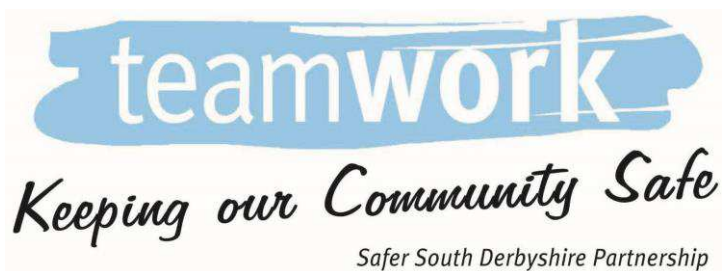




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**South  
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District Council



# Repton Area Forum

Wednesday,  
October 10<sup>th</sup>,  
2018,  
6.30pm

*Ticknall Village Hall  
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# TICKNALL VILLAGE HALL



## COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS 2018/19

<b>Committee (all meetings start at 6pm unless noted)</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>
Housing & Community Services	Thursday	04.10.18
Finance & Management	Thursday	11.10.18
Planning	Tuesday	16.10.18
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	17.10.18
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>01.11.18</b>
Planning	Tuesday	06.11.18
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday	15.11.18
Housing & Community Services	Thursday	22.11.18
Planning	Tuesday	27.11.18
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	28.11.18
Finance & Management	Thursday	29.11.18
Audit Sub-Committee (4pm)	Wednesday	12.12.18
Planning	Tuesday	18.12.18
Environmental & Development Services (Special - Budget)	Thursday	03.01.19
Housing & Community Services (Special – Budget)	Tuesday	08.01.19
Etwall JMC (5pm)	Wednesday	09.01.19
Finance & Management (Special – Budget)	Thursday	10.01.19
Planning	Tuesday	15.01.19
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	16.01.19
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>17.01.19</b>
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday	24.01.19
Housing & Community Services	Thursday	31.01.19
Planning	Tuesday	05.02.19
Audit Sub-Committee (4pm)	Wednesday	13.02.19
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	13.02.19
Finance & Management	Thursday	14.02.19
Planning	Tuesday	26.02.19
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>27.02.19</b>
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday	28.02.19
Housing & Community Services	Thursday	07.03.19
Finance & Management	Thursday	14.03.19
Planning	Tuesday	19.03.19
Audit Sub-Committee (4pm)	Wednesday	20.03.19
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	27.03.19
Etwall JMC (5pm)	Wednesday	10.04.19
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11.04.19</b>
Planning	Tuesday	16.04.19
Environmental & Development Services	Wednesday	17.04.19
Housing & Community Services	Tuesday	23.04.19
Finance & Management	Thursday	25.04.19
Planning	Tuesday	30.04.19
<b>ANNUAL COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>16.05.19</b>
<b>CIVIC COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23.05.19</b>

# SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM REPTON

(Covering Bretby, Calke, Findern, Foremark, Ingleby, Milton, Newton Solney, Repton, Smisby, Stenson Fields, Ticknall, Twyford & Stenson and Willington)

Meeting to be held at:  
Ticknall Village Hall  
Ingleby Lane  
Ticknall  
DE73 7JX  
on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
at 6.30pm.

### **Members:**

**District Councillors:** Councillors Peter Smith (Chair), Manjit Chahal, Martyn Ford, Andrew MacPherson, David Shepherd and Michael Stanton.

**County Councillors:** Councillors Neil Atkin, Martyn Ford and Mrs Linda Chilton.

## **BUSINESS**

1. (a) Introductions and apologies for absence  
(b) Chair's announcements  
(c) Declarations of interest  
(d) To receive the minutes of the last meeting
2. Safer Neighbourhood report (Police / Safer South Derbyshire Partnership) and Police Q&A
3. Communities update and Safer and Stronger Neighbourhood grants
4. Local authority issues and public questions
5. Open discussion / presentation on local community issue  
- Calke Abbey Loneliness Project
6. Summary of agreed priorities / actions
7. Close and date of next meeting

### **Future meeting dates**

Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

**SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM**

**REPTON**

**Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Repton Village Hall**

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council representatives**

Councillor Peter Smith (Chair), Councillor Martyn Ford, Councillor David Shepherd.

Frank McArdle (Chief Executive).  
Allison Thomas (Strategic Director – Service Delivery).  
Ian Hey (Community Partnership Officer).  
Tom Sloan (Clerk).

**Derbyshire County Council representatives**

Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton, Councillor Martyn Ford.

**Derbyshire Police representatives**

PC Joe Pilgrim, PCSO Harriet Dunn.

**Parish Council / Meeting representatives**

David Dickson (Repton Parish Council), Mary Goodall (Findern Parish Council), Amanda Hibbert (Findern Parish Council), James Hibbert (Findern Parish Council), Barbara McArdle (Repton Parish Council), Christina Oppenheimer (Ticknall Parish Council), Trevor Skeith (Repton Parish Council), Iwan Thomas (Repton Parish Council).

**Members of the public**

Tony Bates, John Bell, Frances Berry, Sue Bowers, Sue Carter, Carol Checketts, Andrew Churchill, Kerry Churchill, Phil Cowley, Ragnild Dahl-Cunningham, Brian Dobson, Kyran Farrell, Michael Groom, G Harvey, Pat Harvey, Carol Hickebottom, Kate Hickebottom, Ian Hudson, Mark Hunt (CVS), AJ Lomas, Jan Marshall, David Melen, Janet Melen, John Orme, Pat Pearson, Gwen Sanders, Grace Varty, Cliff Warner, Pam Wood (CVS), Carol Wynn (Findern Neighbourhood Watch).

RA/1 **Open meeting**

**a. Introductions and apologies**

Councillor Neil Atkin, Councillor Manjit Chahal, Charles Fellows, Fred Hill, Mrs Griffiths, Steve Hewitt, Richard Lisewski, Councillor Andy MacPherson, Phil Smith, Councillor Michael Stanton, Steve Toone.

**b. Declarations of interest**

None.

**c. Chair's announcements**

Councillor Peter Smith said he hoped the attendance showed a very positive response to combining two meetings into one. Frank McArdle added that he was pleased to see more people than there were seats at the table. He asked for feedback from those in attendance.

**d. To receive the minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes were moved as a true and correct record of the meeting by Councillor David Shepherd and seconded by Councillor Martyn Ford.

RA/2 **Safer Neighbourhood report**

PC Joe Pilgrim introduced himself to the meeting as the new Safer Neighbourhoods Officer for the Repton area. He was also covering Hilton and Melbourne. His background was in proactive and plain clothes policing.

PCSO Harriet Dunn reported that:

- Letters had been sent to the owners of vehicles spotted and suspected of being involved in anti-social behaviour at Hillside Park, Findern.
- The situation with parking at Foremark Reservoir seemed to be improving but single white lines were not enforceable. Dangerous parking was something police could tackle.
- Drink-drive arrests had been made in Arleston Lane, Stenson Fields, and Repton.
- Two drug-driving arrests had been made in Willington.
- A cannabis grow had been unearthed in Repton.
- A new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator had been appointed in Stenson Fields.
- A bike had been stolen in Stenson which was later recovered.



A resident reported several near-misses in Milton at the triangular junction between Main Street and Mount Pleasant Road. She blamed the fact that drivers were going the wrong way into what she believed to be a one-way junction.

A resident asked what Police had done regarding underage drinking at Hillside Park, Findern. PC Pilgrim replied that he had been to the park on two occasions but there were no children present on either occasion. PCSO Dunn added that she had visited and some youngsters had made good their escape before she could speak to them. Councillor Smith asked if such visits could be kept off social media to ensure they were a surprise. PCSO Dunn agreed that they could. Another resident said they had found a till receipt for alcohol associated with the underage drinkers and felt it could have helped catch them. PCSO Dunn replied that nothing could be done with the receipt as it was not specific evidence.

A Willington resident said they were impressed with the amount of officers at the recent raft race in the village. PC Pilgrim replied that it was every single officer from the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) with rest days cancelled.

A Findern resident said they had reported needles in the village park to the Police but had been told the clean-up was a SDDC responsibility. Councillor Smith confirmed that was correct.

A resident raised the issue of vans being broken into and felt that more needed making of it by Police. They understood that three vans in Willington had been targeted in one night. More information needed publishing by Police. PC Pilgrim replied that there were divisional level operations going on with van breaks. PCSO Dunn added that she could provide updates, ideally through Neighbourhood Watch.

Councillor David Shepherd reported suspicious activity on a pathway in Stenson Fields involving a suspected drug dealer. Details had been passed to Police. What action could Police take? PC Pilgrim replied that officers in Swadlincote would not attend such an incident unless they were in the area. It would be more likely that officers from Derby would get the call as Swadlincote was 25 minutes away.

Councillor Shepherd reported damage to a property caused by vandals. He asked for a Police presence in the area at around 7.30pm where the incident occurred. He also raised burglaries at two properties either side of a footway in Stenson Fields. Cars at the addresses had been vandalised as well. Could a CCTV camera be put at the location? PC Pilgrim replied that he would speak to the Inspector about installing a wildlife camera in the affected areas.

Councillor Shepherd also raised the following:

- Cars being broken into during the night.
- Speeding on Wragley Way / Grampian Way.
- Unlicensed riders of motorbikes.
- Mini-Motos being used on an open space at Fox Close.

PC Pilgrim said that bikes could be seized but a warning had to be issued first. The ticket went to the vehicle and not the rider – it was a frustrating situation for officers.

A resident said that as a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator they used to receive regular crime updates from the Police and Crime Commissioner. Now all they received were missives from Hardyal Dhindsa. PC Pilgrim replied that staffing levels on the SNT had diminished since such detailed updates were produced.

A resident said that parking in Brook End, Repton, was a major problem. They had been asked for photos by Derbyshire County Council (DCC) to show the problem. PC Pilgrim said he had limited powers of enforcement but Councillor Smith added that DCC enforcement officers had the powers.

A resident asked what confidence they could have that information in a 101 call was passed to officers at Swadlincote. PC Pilgrim replied that information was always filtered.

RA/3 **Communities update**

Ian Hey reported that:

- The Community Partnership Scheme, a new £250,000 fund for capital projects in South Derbyshire, had been launched. Projects seeking funding needed to show how they would impact on SDDC's Corporate Plan and Community Strategy. He was available to help with advice for projects and potential applications.
- Safer and Stronger Neighbourhood Grants were still available, with all six areas in South Derbyshire receiving £4,000 per year. Projects which had an impact on community safety were encouraged, but a broad view was taken on what was eligible. All the money allocated to the Repton area was still available and if it went unused would potentially be spent elsewhere in South Derbyshire.
- SDDC's Adult Activities Brochure, outlining leisure activities available to adults in the District, had been published.

Pam Wood (CVS) laid out the role taken by the CVS and explained:

- How the CVS could help with a range of issues facing the development of a community group.
- That the CVS could help a group to win grants from other organisations.

Mark Hunt (CVS) explained what the Safer Homes Scheme was and how it allowed the over-60s and vulnerable members of society free security upgrades to their properties.

RA/4 **Local authority issues & public questions**

Mr McArdle said that villages like Repton felt the strain with planning applications coming in and attempts were made to balance the situation. Section 106 money was spent to provide improved services.

Allison Thomas reported that she was 11 weeks into post as the new Strategic Director (Service Delivery) at SDDC. Services were improving and additional resources had been allocated for refuse and street care. New standards had been adopted for public spaces and communal areas while new vehicles had been bought and additional staff hired.

Mr McArdle raised a balancing pond at Kingfisher Lane, Willington, which had been reported at the previous meeting as a potential danger to children. Investigations were under way. He was also persuading the Government to bring in regulations to help districts like South Derbyshire stay safe as populations increased. Mrs Thomas added that she was working with DCC to develop policies to make such facilities safe in conjunction with developers.

A resident said they hoped DCC could widen the pavement on Willington Road (between Repton and Willington) to make walking along it safer.

A Findern resident raised grass cutting in the village and asked if it was possible to cut more often. Mrs Thomas replied that South Derbyshire District Council grass cutting standards set out the number of cuts within villages. Between villages, a project was under way with DCC to review how often cuts needed to be made. It was early days in the project.

A resident complained that signage in a lot of the villages was poor, with signs even missing from some locations.

**ACTION: Tom Sloan to report complaint to Derbyshire County Council**

A resident complained about potholes on Milton Road, near to a bend halfway between Repton and Milton. A previous repair had failed. The

whole village of Repton was a nightmare of potholes. Councillor Smith added that Councillor Ford had been involved in attempts to improve the quality of work from patching teams. Mrs Thomas said that DCC had invested £23m over the last three years to tackle potholes but with more than 5,000km of roads in the County it remained a challenge.

A resident complained that a response from DCC on signage for Repton School seemed to miss the point. Was the response from someone sat in an office looking at guidelines? Or had they gone out and looked at the situation?

**ACTION: Tom Sloan to ask Derbyshire County Council for a further response**

A resident reported trees overhanging the road at Mount Pleasant Road, Repton.

**ACTION: Tom Sloan to request Derbyshire County Council visit the area to review trees**

A resident asked if Section 106 money would be available to repair the Broomhills Lane pavilion. Mr McArdle replied that such monies were only for the expansion of community facilities, not for improving buildings in a poor state of repair.

Mr McArdle asked for it to be recorded that the recent boundary change at Stenson Fields (where land moved from the Parish of Barrow to that of Stenson Fields) meant an area of land had moved from Melbourne Area Forum to Repton Area Forum.

Councillor Shepherd complained that issues he had raised at the previous Repton Area Forum had not been answered by DCC. He asked for them to be resubmitted.

**ACTION: Tom Sloan to resubmit Councillor Shepherd's requests for information**

A resident asked what was happening with the Dales, Askew Grove, Repton. Mr McArdle replied that he would like the site to be developed. Tree Protection Orders were in place so the environment was safe.

A resident raised Japanese Knotweed in Willington Road, Repton. It was encroaching onto the highway. Councillor Smith said the problem had been reported and was being treated but it took several seasons to get the weed under control.

A resident asked if Repton Area Forum was empowered to make a statement critical of policing. Mr McArdle replied that it would have been

better to address frustrations during the Police section of the meeting, but the resident's criticism would be noted.

A Findern resident complained of Japanese Knotweed in Doles Lane, near to the 30mph sign.

**ACTION: Tom Sloan to report Japanese Knotweed to Derbyshire County Council**

RA/5 **Presentation on local community initiative**

Mr Hey introduced a presentation on the Neighbourhood Development Plan which was going to Full Council in June. If it was ratified, it would then go to a referendum. The Plan would give Repton an opportunity to shape development in the village – not stop it entirely. The Plan would in effect become an annexe to SDDC's Local Plan.

Iwan Thomas from Repton Parish Council explained the interesting and lengthy process which had been undertaken.

Mr Thomas also explained how Repton Village Hall itself was the subject of a planning application to bring the building down and start again from the ground up. More than £90,000 had been raised through local events and £83,000 from Repton Parish Council. There was a total of £340,000 raised with Section 106 monies added. The sum needed was £750,000 and 77% of the village supported an extra £20 precept to fund the hall.

RA/6 **Summary of any agreed priorities / actions**

- Tom Sloan to report complaint regarding poor signage to DCC.
- Tom Sloan to ask DCC for a further response on signage at Repton Primary School.
- Tom Sloan to request DCC visit Mount Pleasant Road, Repton, to review overhanging trees.
- Tom Sloan to resubmit Councillor Shepherd's requests for information to DCC
- Tom Sloan to report Japanese Knotweed in Doles Lane, Findern, to DCC.

RA/7 **Close and date of next meeting**

Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Councillor Peter Smith**  
CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 8.15pm.

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**REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

At the last Repton Area Forum held on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at Repton Village Hall, the following issues were raised and a progress report is provided.

**Derbyshire County Council issues:**

**1. Signage in the villages around Repton**

A resident complained that signage in a lot of the villages was poor, with signs even missing from some locations.

**ACTION: Tom Sloan to report complaint to Derbyshire County Council**

**Unfortunately, we are unable to provide a detailed response without having the specific location/s. We can, however, give you the following general information in regards to road traffic signage levels:**

**The Department for Transport has issued a directive for highway authorities to reduce the level of street clutter on the roads that they are responsible for. As a consequence, we are only able to consider introducing additional assets to the existing highway infrastructure where we can demonstrate that they are essential in terms of improving the road safety record. Additionally, to reduce maintenance costs we are having to justify each highway asset with a presumption that it should be removed unless there is a clear case for its retention.**

**We hope that the above information proves to be useful.**

Traffic and Safety Team  
**Derbyshire County Council**

**2. Signage at Repton Primary School**

A resident complained that a response from DCC on signage for Repton School seemed to miss the point. Was the response from

someone sat in an office looking at guidelines? Or had they gone out and looked at the situation?

**ACTION: Tom Sloan to ask Derbyshire County Council for a further response**

**No further response received from Derbyshire County Council.**

### **3. Overhanging trees at Mount Pleasant Road**

A resident reported trees overhanging the road at Mount Pleasant Road, Repton.

**ACTION: Tom Sloan to request Derbyshire County Council visit the area to review trees**

**Further to your report on August 8, 2018 regarding the above, the highway inspector has visited this location and no dangerous branches were found and the height clearance is enough to not raise concerns from a highway maintenance perspective. Please also note that we believe the trees in relation to this report are on a farmer's land so would, therefore, fall to the responsibility of the landowners to maintain.**

Highways Hub  
Derbyshire County Council

### **4. Councillor David Shepherd's issues**

Councillor David Shepherd complained that issues he had raised at the previous Repton Area Forum had not been answered by DCC. He asked for them to be resubmitted.

**ACTION: Tom Sloan to resubmit Councillor Shepherd's requests for information**

**Councillor Shepherd's requests were resubmitted to DCC and he met with Highway Maintenance Engineer Alan Tulloch on August 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss pot holes at the junction of Stenson Road and Wragley Way and a lack of road markings in Stenson Road.**

Tom Sloan  
Service Assistant  
South Derbyshire District Council

**We met at the junction of Wragley Way and Stenson Road and discussed the problems associated with the utility covers. Mr Tulloch said that the role of the Highways Department was not to repair the damage around the utility covers but to ensure that Severn Trent repaired it to a satisfactory level. He said that he had checked up and he thinks the Derbyshire County Council workers came either two or three times, each time to temporarily ensure health and safety issues were corrected. (You may recall that the resident raising the matter said that the repair was done six times.) The remaining visits when the unsatisfactory repairs were done were the work of the utility company. Each time the**



repair was made an inspector was sent from the council and a report compiled. This entailed the utility company being required to effect a permanent repair at no cost to the council. I have to say that this junction has been a problem to residents and me for some time. By the look of the latest repair, it is now better than it has been for years.

Councillor David Shepherd  
**South Derbyshire District Council**

#### **5. Japanese Knotweed in Findern**

A Findern resident complained of Japanese Knotweed in Doles Lane, near to the 30mph sign.

**ACTION: Tom Sloan to report Japanese Knotweed to Derbyshire County Council**

**No response yet received from Derbyshire County Council.**