

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

REPTON

19th July 2012

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Ford (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Shepherd and Smith.

F. McArdle (Chief Executive), M. Holford (Environmental Health Manager) and D. Townsend (Democratic Services Officer).

In attendance

Councillor Wheeler

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillors Ford and Murray.

In attendance

Councillor Mrs. Farrington and Lacey.

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

Mrs. H. Wheeler (M.P.), L. Nash, R. Hudson and S. Bell (Findern Parish Council), C. Gerram (Repton Parish Council), D. Smith and G. Tully (Newton Solney Parish Council) and P. Ricketts (Willington Parish Council).

Members of the Public

P. Burden, F. Hood, J. Orme, P. Pearson, D. Stamford, J. Stamford, S. Toon and L. Varty.

RA/1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

It was noted that Councillor Smith had been appointed Chairman of the Repton Area Forum at the Annual Council Meeting.

RA/2. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was agreed that Councillor Ford be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Repton Area Forum for the ensuing year.

RA/3 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillors Mrs. Hood, Chahal and Smith, N.Cumming and F. Hill.

RA/4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman requested that thanks be passed on to Officers from both South Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council who had attended the flooding incident at Burton Road, Findern following the recent bad weather.

RA/5. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Repton Area Forum held on 1st May 2012 were noted.

RA/6. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

The Chairman reviewed those items raised at the last Meeting and reported the progress made in each case.

RA/7. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

A resident wished to pass on his thanks to all those who had helped with the flooding on the A38, and requested that as much as possible be done to avoid this happening in the future.

A resident understood that someone had cut their leg on a fish tank which had been left at a recycling centre. It was asked if this was the landowner's responsibility. The Chief Executive responded that the liability was discharged within the licence between South Derbyshire District Council and the landowner, and would be dealt with by the Council on behalf of the landowner.

It was reported that there had recently been drainage problems on Bretby Lane, close to the boundary with East Staffordshire. This was a long standing problem that Severn Trent had been dealing with. However, the resident requested that there was further input from Derbyshire County Council. The Chairman reported that he was aware of this, and advised that a meeting would be taking place over the next few weeks.

It was reported that there was a bus shelter on the junction of Ashby Road/Staunton Lane which had been blown over by the wind. The debris had been removed, but the bus shelter was not replaced. It was asked if a new one could be installed.

It was agreed to consider this and request a response before the next meeting.

It had been announced in the NPower summer newsletter that there were to be public exhibitions during July. It was asked how residents could find out when these were happening.

Councillor Ford agreed to look into this matter and report back to the next Meeting.

It was asked where residents could get sandbags from in Willington, in case of further flood threat. The Chairman responded that the first point of call was the District Council. The Chief Executive added that the District Council had distributed over 1,000 sandbags in the recent bad weather.

It was reported that Grampian Way was a very fast road and a vehicle activated sign had been requested. However, Derbyshire County Council had responded that it did not fit the criteria. It was asked if it was possible for this area to have a mobile sign, and if a speed survey could also be carried out in this area.

It was agreed to pass this action to the Forum Liaison Officer for a response to a future Meeting.

It was reported that the white lines needed reinstating on Heather Close, Stenson Fields.

It was agreed to forward this action to the Forum Liaison Officer.

It was asked how a business could get a brown heritage sign erected.

Councillor Ford agreed to look into this matter and respond to the resident directly.

It was requested that thanks be passed to Derbyshire County Council for the recent work done on Hall Road and Oaks Road.

It was reported that knott weed was growing into the carriageway on Willington Road, Repton and needed cutting back.

It was agreed to pass this action to the Forum Liaison Officer.

RA/8. **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

Matt Holford (Environmental Health Manager) reported on a dog control order consultation which was taking place throughout the district. He reported that the District Council had powers under legislation relating to dogs and open spaces. Consultation had already been undertaken with parishes, and a report had been submitted to the District Council's Environmental and Development Services Committee, where it had been requested that wider consultation take place. Consultation would take place over the next two months, and outcomes would be reported back to the Committee, where members would make any further decisions.

The Chief Executive gave an update on South Derbyshire and reported that the District was growing by 15.8% per annum, which was in the top 20 in the country. He added that this had put many pressures on the District, including transport and infrastructure issues. Over the next few months there would be further consultation on housing for the future, and residents were encouraged to respond to this. It was necessary to balance all the needs of local communities and also bring in additional facilities and infrastructure.

A further discussion ensued on public transport, as a crucial requirement of any infrastructure that was to be put in place in the future. It was reported that currently the service was unsatisfactory. The Chief Executive responded that the District Council were the local planning authority and the transport issue could only be resolved by bus service and transport companies.

RA/9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Meeting would be confirmed in due course.

M. FORD

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.20 p.m.