

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 8.40pm Monday 7th April 2014 at the Shone Room, Melbourne Assembly Rooms, Melbourne

Present – Cllr Earp (Chairman), Carroll, Parker, Sharp, Smith, Stockill
In attendance: Clerk, Cllr Wilmore

154. Apologies: No apologies were received.
155. Minutes of the previous Highways Committee meeting held 10th March 2014 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.
156. One way system – the meeting with Traffic Consultant has been arranged for 17th April 2014. Cllr Carroll & Cllr Earp will meet with Mr Hamiton-Baille at 10am on that day, but the venue is to be confirmed with Cllr Jackson.

Outstanding Actions

157. 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)
158. The two potholes on Victoria Street have been referred to the Street Works Team for repair.
159. The leaning lamppost on Derby Road was reported in January and again in February; 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).**
160. 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.
161. 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)**
162. 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.
163. 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.
164. 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.

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165. 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
166. 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; the Clerk will chase up the matter. **(Action: Clerk).**
167. At the last Highway Committee, a report on the twitchells was drafted. This report was considered and amendments made.
RESOLVED: to accept the report and to send it to Cllr Harrison.
168. The Clerk reported that a metal gully across the pavement at Thomas Cooke Close is cracked and that the pavement at this section is in a poor condition. DCC has replied advising that it is for the property owner to repair the cracked gully.
169. DCC proposal for night time street lighting. The proposal from DCC was considered in depth. On the whole the proposal was accepted but the following observations will be raised with DCC.
Spinneyhill Estate – it was noted that all the lights are to be switched off during the early hours of the morning, but the Committee considered that at least one light is necessary to be left on for H&S and crime prevention.

The twitchell behind the school is being switched off completely. It was thought that the light should be on otherwise the school may be vulnerable to crime.

At the Packhorse Road junction it is proposed that all four lights remain. The Committee considered this to be excessive. Cllr Stockill commented that there are regulations about the lighting of roundabouts. The comment by Cllr Stockill was noted but the observation about the number of lights will be made to DCC.
170. Cllr Stockill reported that two rusty street nameplates; at the top of North Street and the bottom of Blanchcroft. These will be reported to SDDC. **(Action: Clerk).**
171. 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).**

Date of next meeting: to be advised at the Parish Council meeting on 6th May 2014.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Highways Committee - Cllr W Earp – Chairman

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TWITCHELL REPORT March 2014

Twitchell	Condition	Recommendation
High Street to Quick Close	No issues.	
High Street to Penn Lane	Covered by CCTV. Not particularly dark but suffers from dog fouling Is also an escape route for youths congregating at Lothian Gardens, Doctors Surgery, Assembly Rooms	None
Church Street to Potter Street	No known issues	
Penn Lane to Church Square	Very dark with brick walls on either side making it unnerving even in the day time	Additional lighting
Castle Lane to Station Road	Surface ius uneven	
Jubilee Close to Station Road	Becomes very overgrown during Spring and summer, in turn making it dark	Hedge needs cutting back
Station Road behind the School	This area is dark if the lights are not working. The surface is uneven and the path encroached by an overgrown hedge	No action, as other routes are preferred
Side of Cemetery to Packhorse Road	Unlit and dog fouling a problem	
Davidson Estate	Litter, graffiti are problems. Possible meeting place for youths	Litter bin required to be installed.
Derby Road to Chapel Street	Overhanging trees along with a bend in the twitchell makes the route very dark and unnerving	Lighting required on the bend. Trees to be kept cut back
George Street to Cockshut Lane	Lit but trees overhang one section, obscuring light and making this section appear very dark. There are no lights at all at the junction with Loake Court/Cockshut Lane with a potential trip hazard as there is a raised kerb here. There is a section of brick wall adjacent to the path which is leaning quite considerably. Dog fouling is a problem	Lighting at the end of the twitchell with Loake Court/Cockshut Lane. Trees to be kept cut back. Wall to be checked for safety.

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Carpark to Derby Road	Trees obscure lighting. The roots are being washed away and are pushing the wall out, making the area unsafe	Trees to be cut back and attended to. Wall to be made safe
Selina Street to Recreational Ground	Dog Fouling is an issue. The route is dark and this will be a particular problem once the new sporting centre is established and the route	Lighting to be considered along with requirements of the new sporting complex
Hardacre Close to Acacia Drive	Dog Fouling is an issue.	