to be undertaken. The Committee however was disappointed, not only that some matters, particularly the footpath at Woodhouses still remain outstanding, but at the length of time that it has taken for

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even the simplest of jobs to be undertaken. Pressure will continue to be applied to DCC for works to be completed in a timely manner.

270. Cllr Sharp reported that the signs advising that the twitchell at Derby Road is closed, continued to be moved and for people to use it, despite its condition.

Date of next meeting: to be advised at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 7th October 2014.

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

Highways Committee - Cllr D Smith – Chairman