

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

NEWHALL

3rd November 2010

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council Representatives**

Councillor Mrs. Farrington (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Mead (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Bambrick and Wilkins.

F. McArdle (Chief Executive), D. Townsend (Democratic Services) and C. Lukaszewicz (Helpdesk).

**Derbyshire County Council Representatives**

Councillor Murray.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

**Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service**

S. Fairchild and K. Brooks.

**Census 2011**

H. Bralesford.

**Derbyshire Children's Centre**

L. Trussell

**Members of the Public**

P. Bambrick, Mr. T and Mrs. M. Biddle, J. Carter, H. Foy, P. Foy, G. Hall, R. Holden, R. House, R. Hughes, P. Lowery, K. Parker, J. Redfern, B. Woods and E. Tunnicliff.

NA/10. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Dunn, Richards and Mrs. Wheeler, M.P., and Mrs. Dunn, Mrs Myatt, Mr. & Mrs. Parrot, Mrs. Tagg and Sergeant Thompson (Derbyshire Constabulary).

NA/11. **DERBYSHIRE FIRE AND RESUCE SERVICE – SERVICE PLAN CONSULTATION**

S. Fairchild and K. Brooks explained the functions and activities of Derbyshire Fire Service. The Service Plan consultation was an opportunity for residents to submit any suggestions, remarks etc., to the Fire and Rescue Service.

The Officers talked about priorities of the organisation, major expenditure and financial information, and proposals for new ways of working in the future.

They added that any views or other suggestions would be most welcome and asked residents to complete the questionnaire and provide feedback. A link to their website was also provided – [www.derbyshire-fire-service.co.uk](http://www.derbyshire-fire-service.co.uk)

NA12. **CENSUS 2011**

Helen Bralesford from the Office of National Statistics advised that the next Census would take place on 27th March 2011. She gave background information on the Census, which was an account/estimate of the whole population, and had taken place every 10 years, since 1801.

She provided details of who used the Census information, and the ways in which they attempted to contact the whole population, including hard to reach groups. There was currently an address register being completed, which would be used for the delivery of questionnaires to every address in the United Kingdom. These would be delivered during March 2011, and residents would have ten days to return the form.

She confirmed that completing a Census form was straightforward. Assurance was also given that the Census information was totally confidential. It was used to produce statistics, kept confidential for 100 years, then was released into the public domain.

Help would be available for anyone unable to complete the form. However, she requested help from those members of the public who were able, to assist vulnerable people and hard to reach groups. She added that further information could be found on the website '2011.census.gov.uk'.

NA/13. **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.

With regard to the sign at the entrance to the golf course on Nadins Way, it was reported that this had still not been cleaned.

**The Chief Executive agreed to pursue this following the Meeting.**

It was reported that both the public right of way claim, and the separate issue of the sub-standard pavement, both adjacent to the former Horse and Jockey public house site, had still not reached a satisfactory conclusion. The Chief Executive added that these issues had been ongoing for a long time. It was important that Derbyshire County Council provided timescales for this work to be completed, at the next Meeting.

**The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to report back to the next Meeting.**

An update was provided on the security of land at Oversetts Road. It was reported that this site had been inspected and was secured with a locked vehicle barrier, but might benefit from a height restriction barrier. However, it was estimated that works to increase security would cost around £1,500 - £2,000. This would continue to be monitored.

The Forum Liaison Officer provided a further update on land at Plummer Road, Newhall and confirmed that the site was not considered too vulnerable at present. The County Council might consider installing bollards in the future, but there was no funding at present for this work.

The Forum Liaison Officer also advised that with regard to the sign at Ryder Close Industrial Estate, there was no funding at present to complete this work.

NA/14. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

The Chairman reported the receipt of a letter from a Newhall resident, requesting further information on parking adjacent to a junction. It was agreed to respond directly to the resident concerned.

Reference was made to a request that consideration be given to installing a vehicle-activated sign on the B5353 Park Road. The Forum Liaison Officer responded that this request had been logged with the Area's Traffic and Safety Team and that an officer would investigate/respond when resources allowed.

**It was agreed that the Forum Liaison Officer provide an update at the next Meeting.**

A question was raised with regard to the recent announcements on budget reviews in the public sector. The Chief Executive responded that the Council was considering cutting costs, however it was intended that no services would be affected. There would be further, more detailed information available after 7th December 2010.

It was asked what was happening with the derelict houses at the entrance to Oversetts Road. Councillor Mrs. Mead responded that she understood that all ownership issues had now been solved, and the properties would be demolished.

It was reported that there were problems with young people congregating at Meadow Way, Newhall. It was suggested that residents continue to report this to the Police, and should also raise this at the next Safer Neighbourhood Meeting. It was also reported that the grit bin in this area had not had any grit in it for a number of years, and was now full of rubbish.

**It was agreed that the Forum Liaison Officer look into the situation regarding the grit bins and report back to the next Meeting.**

A resident asked if the Council had ever considered changing the position of parking spaces to be 45° from the pavement, as he believed that more cars would be able to be parked. The Forum Liaison Officer responded that the County Council understood that there were many problems with parking due to narrow streets in the area. However, changes to current arrangements would only be considered if there were significant road safety issues.

It was reported that there were no cycle ways in Newhall, as they finished at Staphenhill and Albert Village. The Forum Liaison Officer confirmed that this had been raised at a previous Meeting, and he would provide an update at the next Meeting. The Chief Executive added that he might know of further

information with regard to the sustrans track and would also report back at a future Meeting.

**It was agreed that an update be provided at the next Meeting.**

The Chief Executive gave an update on the golf course at Nadin's Way in Swadlincote, and added that there might be some problems surrounding the site during the construction period. He was holding regular Meetings with the developer, and there were great plans for this site including a hotel and golf academy. He added that great improvements to the site would be seen by Spring 2013.

It was asked if Fairmeadows Primary School could be involved with the golf course. The Chief Executive responded that there could be benefits for the developers and the local community if links were pursued. It was also asked what the plans for the footpaths were in the locality of the golf course.

**The Chief Executive agreed to provide details on footpaths directly to the local residents concerned.**

It was also reported that the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust had recently resumed again locally, co-ordinated by Mr. and Mrs. Biddle.

NA/15. **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES – CHILDREN'S CENTRES**

Laura Trussell (Children's Centre Co-ordinator), gave an overview of the County's Children's Centres. She advised that these had developed from a Surestart programme in 1999, and Children's Centres worked with all families. Children's Centres were monitored in the same way as schools by receiving OFSTED inspections.

Further information was provided on local services, and the 7 centres within South Derbyshire and South Derbyshire Dales areas. Laura confirmed that her contact details for further information were 01283 224795 / 01283 762819 or by email on [laura.trussell@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:laura.trussell@derbyshire.gov.uk).

NA/16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday, 2nd February 2011 at William Allitt School.

MRS. G. FARRINGTON

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.40 p.m.