

Appendix

72/18. Village Road Names.

Road Naming in Carsington

The Parish Council has been looking at the naming of roads and lanes in the villages as the result of an increasing number of incidents of the emergency services having problems in locating properties in response to emergency calls. Many people also experience delivery problems.

The Parish Council was asked to provide the best information possible regarding the names that are used by locals for the roads and lanes in the Parish, to facilitate a formal consultation process to be undertaken by DDDC.

The result of this process may be that the Post Office decides to allocate new post codes to some of the roads involved, particularly the newly named ones. This is separate from the road naming process being undertaken by DDDC. The Parish Council has no direct influence over the outcome of either process. We feel it is our responsibility to provide the best information to these organisations before they make their decisions and that this should be based on the opinions of the community.

The Parish Council have now held two public meetings on the 22nd November 2017 regarding the names of two lanes in Carsington. We invited residents on the respective lanes by hand delivered letter, and also included a return slip so as they could let us know their views directly if they could not, or chose not to attend. The outcome of the meetings has been communicated to DDDC and they are now proposing names for the lanes in line with the majority of votes received in each case.

In the meantime, there have been two other lanes named and allocated new postcodes without holding public meetings as each lane only has one property and so was consulted with directly. The lane commonly known in the village as The Dene, but officially known as 'no name lane', is now officially The Dene. The lane adjacent to Sheepwash carpark, leading to Shiningford Farm is now Shiningford Lane.

Questions Arising from the Public Meetings

Q. Why will DE4 4DE be allocated to Main Street, Carsington?

A. The existing postcode DE4 4DE is being allocated to the road with the most properties on it, thus minimising the number of properties affected by the proposed changes. There are 22 properties on Main Street and 9 on what is proposed to be School Lane.

Q. Could both Main Street and School Lane share the same post code?

A. No, as although there has been evolution in the past that has ended up with one post code covering a number of lanes. This is not something that would be intentionally created by the Post Office going forwards. Also, three of the properties proposed to be on School Lane already have a different postcode (DE4 4JN) so DDDC will suggest to the Post Office that DE4 4JN is adopted by the remaining 6 properties, thus minimising the number of properties affected. Ultimately it is the responsibility of the Post Office to decide the allocation of post codes.

Q. Would there be any implications regarding the ownership or implied ownership of the private drive that serves the school and two residential properties if the highway is subsequently named 'School Lane'?

A. Changing the name allocated to the highway does not imply or infer ownership of private lanes that lead to the highway either in the past or going forward. Each property takes its address from the access point onto the highway. Therefore all the properties that have access from the 90 degree corner would be registered as School Lane. The private drive and the circumstances surrounding it is not something that would change and the private driveway will not form part of the named highway.

Q. What happens when the post code is changed?

A. With regard to the actual change of a postcode.

- 1) Royal Mail hold the old and new postcodes together for a 12 month period. Whilst they update their clients immediately they can never be sure how quickly third parties update their data. If, for example, the DE4 4JN postcode is the one adopted for School Lane, then as that is already an existing postcode it should help speed up the changes. Initially there would be a period of trying out both old and new postcodes in third party databases to see if the new one was listed. Eventually there would come the time when the new one is more prevalent.
- 2) Land Registry will be notified of this change but they do request that the owner of the property notifies them too. This is in order for them to update the property deeds with the revised address details. This is free and the form can be downloaded from LR website. It is an AP1 form. This need not be done until a house is sold.
- 3) DDDC do notify BT, Centrica, Severn Trent Water and Western Power of the changes. From responses received it seems that the latter two do take more heed of the changes.
- 4) Emergency Services are also notified of the changes both by email and through data transfer. The address data is supplied electronically to them and is normally updated within a 12 week period.

Next Steps

DDDC have confirmed they will issue a 21 day notice proposing 'The Town' for the lane from Town End Cottage to Park View. This should be displayed in a prominent position near to or on the lane, much the same as a planning application would be.

DDDC have confirmed they will issue a 21 day notice proposing 'School Lane' for the lane from Green Acre Barn to the 90 degree corner adjacent to the boules area at the Miners Arms. As above, the notice should be displayed in a prominent position near to or on the lane.

Comments regarding either of the notices should be sent to the magistrate within the notice period.