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Safer South Derbyshire Partnership

DERBYSHIRE
County Council
Improving life for local people

**Safer Neighbourhood
Area 3 - North East
(6.15 pm - 7.15 pm)**

**Interval with light refreshments
7.15 - 7.30 pm**

and

**Melbourne Area Forum
(7.30 pm - 8.30 pm)**

***Thursday
29 October 2015***

***Melbourne Assembly Rooms
High Street
Melbourne
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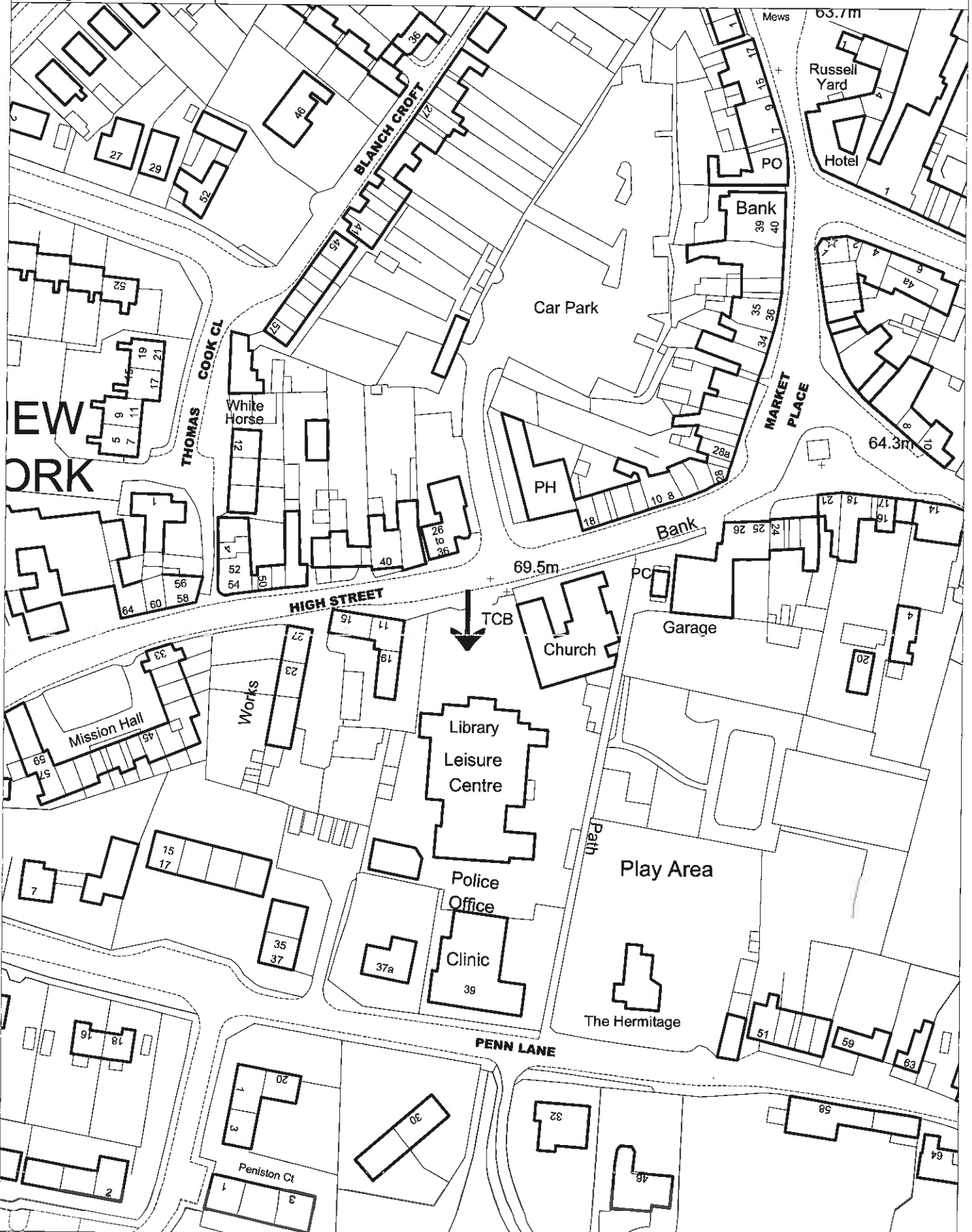
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COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS 2015/2016

Committee	Date
Etwall JMC	Monday 28.09.15
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 01.10.15
Planning	Tuesday 06.10.15
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 08.10.15
Finance & Management	Thursday 15.10.15
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 21.10.15
Planning	Tuesday 27.10.15
COUNCIL	Thursday 05.11.15
Planning	Tuesday 17.11.15
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 19.11.15
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 26.11.15
Finance & Management	Thursday 03.12.15
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 09.12.15
Planning	Tuesday 15.12.15
Audit Sub	Wednesday 16.12.15
Committee	Date
Environmental & Development Services (Special - Budget)	Thursday 07.01.16
Etwall JMC	Monday 11.01.16
Housing & Community Services (Special – Budget)	Tuesday 12.01.16
Finance & Management (Special – Budget)	Thursday 14.01.16
Planning	Tuesday 19.01.16
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 20.01.16
COUNCIL	Thursday 21.01.16
Finance & Management (Special - NNDR)	Monday 25.01.16
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 28.01.16
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 04.02.16
Planning	Tuesday 09.02.16
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 10.02.16
Audit Sub	Wednesday 17.02.16
Finance & Management	Thursday 18.02.16
COUNCIL	Monday 29.02.16
Planning	Tuesday 01.03.16
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 03.03.16
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 10.03.16
Finance & Management	Thursday 17.03.16
Planning	Tuesday 22.03.16
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 23.03.16
Audit Sub	Wednesday 30.03.16

COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS 2015/2016

COUNCIL	Thursday 07.04.16
Etwall JMC	Monday 11.04.16
Planning	Tuesday 12.04.16
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 14.04.16
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 21.04.16
Finance & Management	Thursday 28.04.16
ANNUAL COUNCIL	Thursday 19.05.16
CIVIC COUNCIL	Thursday 26.05.16



AGENDA

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP - AREA 3

Thursday 29 October at 6.15 pm
at Melbourne Assembly Rooms

(Light refreshments will be served between 7.15 and 7.30 pm)

1. Chair's introduction, Apologies
2. Minutes of last Meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions
3. Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview /Priorities Update
4. Partnership Update / Funding / New project ideas
5. Local issues – open forum (20 minutes)
6. Agreed Priorities
7. Date of next meeting

Meeting close (7.15 pm)

AREA 3 – MELBOURNE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Present	Date of Meeting	Venue
<p>Councillor Watson (Vice Chair); C Smith (SDDC Safer Communities Team); Councillor J. Hewlett, Sgt Summers; PCSO Guest; PC Centro.</p> <p>Councillor R. Davison (Derbyshire County Council) Councillor L. Chilton (Derbyshire County Council);</p> <p>Councillor N. Atkin; A. Record (Weston on Trent Parish Council); M. Sharp (Melbourne Parish Council); D. Smith (Melbourne Parish Council); L. Collison (Shardlow & Great Wilne Parish Council); A. Mitchell (Shardlow & Great Wilne Parish Council); C. Blackmore (Barrow on Trent Parish Council); J. Longley (Aston Parish Council); M. Selby (Aston Parish Council); T. Scott (Shardlow & Great Wilne Parish Council); N. Hawkesworth (Shardlow & Great Wilne Parish Council)</p> <p>D. Hewitt; J. Hewitt; S. Watson; F. Collis; J. Partridge; J. Crosby (Aston Neighbourhood Watch); S. Crosby (Aston Neighbourhood Watch)</p> <p>Also present: Sharon Dixon (Clerk)</p>	<p>Wednesday 22 July 2015</p>	<p>Shardlow Village Hall</p>

1	Chair's Introduction, Apologies	Action
	<p>Councillor Watson chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the panel.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillors Hicklin (Chair); Mrs Coyle</p>	
2	Minutes of last meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions	
	<p>Inaccuracies were highlighted within the minutes of the last meeting. The misspelling of Elvaston on two occasions contained with paragraph 4 on page 2.</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were then agreed as a true record. Proposed by Councillor Atkin Seconded by Councillor Hewlett</p>	

The previous minutes of 4 February 2015 referred to a request made by Councillor Watson. Councillor Watson asked if it was possible to use ANPR recognition cameras on Swarkestone Causeway and also who was the correct reporting authority when dealing with enforcing the weight limit on Swarkestone Bridge.

CS stated that the new ANPR Cameras which were mentioned at the previous meeting are for monitoring the travel patterns of criminals and are not intended for monitoring weight restrictions and would be deployed elsewhere to capture vehicles coming off the A50. The other query would be dealt with at the following Area Forum Meeting as Swarkestone Causeway Weight Restriction Enforcement Project was Item 7 on the agenda.

To be dealt with at the Area Forum meeting

3 Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview / Priorities Update

Sgt Summers introduced his team for Area 3 – PC Centro and PCSO Guest.

Sgt Summers gave an overview of the local crime statistics. He highlighted that criminal damage figures had increased but antisocial behaviour figures had gone down, detailed below:-

Crime Statistics for Area 3
Latest YTD – 1 April to 30 June 2015

	This year	Last year
Violent crime		
Assault	14	10
Robbery	0	0
Sexual offences	0	2
Theft related		
Dwelling burglary	5	2
Non dwell burglary	10	15
Theft of motor vehicle	1	3
Theft from motor vehicle	14	13
Shoplifting	4	2
All theft (incl. other)	64	57
Damage (incl. arson)	20	11
Drug offences	4	4
All crime (incl. misc.)	105	85
ASB	56	69

For a breakdown of crime statistics by area residents could look at the online figures given by www.Police.UK.

PCSO Guest gave an overview of the criminal damage statistics. She said that criminal damage had been a problem. She had received complaints that

	<p>catapult /pellet guns had been used to damage vehicle windows.</p> <p>These incidents had occurred in Silver Lane, Elvaston and areas in Aston on Trent and Shardlow. PC Guest also gave an overview of the anti-social behaviour statistics and reported that youths had been riding around and causing damage at Buttercup Leys new housing development.</p> <p>PCSO Guest reported that that had been some good news. A successful arrest had been made after being called to a break in at Chantry Farm Shop, Kings Newton and as a consequence the suspect had been recalled to prison.</p> <p>PC Centro gave an update on the priorities set at the last meeting which were Anti-social Behaviour and Speeding.</p> <p>PC Centro said that antisocial activity had taken place in pockets of the community. Areas highlighted were Elvaston and Buttercup Leys, Boulton Moor. Examples included a group of students causing issues at Elvaston Cricket Club and youths at the building site at Buttercup Leys.</p> <p>It was reported that speed checks had been carried out in Elvaston and Aston on Trent. Speeding tickets had been given out. PC Centro went on to say that speeding is a problem in the area but Police will continue to do their checks as and when they can.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Partnership update / funding / new project ideas</p>	
	<p>C Smith reported on a number of issues:-</p> <p>Two number plate security operations coming to the area detailed below:</p> <p>(1) 19 August at Hilton Brook Pub; (2) 25 August at Betty's Farm, Willington both from 3pm – 6pm.</p> <p>The District Council Sport and Health Team are about to commence with the Summer Play scheme. This takes place at parks and open spaces across the District over the school summer holidays. There are a range of sports and play facilities scheduled for young people, many of which are paid for by the Parish Councils. Those present at the meeting were urged to pick up a leaflet detailing the Summer play scheme.</p> <p>Your Lifestyle Your Safety Survey – SDDC had launched a survey aimed at the over 50's to try to find out what leisure and physical activities they took part in. To try and establish what older people would like to get involved in and also to gauge their opinions on community safety.</p> <p>Safer Homes Scheme – run by CVS. This is a service for those who are 60 years of age plus. The Scheme enables victims of crime, the elderly and the vulnerable to have a free safety check. Some referrals come from the Police for victims of burglaries and shed break-ins. Those who are 60 years of age plus can self-refer. The service offers the fitting of window alarms, door chains, spy holes, shed alarms, all completely free.</p>	

	<p>£4,000 of Safer Neighbourhoods funding is available for community groups/parish councils to apply for funding to help prevent and/or reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. For example organisations can submit applications to set up diversionary activities for young people. Since March 2015 two applications have been received.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aston on Trent War Memorial Hall New locks are required whereby the keys cannot be copied. The locks on the fire doors will have self-locking mechanisms. Break-ins are feared as it is not known who all the key holders are as copies have been made. £500 is requested. 2. Aston Cricket Club Security shutters are required to give added security to the building as a result of the electronic score board being stolen during a recent break in. £1350 is requested. Councillor Davison confirmed he would provide the match funding required from the County Leadership Fund. <p>The total monies requested were £1850 leaving £2150 for the remainder of the year. After Christmas any unspent monies would get opened up to the whole of the district to apply for. Chris Smith asked if the above projects could be approved. Councillor Watson asked for clarification on the amounts and the meeting approved both applications. Proposed – Councillor Davison Seconded – Councillor Atkin</p>	
5	<p>Local issues – open forum (20 minutes)</p> <p>An Aston on Trent resident raised an issue of burglaries and break ins that had been taking place in the village. Sgt Summers responded and said that the police were aware and work was being taken to catch those responsible. PC Centro said that the section had been tasked to patrol the area.</p> <p>Another resident asked if the culprits were from outside of the village. Sgt Summer answered that Aston on Trent and Weston on Trent were easy targets with easy escape routes and made it very difficult for the police to man the area and to catch the thieves.</p> <p>A representative from Weston on Trent Parish Council asked about an alternative system to traffic calming and asked Sgt Summers for advice. Sgt. Summers said it would be discussed at the next meeting. PC Centro asked if the Parish Council wanted to undertake a community speed watch.</p> <p>Questions were asked by residents about people who are canvassing for St. John Ambulance and if they were genuine. Residents of Melbourne said that St. John Ambulance volunteers were knocking on doors and asking for their credit card details. One resident was suspicious as he did not think that the volunteer was very well informed about the charity and took the car registration details. He then gave it to the Neighbourhood Watch organiser who reported it to the Police. PCSO Guest said that it was checked out it came back no trace as there was an error with one of the digits. Sgt</p>	PC Centro advised the resident to speak with her after the meeting

	<p>Summers said that charities employ lots of volunteers who are not very knowledgeable about the charities that they work for.</p> <p>PCSO Guest said that she had come across the St. John Ambulance fund raising in Melbourne and that she had checked them out and that everything seemed ok.</p> <p>PC Centro advised that Charities can be contacted and that if residents are concerned they could ring the charity and check to see what fundraising is going on in the area. She also advised that residents can ring 101 to report any suspicious activity.</p> <p>Councillor Watson urged residents to ring 101 and let the Police deal with it and stressed that it would then be reported properly.</p> <p>A resident said that she had rang 101 about a month ago. The Police came out quickly but she was concerned that she didn't really know what happened afterwards. Sgt Summers said that she should have been given an incident number so that any progress could be monitored.</p> <p>PC Centro advised not to answer the door and to obtain some stickers that could be attached to doors/windows to stop them from calling.</p> <p>Councillor Chilton informed the meeting that there was a project to install new speed cameras at Swarkestone Causeway. In the meantime she urged people to record the registration numbers of any speeding vehicles and report them to the police.</p> <p>A resident from Arleston, Barrow-upon-Trent Parish was concerned about the problems that occurred in Arleston Lane i.e. speeding, fly tipping, drug use and prostitution. Concerns had been raised with the Parish Council and a petition was raised. The resident realised that this was a matter for highways but asked if there was any way that perhaps, bollards could be positioned along the lane or maybe a speed restriction could be put in place. It was reported that CCTV signs had been positioned along the lane and incidents had reduced from last year. Residents have been pro-active and reported that they still get fly tipping and still see evidence of drug use. Councillor Davison suggested that a meeting take place and if it was found from that meeting that the residents had a case then he would put together a package and take it to the County Council, Highways.</p> <p>Councillor Watson asked if the bollards questions could be raised at the Area Forum meeting as it was a Highways matter.</p> <p>A resident from Barrow on Trent asked if there was anything that could be done about Whites tankers speeding. Apparently, Whites are used for carrying liquid manure for agricultural use. Councillor Watson urged the resident to ring the company and complain to them.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Agreed priorities</p> <p>Theft from sheds at Aston on Trent was put forward as a suggested priority.</p>	

	<p>Sgt. Summers said that he wouldn't make it a priority as the Police were already putting resources in place to combat it.</p> <p>Sgt Summers stated that anti-social behaviour was a priority for SNT to deal with day to day anyway, but should only be set as a priority if there is a specific issue that needs to be concentrated on.</p> <p>It was asked if noise from cars with ghetto blasters was classed as Antisocial behaviour. Sgt Summers stated that it was and could be dealt with by a S59 Warning.</p> <p>Councillor Watson said that there were no specific priorities.</p>	
7	Date of next meeting	
	<p>The meeting closed at 7.15 pm</p> <p>Next meeting date/venue to be advised</p>	

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Safer South Derbyshire Partnership www.south-derbys.gov.uk/ssdp
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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MELBOURNE

(Covering Aston-on-Trent, Barrow-on-Trent, Elvaston, Melbourne, Shardlow & Great Wilne, Stanton-by-Bridge, Swarkestone and Weston-on-Trent)

**Meeting to be held at the
Melbourne Assembly Rooms
High Street
Melbourne
Derby
DE73 8GF
on Thursday 29 October 2015
at 7.30 p.m.**

Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Harrison (Chairman), Watson (Vice Chairman), Atkin, Coyle, Hewlett

County Councillors: Councillors Mrs. Chilton and Davison.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. Chairman's Announcements.
4. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 July 2015 (copy attached).
5. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
6. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
7. County Council issues.
8. District Council issues.
9. Date of Next Meeting.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

MELBOURNE

22nd July 2015 at Shardlow Village Hall

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Harrison (Chairman) Councillor Watson (Vice Chairman);
Atkin, Hewlett

K Stackhouse (Director of Finance and Corporate Services);
Sharon Dixon (Clerk).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Mrs L. Chilton, Councillor Davison; N. Bennett; J. Brown,
P. Jameson (Liaison Officer)

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

L. Collison (Shardlow & Great Wilne Parish Council); A. Mitchell
(Shardlow & Great Wilne Parish Council); T. Scott (Shardlow & Great
Wilne Parish Council); N. Hawkesworth (Shardlow & Great Wilne
Parish Council); C. Blackmore (Barrow upon Trent Parish Council); A.
Record (Weston on Trent Parish Council) D. Smith (Melbourne Parish
Council); M. Sharp (Melbourne Parish Council)

Members of the Public

Three members of the public were present

MA/01 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Coyle.

MA/02 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

MA/03 **Chairman's Announcements**

The **South Derbyshire Sport, Recreation, Community Facility Strategy** – The Chair reported that a strategy for the future provision of built community facilities, including formal open space and play is currently being developed. The Strategy will aim to provide a plan for the provision of community infrastructure for the growing population, building on the significant progress made in recent years. He reported that Parish Councils and Community groups will be consulted and a workshop will be held in September to allow more in depth discussion with stakeholders.

The **Derbyshire Cycle Plan** – The Chair reported that the cycle plan is being drawn up by Sustrans and other bodies to raise participation of cycling in the County significantly over the next decade. The District Council will give briefing sessions to any interested parties. A South Derbyshire Action Plan will be developed from that briefing session and will feed into infrastructure development and cycle participation and events.

Information can be found on the Derbyshire Sport website.

The **Members and Parish Council Briefings** – the Chair reported that there will be a new series of briefing sessions planned for the coming year, commencing with Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy and Development on 16th September. The full programme of dates will be sent out to parish councils in July.

No questions were received relating to the Chair's announcements.

MA/04 **To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th February 2015**

The minutes of the Melbourne Area Forum held on 4th February 2015 were noted as a true and accurate record.

MA/05 **Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting**

The Chair reported on those items raised at the last meeting

1. **Swarkestone Causeway**

A question was asked at the last meeting of whether the fines on the Causeway were graduated and/or how they would be determined.

Fixed penalty fines were given as opposed to graduated one and were dealt with by the Magistrate's Court. Revenue would go back into the central government fund and not to the County Council or Police authority.

MA/06 **Introduction to the Chairman's Office**

The Chair told the meeting that there was an additional item on the agenda.

Councillor Atkin gave an introduction of the District Chairman's office. He brought to the attention of the meeting simple guidelines relating to how precedence works in the district.

He told the meeting that his theme for the civic year is "Unsung Heroes in the Community". He asked if people could take some time to consider if any voluntary group in the district could be acknowledged for their contribution to the community. This could also be on an individual basis.

Councillor Atkins wished the meeting to know that he welcomed any invitations to attend and support any local community events no matter how big or small. A policy is in place to pay towards the cost of tickets to attend events and functions unless otherwise stated. He also welcomes any contributions and support towards his two nominated charities; Rainbow Hospice for Young Adults and Children and SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors, Airman, Families Association).

Councillor Atkin can be contacted via Julie Titterton (Chairman's Office) Tel. 01283 595895 for by email chairsoffice@south-derbys.gov.uk Information can now also be found on the District Council's website.

No questions were received.

MA/07 **Public questions on issues raised by residents**

A resident was concerned about speeding and illegal activities that were taking place on Arleston Lane. She asked whether bollards could be positioned at the top of the lane to stop traffic coming out of Derby and thereby restrict access from the north (A50 junction). She was concerned that it was becoming dangerous for leisure users e.g. horse riders with near misses occurring. N. Bennett said that maybe an order could be imposed on Arleston Lane but he wasn't able to discuss this at the meeting.

N. Hawkesworth asked a question on behalf of the Shardlow Village Hall Management Team. She asked if they could have more than 2 grey/black bins as the excess rubbish is stacked in black bags and provides an attraction for vermin. Also when bags are torn it causes a nuisance by rubbish spreading to surrounding properties in windy weather. She also asked if there would be any extra cost incurred.

Councillor Watson said that he would get an answer for her before the Shardlow and Great Wilne Parish Council meeting the following week.

A question was asked when farmers of South Derbyshire would get a decent cattle market as currently it was too far to travel for a cattle market.

Derby market was due to close in May 2016 and a site off the A50 was suggested as a suitable alternative and thought this could provide the District Council with additional revenue.

The Chair asked if she would contact him after the meeting on this issue.

Councillor Atkins asked if 7.5 tonnes weight of a heavy vehicle was the total actual weight limit for Swarkestone Causeway. He was told that 7.5 tonnes was the maximum permitted weight of a vehicle when fully loaded.

He went on to ask about what happens to the information that the public supply when they record vehicle number plates. He was told that there was need for a legal process to be put in place so that owners of the vehicles in question can be written to. Also there was a necessity to look at exemptions and how they could be put in place relating to agricultural vehicles and agency drivers.

He also expressed concern about the causeway being too narrow to pass safely but was informed that there was no restriction on width only weight. It was advised that drivers should just be sensible. It was a concern that farmers which heavy, wide loads such as combine harvesters should exercise caution when crossing the causeway.

Councillor Watson asked when the enforcement arrangements were in place would it include vehicles from Eire and the EU. PC Brown said there would be certain access to vehicle information in Northern Ireland but it would be very difficult to enforce against foreign vehicles.

Councillor Watson pointed out that the signs on the causeway were incorrect and that the sign Except for Licensed Vehicles was ambiguous and unnecessary as farmers have exemption certificates. PC Brown said that exemption also applies when farmers are travelling from field to field.

Councillor Mrs Chilton reported that all weight restriction signage had been checked from M42/A42. She stated that it was important that all signage was correct as heavy vehicles were unable to turn around if they needed to change their route. Councillor Chilton went on to say that there was a document about weight limits on the Derbyshire County Council website that was very informative. It gave information about prosecutions and other various actions taken. She said that complaints from the general public were going down but offences had increased.

It was suggested that more signage was needed prior to reaching Swarkestone Causeway as there was sympathy for the drivers of heavy goods vehicles who realised they are in the wrong place and cannot turn around. It was suggested that appropriate signage should be placed at Woodville island. PC Brown was in agreement.

A resident of Weston on Trent asked if householders in the village could be supplied with a second brown refuse bin. Councillor Watson said that he would look into it and let her know.

MA/08 **County Council Issues**

Swarkestone Causeway Weight Restriction Enforcement Project

N. Bennett gave an overview of the Swarkestone Causeway Weight Restriction Enforcement Project.

The issue of traffic flows and weight enforcement on the bridge and causeway had been raised. It was questioned whether an automated system could be put in place to effectively monitor the weight of vehicles on the causeway. A lack of resources had so far limited this but a further possibility was being reviewed with the Police.

PC Brown said that the new system needed to be fit for purpose. It was necessary to look how offenders were prosecuted and to also look for any loopholes in the process. He said that the system was a good system with potential provided that everything fitted into place; how to capture offences, how to put resources in place and the need to make sure processes are legally sound.

MA/09 **District Council Issues**

K Stackhouse (Director of Finance and Corporate Services) reported on the following;

Programme of Training Sessions for Parish Councils by SDDC

A number of training sessions for Parish Councils had been developed by South Derbyshire District Council. A training session in Emergency Planning had recently taken place. The feedback given was that the session was good, having been well received by parish council members.

Combined Authority for Derby and Derbyshire

Ten councils in Derby and Derbyshire have made a submission to central government for the establishment of a combined authority for Derby and Derbyshire. The Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive have been asked to take leading roles in the process.

Budget Cuts for Local Authorities

It had recently been confirmed that there would be further cuts to local authority budgets. Funding could be reduced by a worrying 40/45% and that further details would be known about Christmas time. The Council needed to be careful in the meantime to try to lessen the effect on the finances later in the year.

Council Housing Stock

Central government had in recent years given greater flexibility to councils who still had their own housing stock. As a result of this, the Government was allowing councils to increase their own rents, possibly with gradual increases and monies invested back into housing. Unfortunately, the Government had recently announced that local councils should reduce rents, thereby giving SDDC less money to invest on housing stock.

Government Announcement

The Government had announced a new living wage. This would take effect from April 2016 and would be set at £7.20 per hour for employees 25 years and over. It was thought that SDDC did not have many employees that would be affected by this increase but would remain an extra cost to the council.

The Chair asked K. Stackhouse to explain how the budget would offset reductions elsewhere. He replied that many new houses and growth in business would help and that SDDC was fortunate to receive the New Homes Bonus. This is a grant paid by central government to local councils for increasing the number of homes and their use. It is calculated on council tax revenue. The revenue received would go back into service provision.

MA/10 **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Meeting is to be arranged in due course.

J. HARRISON
CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.30 pm

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MELBOURNE AREA FORUM

(Covering Aston-on-Trent, Barrow-on-Trent, Elvaston, Melbourne, Shardlow & Great Wilne, Stanton-by-Bridge, Swarkestone and Weston-on-Trent)

29 October 2015

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the Melbourne Area Forum held on 22 July 2015 at Shardlow Village Hall, an issue was raised as below, together with progress made to date:-

1. PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS :

A resident of Weston on Trent asked if householders in the village could be supplied with a second brown refuse bin.

Councillor Watson has confirmed a second brown bin can be provided upon request.