

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

SWADLINCOTE

Thursday, November 12, 2015 at Church Gresley Methodist Church

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Gordon Rhind (Chair), Councillor Mrs Gill Farrington, Councillor Trevor Southerd, Councillor Neil Tilley, Councillor Mrs Sandra Wyatt.

Mike Haynes – Director of Housing and Environmental Services.
Tom Sloan – Clerk.

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton, Councillor Paul Dunn, Councillor Trevor Southerd.

Paul Jameson (Area Forum Liaison Officer).

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

Ken Dicken and Mick Lunn (Swadlincote Neighbourhood Watch), C Marsden and M Maher (Castleton Park Neighbourhood Watch) Don Redfern (Woodville Parish Council).

Members of the Public

Chris Allen, Doug Allen, M Barsby, E Byatt, Alan Clarke, J Connelley, J Grew, M Hankey, Mick Mulgrew, Antoine Omisore (Burton Mail), H Shepherd, R Thomas, Jon Whiten, Jayne Worthington.

SA/11 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Dennis Bateman, Councillor Mrs Kim Coe, Councillor Robert Coe, Colin Dobson, Ron Lane, Councillor Stuart Swann, Councillor Steve Taylor.

SA/12 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

SA/13 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

SA/14 **TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 30, 2015**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

SA/15 **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

Derbyshire County Council Issues

Promotion of Catch the Bus Week

Paul Jameson (AFLO) reported that, while the county council does as much as it can to promote the use of public transport, it was unaware of this particular initiative. The Communications Team is now aware of this and will look out for any future promotions.

Pedestrian Activity at St George's Primary School

The AFLO reported that children could not be supervised at the school before 8.40am and therefore the gates could not be opened to mitigate pedestrian activity on the pavement outside. He also reported that there is a proposal to make an entrance at the back of the school off Thorpes Down Road.

South Derbyshire District Council Issues

South Street

Mike Haynes (Director of Housing and Corporate Services) reported that SDDC had responded to the resident regarding planning issues and that no further action could be taken.

Anti-Social behaviour related to Oaklands Village

Mr Haynes reported that he had visited the scheme to review parking procedures and had not received any new complaints since then.

SA/16 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

A resident said he had been promised a map defining the boundaries of Area Forums but was yet to receive one. He is interested in the boundary of Area Four and Area Five.

ACTION: Mr Haynes to pursue the map issue for the resident

A member of the public asked when roads were adopted by Derbyshire County Council. The AFLO replied that there was no definitive answer to the question

as it depended on whether the builder brought the highway in question up to DCC standards. He also stated there is no legal duty upon the county council to adopt a road. Councillor Trevor Southerd added that County Highways inspectors have visited Castleton Park, most of which is unadopted. There is a lack of road lining and speed bumps and areas which need parking restrictions. Councillor Southerd stated he felt most of Brunel Way falls into the category of needing adoption.

ACTION: AFLO to report back at a future meeting over adoption of roads in Castleton Park

A member of the public asked Mr Haynes if there were any proposals for lighting in Pennine Way car park.

ACTION: Mr Haynes to pass query on to the relevant department at SDDC

A resident of Castleton Park asked who has responsibility for street lighting in the area. She stated that four lights in Edinburgh Road have been out for the past year and nothing has happened since a phone call to Derbyshire County Council. The AFLO said that if the road is unadopted then the responsibility falls upon the developer. The resident said she had contacted the developer, Barrett Homes, and they said it was not their responsibility. Councillor Paul Dunn seconded what Councillor Southerd had said and insisted the developer is responsible if the road is unadopted. Another resident asked if the issue related to the planning department. She was told by Councillor Gordon Rhind that conditions are attached with the planning permission. Councillor Southerd said that until adoption has taken place, lighting is still the responsibility of the developer, with the planning authority (SDDC) able to enforce this.

A member of the public said that a proposed development in North West Leicestershire on the border with South Derbyshire would see new residents using Derbyshire facilities. However, she said that all Section 106 monies would go to Leicestershire if the development was approved on appeal. Councillor Dunn said that was not the case and should the development go ahead, Derbyshire would be able to claim its share of cash to improve facilities.

A resident asked if flooding issues in Occupation Lane, Woodville, had been resolved. Councillor Dunn said an inspection was being conducted into where the water is coming from. A drain on the Derbyshire side of the border had been cleaned but it was yet to be cleaned in Leicestershire. A new pipe had been found at the site and an inspection on November 23 was going to see if the pipe could be used to clear the water away.

A member of the public thanked SDDC for their input into the Remembrance Day parade.

A resident reported noise pollution coming from the recycling plant in Woodville, saying noise was continuing until 8pm.

ACTION: Mr Haynes to mention situation to Noise Management Team

A member of the public asked if 30mph stickers could be made available for residents to place on their wheelie bins. The AFLO confirmed such stickers were not legal.

A resident asked if there was to be a school built in Castleton Park. Councillor Rhind said land had been set aside for a school but according to Derbyshire County Council formulae a new school wasn't warranted. The land set aside was then sold back to the developer for housing.

SA/17 COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES

The AFLO raised one issue, which is the online consultation for the 2016/17 budget being carried out by Derbyshire County Council. He told the meeting that savings need to be made by 2018, and DCC needs to identify £40 million of savings from next year's budget. The online consultation was an opportunity for the public to give their thoughts on how the savings should be achieved. He said it gives a picture of the challenge being faced by the council and other public bodies. The consultation closes on December 4.

SA/18 DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES

Senior Neighbourhood Warden Dennis Bateman to give an update on dog fouling, fly tipping and other issues at the next meeting.

SA/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, February 2, 2016.

**Councillor Gordon Rhind
Chair**

The meeting terminated at 8.30pm.