

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

LINTON

15th March 2010

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council Representatives**

Councillors Grant and Timms.

M. Alflat (Director of Community Services), P. White (Democratic Services) and C. Lukaszewicz (Helpdesk).

**District Council and Derbyshire County Council Representative**

Councillor Jones (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)

**Derbyshire County Council Representative**

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer)

**Parish Council/Meeting Representatives**

S, Jackson and C. Wright (Castle Gresley Parish Council), W. Wadsworth (Coton-in-the-Elms Parish Council), G. Palmer and J. Powell (Linton Parish Council), A. Wing (Netherseal Parish Council), Dr. T. Elson, M. Horne and V. Taylor (Walton-on-Trent Parish Council).

**Member of the Public**

W. Taylor.

LA/28. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillor Wheeler (Chairman), County Councillor Lacey, Mark Todd, M.P., K. Bradford, J. Pallett, R. Palmer and Derbyshire Constabulary.

LA/29. **POLICE ISSUES**

In the absence of a police representative at the Meeting, the Chairman advised that Sergeant Andy King had provided his contact details, should anyone wish to raise any police issues with him directly.

LA/30. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman provided further information on Liberation Day, which would take place at the Bretby Conference Centre on 20th May 2010. The registration line would remain open until 6th April 2010. This year, priority was being given to people who had not attended before, which should help residents in rural areas to get the much sought after places. It was noted that

residents had to be aged sixty-five or over to attend. To request a place, residents should ring the registration line 01283 595795. Full details were available via the District Council's website.

LA/31. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Linton Area Forum held on 1st February 2010 were noted.

Further to paragraph 2 of Minute No. LA/23, it was confirmed that there was no flooding in the vicinity of Station Road, Walton-on-Trent.

Under paragraph 4 of Minute No. LA/23 in respect of health and safety issues of the blue recycling bags, a parish council representative had brought two blue bags to the Meeting, one with handles previously issued by East Staffordshire Borough Council and one without, in order to demonstrate residents' concerns in lifting the current bags without handles. The Director of Community Services acknowledged the difficulties and advised that it would be acceptable for residents to use additional carrier bags for paper recycling, in an attempt to alleviate this issue. He reminded the Meeting that he had acknowledged at the last Meeting that bags with handles were available. The larger capacity could cause lifting issues for residents and operatives. A parish council representative stated that he also struggled to lift the bag on display. The Director of Community Services also reiterated the possible joint refuse service being explored with East Staffordshire Borough Council, raised at the previous Meeting. It was envisaged that a report would be submitted to the District Council's Environmental and Development Services Committee in June 2010, requesting the undertaking of a feasibility study in respect of the proposals. Residents were concerned that the carrier bags provided by supermarkets were not strong enough to hold any volume of paper recycling. It was noted that all matters of recycling would be considered as part of the future proposals, including the possibility of providing separate bins for paper recycling.

Further to paragraph 3 of Minute No. LA/23, it was advised that the County Council had now undertaken a speed survey at Acresford Road, Overseal. The Parish Council would be notified of the results accordingly.

With regard to paragraph 1 of Minute No. LA/24, further discussion was undertaken regarding the County Council's refusal to install traffic calming measures at Hillside Road, Linton.

**The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to discuss this issue further with the Parish Council representative after the Meeting, in order to pinpoint the precise location in question, following which the appropriate County Council Officer would be advised.**

Further to paragraph 3 of Minute No. LA/24, the local Ward Member advised of correspondence raising concerns regarding the high volume of traffic travelling over the bridge at Walton-on-Trent, through the village into Barton-under-Needwood. The Forum Liaison Officer advised that a traffic survey had been undertaken for Station Lane and Main Street, Walton-on-Trent, the response to which was awaited from the Transport Study Section. Local residents were also concerned about the weight restriction over the Walton-

on-Trent Bridge being enforced more stringently. The Forum Liaison Officer advised that this was a matter for the Trading Standards Section and the Police to action. There was particular concern from local residents that this particular route was directed by satellite navigation systems.

**The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to discuss this issue further with appropriate County Council Officers, the local County Council Member and the Police.**

Further to Minute No. LA/26 (a), on the Director of Community Services' presentation on the District Council's Core Strategy, parish council representatives advised that they had found the document on the District Council's website to be quite complex and had had difficulties in responding to the questions asked. It was suggested that the questions needed to be simplified and it was also unclear that only a proportion needed to be completed. Some parish councils had submitted their own separate comments on the documents. The Director of Community Services thanked parish council representatives for their feedback, which would be taken into account in further stages of the consultation.

LA/32. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

A report had been circulated with the Agenda, which gave an update on the issues raised at the previous Meeting. Further discussion had already been undertaken on those matters, as shown above.

LA/33. **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUE – BIG CHOICES – WASTE COLLECTION**

The Forum Liaison Officer publicised a joint consultation by Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council on plans for waste management over the next twenty years. This consultation ended on 9th April 2010 and residents' views were sought to shape the formation of a draft plan, on which further consultation would take place. A copy of the report was available via the County Council's website or by phoning Call Derbyshire.

It was noted that the District Council would also consider this document. The Big Choices Consultation was not site specific at this stage, but residents were encouraged to make their views known, as ultimately, site provision would need to be considered.

Arising from this report, a local Ward Member queried the potential use of microchips or CCTV cameras in recycling bins in order to monitor usage. There was particular concern that some residents did not recycle at all. It was advised that the District Council had considered various methods of promoting recycling and had decided to concentrate on advising residents of particular items that could be recycled. The Director of Community Services advised that the current recycling collection rate in the District was 50% and it was hoped to achieve a target of 60% or more in the future. Reference was also made to the new EC regulations regarding battery recycling. The recycling of tetra packs at the local recycling centre was discussed.

LA/34. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Details of the dates and venues for future Area Forum Meetings would be circulated to residents in due course.

C. JONES

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 7.45 p.m.