

# South Derbyshire Area Forum



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South  
Derbyshire  
District Council

# Newhall

Wednesday  
2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011

William Allitt School  
Sunnyside  
Newhall  
DE11 0TL

7pm

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## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

Unless stated otherwise, all meetings will be held at the Council's Civic Offices and will start at 6.00 p.m.

Repton Area Forum, Woodville Surestart Centre Blacksmiths Lane, Woodville, Swadlincote. DE11 7EF at 7.00 p.m.	Tuesday, 25th January 2011
Linton Area Forum, Coton in the Elms Community Centre at 7.00 p.m. DE12 8HD	Wednesday, 26th January 2011
Etwall Area Forum, Findern Methodist Chapel, Lower Green, Findern. DE65 6AD at 7.00 p.m.	Monday, 31st January 2011
Swadlincote Area Forum, Sharpe's Pottery, West Street, Swadlincote DE11 9DG at 7.00 p.m.	Tuesday, 1st February 2011
Newhall Area Forum, William Allitt School Newhall, Swadlincote DE11 0TL at 7.00 p.m.	Wednesday, 2nd February 2011
Housing & Community Services	Thursday, 3rd February 2011
Melbourne Area Forum, Weston-on-Trent Village Hall Main Street, Weston-on-Trent. DE72 2BL at 7.00 p.m.	Monday, 7th February 2011
Planning	Tuesday, 8th February 2011
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday, 9th February 2011
Finance & Management	Tuesday, 15th February 2011
Audit Sub at 4.00 p.m.	Wednesday, 23rd February 2011
COUNCIL	Monday, 28th February 2011
Planning	Tuesday, 1st March 2011
Safer Neighbourhood Meeting Area 1: North West at Church Broughton Primary School at 6.30 p.m.	Wednesday, 2nd March 2011
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday, 3rd March 2011
Safer Neighbourhood Meeting Area 6: South at Netherseal Village Hall at 6.30 p.m.	Monday, 7th March 2011
Safer Neighbourhood Meeting Area 3: North East at Shardlow Village Hall at 7.00 p.m.	Wednesday, 9th March 2011
Housing & Community Services	Thursday, 10th March 2011
Safer Neighbourhood Meeting Area 2: Mercia at Repton Village Hall at 6.30 p.m.	Monday, 14th March 2011
Safer Neighbourhood Meeting Area 4: Central at Goseley Community Centre at 6.30 p.m.	Tuesday, 15th March 2011
Safer Neighbourhood Meeting Area 5: Newhall and Midway at The Old Post Centre, Newhall at 6.30 p.m.	Wednesday, 16th March 2011
Finance & Management	Thursday, 17th March 2011
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday, 23rd March 2011
Planning	Tuesday, 29th March 2011
Audit Sub at 4.00 p.m.	Wednesday, 6th April 2011
Standards	Tuesday, 12th April 2011

# SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM NEWHALL**

(Covering Midway, Newhall and Stanton)

**Meeting to be held at;  
The William Allitt School,  
Sunnyside, Newhall,  
DE11 0TL**

**on Wednesday, 2nd February 2011  
at 7.00 p.m.**

(Light Refreshments will be available at 6.30 p.m.)

### Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Mrs. Farrington (Chairman) and Councillors Bambrick, Dunn, Mrs. Mead (Vice-Chairman), Richards and Wilkins.

County Councillors: Councillors Lacey and Murray.

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## **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. Police issues.
4. Chairman's Announcements.
5. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd November 2010 (copy attached).
6. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
7. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
8. County Council issues.
9. District Council issues.
  - 2011/12 Budget
10. Date of Next Meeting.



SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

NEWHALL

3rd November 2010

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council Representatives**

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

**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 provides 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 Stapenhill 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.

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

At the last meeting held on 3rd November 2010 at The Old Post Centre, the following issues were raised. These issues are listed below, together with progress made:-

**1. PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY CLAIM - THE FORMER HORSE AND JOCKEY PUBLIC HOUSE SITE**

Any available updates will be provided at the meeting.

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**2. SUB-STANDARD FOOTPATH – OLD MARKET PLACE DEVELOPMENT**

Any available updates will be provided at the meeting.

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**3. VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN – B5353 PARK ROAD NEWHALL**

Derbyshire County Council have had complaints in the past regarding road safety on Park Road, Newhall. In 2008, a speed survey was carried out below the bend adjacent to The Garden King. The results revealed a mean speed of 34mph northbound and 35mph southbound. The results did not justify the introduction of any form of traffic calming.

A review of road safety in the vicinity of the bend reveals that there has been one personal injury accident recorded here in the past 3 years. The accident, recorded in May 2010, involved a single vehicle loss of control whilst travelling south through the bend. Following this, Park Road was surface dressed using high skid resistance chippings.

There are no further proposals on Park Road. It is anticipated that the new surface will

resolve any future issues involving skidding. The route is being monitored closely.

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#### **4. SIGN AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE NEW GOLF COURSE**

An update will be provided at the meeting.

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#### **4. GRIT BIN – MEADOW WAY, NEWHALL**

The bin in question (outside no 7) was filled on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2010 and 4<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

It was also checked on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010 and it was confirmed as being 1/4 full and no litter was found in the bin at all.

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#### **5. CYCLE PATHS - NEWHALL**

A similar query was raised at the Newhall Area Forum on 30 June 2009. At that time, the response was as follows:

*“DCC’s Greenways Officer has confirmed that they are aware of this former railway line and, in fact, it is identified in the South Derbyshire Greenway Strategy as a suitable route for Greenway development. It is also identified as a proposed cycle path in the National Forest Cycle Strategy and the South Derbyshire District Cycle Strategy. Furthermore, it is also intended to form a section of a traffic free Greenway between Swadlincote and Melbourne in the Derbyshire Strategic Cycle Network.*

*The Greenways Officer attended a meeting a few years ago - relating to this project between DCC, SDDC and Sustrans – but, unfortunately, other priorities have emerged around the county. The proposed Newhall Greenway would link to the National Cycle Network Route 63 (between Swadlincote and Burton) and it is essential that we secure this route first.*

*In summary it is hoped that when resources allow, this project will be progressed.”*

A further enquiry with the Greenways Officer has confirmed that the situation remains unchanged from the above. Other resource commitments and obligations prevent us from

working on this at the moment. The development of the Greenway across the adjoining site at the Nadins/Tetron former open cast site, connecting Swadlincote to Park Road, has been a priority for many years. Once routes are formed here it will add weight to the possibility of extending to the Newhall route.

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