

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 8.15pm Monday 9th June 2014 at the Shone Room, Melbourne Assembly Rooms, Melbourne

Present—Cllr Smith (Chairman), Earp, Parker, Sharp, Stockill

In attendance: Clerk, Cllr Collyer

194. Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Carroll and Cllr Hudson.

195. Minutes of the previous Highways Committee meeting held 12th May 2014 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

196. The Clerk reported that Mr Hey (SDDC) will be attending the next Parish Council meeting on 1st July to present information about Neighbourhood Plans.

Outstanding Actions

197. The light at the end of the twitchel between Derby Road and Packhorse Road is still blocked by an overhanging tree. The Clerk will report the matter again to DCC. **(Action: Clerk)**

198. The two potholes on Victoria Street have been referred to the Street Works Team for repair. Work was being carried out on Victoria Street very recently, but no clarification could be obtained as to whether the potholes have been repaired.

199. The leaning lamppost on Derby Road was reported in January and again in February and in April; no action has yet been taken on this matter by DCC. The light is now out and the Clerk will report this to DCC. **(Action: Clerk)**

200. The section of pavement outside the Indian Restaurant which pooled in wet weather has been submitted for levelling works; the works have not yet taken place.

201. A conifer blocking a street light at Church Mews/Victoria Mews was reported to DCC, who in turn identified that the land is not adopted. The Clerk was requested to report the matter to SDDC. **(Action: Clerk)**

202. SDDC reported that the repair of the bench at Jubilee Close is to be undertaken by the developers of the estate (Wimpey); SDDC Legal Dept is still working on the land transfer document and no action has been taken regarding the bench. The Clerk will contact Zoe Sewter for an update.

203. The trees on Robinson Hill remain uncut and the situation is worsening. Lorries and agricultural vehicles are struggling with the overhanging branches and the matter, according to the Committee, is a health and safety one. Cllr Smith will raise the matter at the next Safer Neighbourhood meeting.

204. The problems of the footway at Woodhouses continues, the matter having being originally reported in September 2013. The Clerk will continue to press for the work to be carried out. **(Action: Clerk)**

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205. Broken and loose kerb stones and brick steps at Potter Street were reported to DCC and works are to be undertaken to repair the chipped kerbs outside the Bay Tree Restaurant. Cllr Chilton is pursuing this matter
206. The poor condition of the verges at the entrance to Queensway has been reported to DCC. The damaged street nameplate has been reported to SDDC on 5th March 2014. The matter is still outstanding; Cllr Smith will raise the matter at the Safer Neighbourhood Meeting and the Clerk will chase up the matter. **(Action: Clerk)**.
207. The two rusty street nameplates; at the top of North Street and the bottom of Blanchcroft have been reported to SDDC. No work has yet been carried out on the signs.
208. The bottom light on the wall in the Carpark at the back of the Lamb is not functioning. This will be reported to SDDC again. **(Action: Clerk)**.
209. Cllr Chilton is pursuing the issue of motability scooters with smaller wheels struggling to cope with some of the kerbs, particularly in Derby Road.
210. Cllr Sharp reported that the highway verges have been poorly cut. A complaint will be made about the quality of the cut and of the mess left behind. **(Action: Clerk)**
211. Some of the recently erected hanging baskets are in the wrong location; Cllr Jackson will liaise with Premier 1 (hanging basket contractor) about relocation **(Action: Clerk)**
212. The hedge between Hope Street and the Recreation Ground is very overgrown and in places, hanging over the pavement, making pedestrian access difficult. The hedge will be cut back to allow pedestrians to use the pavement. **(Action: Clerk)**
213. Holywell Lane is very overgrown. As it is a bridleway the Clerk will ask DCC to clear the Lane. **(Action: Clerk)**
214. A request has been received for the installation of a bin at the back of Budgens; as litter is a problem. The Committee viewed that the littering is occurring on private land and a request will be made to Budgens to enquire if they will install a litterbin. **(Action: Clerk)**.
215. Cllr Sharp enquired as to who was responsible for the maintenance of The Crescent, off station Road, as the road surface is in a very poor condition. The Committee was of the opinion that the County Council was responsible for the road (in that it was not a private unadopted road) and the Clerk will report the matter to DCC. **(Action: Clerk)**.

Date of next meeting: to be advised at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 9th June 2014.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.47pm.

Highways Committee - Cllr D Smith-Chairman