

# 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 8.05pm Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at the Shone Room, Melbourne Assembly Rooms, Melbourne

Present—Cllr Smith (Chairman), Carroll, Hudson, Parker, Sharp, Smith, Stockill

In attendance: Clerk,

172. Election of Chairman : Cllr Smith was nominated for the position Chairman. There were no other nominations.

AGREED: to unanimously elect Cllr Smith as Chairman of the Highways Committee.

173. Election of Vice Chairman: Cllr Stockill was nominated for the position Chairman. There were no other nominations.

AGREED to unanimously elect Cllr Stockill as Vice Chairman of the Highways Committee.

174. Apologies: No apologies were received.

175. Minutes of the previous Highways Committee meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

176. One way system –this is no longer a viable proposal. The meeting with the Traffic Consultant held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2014 clarified that traffic management is the way forward. The Committee considered that the suggestions made by the traffic consultants were thought to be sensible but it was acknowledged that the proposals made at the meeting have a significant cost implication. One possible route would be the possibility of a Neighbourhood Plan.

AGREED: The Clerk was requested to work with Ian Hey (SDDC) about possible funding opportunities and if he would attend a future Council meeting. **(Action: Clerk).**

### Outstanding Actions

177. 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)**

178. 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.

179. 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).**

180. 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.

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181. 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)**
182. 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.
183. DCC has confirmed that an order has been raised to trim the trees to specified height on Robinson Hill. No time scale has been offered as to when the work will be carried out. The Councillors expressed anger about the length of time being taken to carry out the work. The Clerk was requested to report the matter to the Enforcement Officer (SDDC). **(Action: Clerk)**
184. DCC in their letter of 26.09.13 and reinforced in an email of 18.02.14, has noted the problem on the footway at Woodhouses and has submitted for works to be done to raise the length of the kerb and footway. This is to be included in the future footway budget. Again Cllrs expressed anger at the lack of action.
185. 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
186. 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 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014. The matter is still outstanding; the Clerk will chase up the matter. **(Action: Clerk)**.
187. DCC proposal for night time street lighting. The Committee sent in their observations to the proposal and each one was addressed by DCC. However, no changes to the proposal are to be made by DCC.
188. Cllr Stockill reported that two rusty street nameplates; at the top of North Street and the bottom of Blanchcroft. These have been reported to SDDC. The Committee wished to retain both of these signs as they are old and are in keeping with the area. The Clerk will contact Mr P Heath (SDDC) with a request to support the retention of the old signs and to prevent the erection of new modern nameplates. **(Action: Clerk)**.
189. The bottom light on the wall in the Carpark at the back of the Lamb is not functioning. This will be reported to SDDC. **(Action: Clerk)**.
190. At the May Parish Council, a resident reported speeding traffic in Kings Newton and problems with HGVs on Trent Lane. Other residents of Kings Newton report that there is no such problem. No action will be taken relating to this matter.
191. Cllr Stockill reported that motability scooters with smaller wheels struggle to cope with some of the kerbs particularly in Derby Road. The clerk will report this to DCC **(Action: Clerk)**.

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192. The visibility at the corner of Cockshut Lane and the corner of Kings Newton Lane. The Clerk will arrange for the Sexton to trim both areas **(Action: Clerk)**.

193. There has been no response to the advert for a part time lengthsman. The Clerk was provided details of a person who may be interested in the position; the Clerk will make enquiries with this person.**(Action: Clerk)**.

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

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.01pm.

Highways Committee - Cllr D Smith-Chairman