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**Safer Neighbourhood
Area 3 - North East
(6.15pm - 7.15pm)**

**Interval with light refreshments
7.15pm - 7.30pm**

and

**Melbourne Area Forum
(7.30pm - 8.30pm)**

***Tuesday, January 26,
2016***

***Stanton by Bridge Village Hall
Ingleby Road,
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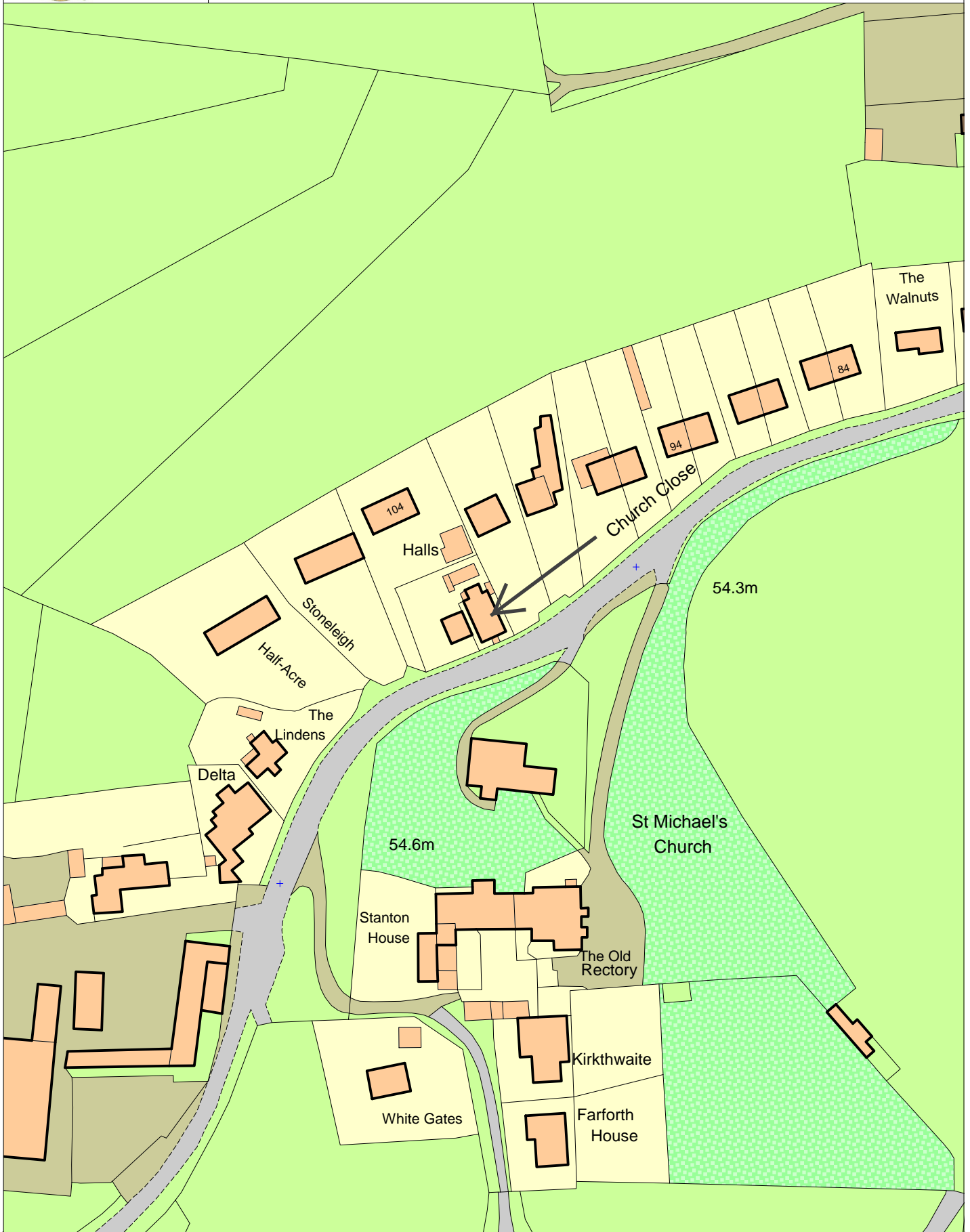
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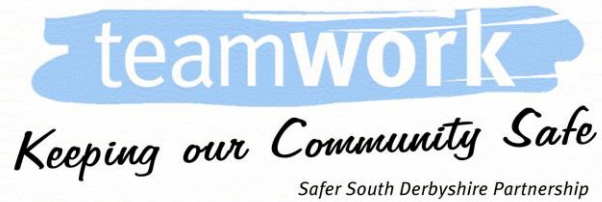
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Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 28.01.16
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 04.02.16
Planning	Tuesday 09.02.16
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 10.02.16
Audit Sub	Wednesday 17.02.16
Finance & Management	Thursday 18.02.16
COUNCIL	Monday 29.02.16
Planning	Tuesday 01.03.16
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Planning	Tuesday 12.04.16
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Housing & Community Services	Thursday 21.04.16
Finance & Management	Thursday 28.04.16
ANNUAL COUNCIL	Thursday 19.05.16
CIVIC COUNCIL	Thursday 26.05.16



AGENDA

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP - AREA 3

Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 6.15pm
at Stanton by Bridge Village Hall

(Light refreshments will be served between 7.15 and 7.30pm)

1. Chair's introduction. Apologies.
2. Election of Vice Chair.
3. Minutes of last meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions.
4. Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's overview / priorities update.
5. Partnership update / funding / new project ideas.
6. Local issues – open forum (20 minutes).
7. Agreed priorities.
8. Date of next meeting.

Meeting close (7.15pm)

AREA 3 – MELBOURNE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Present	Date of Meeting	Venue
<p>Councillor Peter Watson (Chair), Chris Smith (SDDC Communities Manager), Sgt Graham Summers, PC Gemma Thursfield.</p> <p>Councillor Neil Atkin (SDDC), Stuart Batchelor (SDDC Director of Community and Planning), Rachel Cheshire (Barrow on Trent Parish Council), Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton (Derbyshire County Council), Councillor Mrs Hilary Coyle (SDDC), Councillor Rob Davison (Derbyshire County Council), Wendy Earp (Melbourne Parish Council), Barrie Evans (Aston on Trent Neighbourhood Watch), Ed Green (Weston Parish Council), Councillor John Harrison (SDDC), Alison Hicklin (Barrow Parish Council), Edward Hicklin (Aston on Trent Parish Council), Jean Longley (Aston on Trent Parish Council), Mike Selby (Aston on Trent Parish Council), Margaret Sharp (Melbourne Parish Council), David Smith (Melbourne Parish Council), Councillor Peter Watson (SDDC).</p> <p>Also present: Tom Sloan (clerk), Lucy Stephens (Village Voice).</p>	<p>Thursday, October 29, 2015</p>	<p>Melbourne Assembly Rooms</p>

1	Chair's Introduction, Apologies	Action
	<p>Councillor Peter Watson welcomed those present and introduced the panel. He explained he has now taken over as chair of the area forum for the next 12 months. The meeting will need to appoint a vice-chair to take over in a year's time and was notified that nomination forms were available and should be returned to the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership. The new vice chair will be announced at the next meeting.</p>	
2	Minutes of last meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions	
	<p>Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton agreed the minutes of the meeting held on July 22. Councillor Rob Davison seconded them.</p>	
3	Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview / Priorities Update	
	<p>Sgt Graham Summers explained how at the time of the previous meeting in July, Area 3 was in the midst of an epidemic of non-dwelling burglaries in Weston and Aston on Trent. These crimes, he explained, have now ceased after a message was disseminated to those coming to the area to commit</p>	

the crimes that they would not be tolerated. Sgt Summers says the police have a good idea of who the perpetrators were, but no evidence to prosecute. Regular patrols of the area, he says, discouraged them and they moved on.

Crime Statistics for Area 3

Latest year to date – April 1 to September 30, 2015

	This year	Last year
Violent crime		
Assault	27	21
Robbery	3	1
Sexual offences	2	5
Theft related		
Dwelling burglary	10	9
Non dwell burglary	33	15
Theft of motor vehicle	5	9
Theft from motor vehicle	27	23
Shoplifting	9	5
All theft (incl. other)	128	142
Damage (incl. arson)	28	22
Drug offences	10	6
All crime (incl. misc.)	205	198
ASB	116	153

For a breakdown of crime statistics by area, residents could look at the online figures given by www.police.uk.

Sgt Summers reported very little change in the crime rate. The only significant change was the drop in the number of calls to police reporting anti-social behaviour. Sgt Summers told the meeting PCSO Emma Guest is regularly on patrol. PCSO Kerry Waite, whose has come over from Area One to Area Two, has found the patch relatively quiet. PC Jess McCafferty was looking after the area while PC Vicky Centro was unable to carry out her duties because of injury.

Councillor John Harrison asked Sgt Summers for further information regarding the three robberies and arsons in the village. Sgt Summers did not have details regarding specific incidents of robbery but told the meeting there had been no “significant violent robberies” in the area and compared it to Pear Tree, in Derby where there were “astronomical” levels of street crime compared to Melbourne.

Sgt Summers told the meeting that PC Centro had moved into looking after the victims of domestic violence and is now recovering from the injuries she sustained on frontline police duty, although she is still not 100%. Before she was hurt, Sgt Summers recorded that PC Centro had been a very good officer for the Melbourne area and had “put a lot of effort into making

people's lives better" in the village. PC Centro has been replaced by PC Gemma Thursfield, a qualified sergeant with 12 years' experience in the force, all in Derby South section. Sgt Summers told the meeting PC Thursfield is a good choice to replace PC Centro.

Sgt Summers reported that PC Thursfield is unable to operate speed detection devices but was soon due to receive training.

Melbourne Wakes was successful from a police point of view, according to Sgt Summers. A sizeable quantity of alcohol was seized from underage drinkers and was disposed of, with parents notified. Several youngsters were taken home and an arrest was made for cannabis possession.

PCSO Guest has dealt with two vehicles acting in an anti-social fashion in Melbourne, with both drivers given Section 59 warnings. She has also given several talks to children at schools including Aston on Trent Primary School and Puddle-Ducks Nursery.

Sgt Summers reported that one individual in Ambaston has been dealt with for dog fouling by SDDC Senior Neighbourhood Warden Dennis Bateman.

Three HGVs were stopped coming over Swarkestone Bridge and details were passed onto Trading Standards.

Melbourne CCTV is currently helping to investigate the theft of a high-value bicycle from Harpur's pub, with images hopefully able to secure a prosecution.

Councillor Mrs Chilton told the meeting schools need to take responsibility for the traffic problems being caused by the school run, especially drivers going up pavements dropping children off. The problems at Melbourne Infant and Junior School, in Packhorse Road, peaked in June, shortly before the summer holidays. Resurfacing of roads made the situation even worse and the amount of housing being built in Melbourne was going to exacerbate the situation.

Sgt Summers added that parking at all schools is "horrendous" and that the police know that parents park on pavements and quite close to junctions, and that the situation is unlikely to change.

Councillor Mrs Chilton asked how awareness of the situation could be raised. Sgt Summers said police staff levels meant a solution was unlikely. Councillor Mrs Chilton added that a tractor was seen driving "all over the road" in Cockshut Lane at 12:12 on October 20, with the young driver using his mobile phone. Sgt Summers said a prosecution was impossible and that police have not got the resources to clamp down on mobile usage in cars.

Mrs Hicklin stated that a driver on the school run in Barrow mounted a kerb and touched a resident tending their garden. Sgt Summers stated that parking on a pavement itself isn't illegal, yet driving along one is. Councillor Watson suggested speaking to children in school instead of parents in an effort to encourage greater thoughtfulness among drivers parking on pavements.

4	Partnership update / funding / new project ideas	
	<p>Chris Smith confirmed that prior to the meeting, two projects in Area Three had received partnership funding in 2015-16. A third application has been received to update the existing CCTV system in Melbourne. A request for £514 is being processed for a new camera in the centre of the village to provide improved picture quality. The application was proposed by Mr Hicklin and seconded by Councillor Davison. Mr Smith confirmed that there was still £1,636 left in the budget for Area 3.</p> <p>Mr Smith informed the meeting of the arrival of Shaun Woodcock as interim Anti-Social Behaviour Officer for South Derbyshire. Mr Woodcock, a recently retired police inspector, brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience and is contactable on 01283 595798.</p> <p>Mr Smith reported an increase in cold calling and told the meeting that “No Cold Calling Zones” can be set up using signs stickers asking sellers not to call at the door.</p> <p>Mr Smith also told the meeting that the partnership has recently ordered purse dipping bells and trick or treat posters.</p>	
5	<p>Local issues – open forum (20 minutes)</p> <p>Harry Evans, chairman of Aston Neighbourhood Watch, reported that the Derbyshire Police Alert System is going to end this year. He told the meeting that his group regularly uses the email system to stay abreast of crime in the area and he had written to Alan Charles, Derbyshire Crime Commissioner, but had not received any assurances over the system’s future. A response from the chief constable is awaited. Sgt Summers agreed it was a good tool to have and read the updates himself. However, he said, the alerts did not protect people from crime and austerity measures meant that fewer support staff made such schemes difficult to maintain.</p> <p>Sgt Summers pointed to social media as a means of keeping abreast of criminal developments and stated that police will increasingly use it in real time to be proactive and responsive to incidents. A member of the public argued that official emails from Derbyshire Police had a more authentic ring to them. Sgt Summers responded that PCSOs were getting adept at tweeting. Edward Hicklin, from Aston Parish Council, added that he feels Twitter is full of “rammel”.</p> <p>Ed Green, from Weston Parish Council, reported that 30mph stickers had been put up around the village to see if it reduces speeding. He also told the meeting of increasing numbers of HGVs coming in from Swadlincote and being unable to get under the bridge due to outdated satellite navigation systems. Traffic at the junction with Swarkestone Road, he reported, could be getting progressively worse. Councillor Watson reported three serious accidents in the last four years. Sgt Summers agreed that the stretch of road is hazardous.</p> <p>Mr Hicklin reported difficulty with the police 101 non-emergency number,</p>	

	<p>saying it rings out without being answered. He had tried to report youths setting fire to a hedge and field. He tried to ring 999 but got a short response so gave up. Sgt Summers cited cuts reducing the number of officers and staff able to pick up 101 calls and apologised for Mr Hicklin's difficulties. Mr Smith added that he had recently rung Staffordshire Police, who had an answerphone on their 101 number and rang back very quickly. PC Thursfield said the 101 system had changed in order to keep officers on the street but that had caused a negative effect on waiting times for 101 calls. She added that an attempt was being made not to send officers to incidents where they weren't needed.</p> <p>Councillor Mrs Hilary Coyle asked what to do about cars driving on footpaths. Sgt Summers said it should be reported.</p> <p>Mr Smith confirmed that hardware for Aston on Trent Post Office's CCTV has been ordered and was due for delivery at some point soon.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Agreed priorities</p> <p>No priorities were agreed.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>Date of next meeting</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 7.10pm.</p> <p>Next meeting date/venue to be advised.</p>	

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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MELBOURNE

(Covering Aston-on-Trent, Barrow-on-Trent, Elvaston, Melbourne, Shardlow & Great Wilne, Stanton by Bridge, Swarkestone and Weston-on-Trent)

**Meeting to be held at:
Stanton by Bridge Village Hall
Ingleby Road
Stanton by Bridge
Derby
DE73 7GJ
on Tuesday, January 26, 2016
at 7.30pm.**

Members:

District Councillors: Councillor John Harrison (Chair), Neil Atkin, Mrs Hilary Coyle, Jim Hewlett, Peter Watson.

County Councillors: Councillors Mrs Linda Chilton and Rob Davison.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of interest.
3. Chairman's announcements.
4. To note the minutes of the meeting held on October 13, 2015 (copy attached).
5. Report back on issues raised at the last meeting.
6. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
7. County Council issues.
8. District Council issues.
9. Date of next meeting (TBA).

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

MELBOURNE

October 29, 2015 at Melbourne Assembly Rooms

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor John Harrison (Chair), Councillor Neil Atkin, Councillor Mrs Hilary Coyle, Councillor Peter Watson.

Stuart Batchelor (Director of Community and Planning), Tom Sloan (Clerk).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton, Councillor Rob Davison, Paul Jameson (Area Forum Liaison Officer).

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

Rachel Cheshire (Barrow on Trent Parish Council), Wendy Earp (Melbourne Parish Council), Ed Green (Weston on Trent Parish Council), Margaret Sharp (Melbourne Parish Council).

Members of the Public

Dave Calvert (Melbourne Civic Society), Lucy Stephens (Village Voice).

MA/11 **Apologies for absence**

Councillor Jim Hewlett.

MA/12 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

MA/13 **Chairman's Announcements**

None.

MA/14 **To note the minutes of the meeting held on July 22, 2015**

The minutes were proposed as a true and accurate record by Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton and were seconded by Councillor Rob Davison.

MA/15 **Report back on issues raised at the last meeting**

Councillor Peter Watson reported that a second brown bin can be given to residents after a request from a householder in Weston on Trent. Councillor Watson stated that an extra brown bin can be awarded, but an extra black bin cannot. Councillor John Harrison added that extra brown bins could be justified on the basis of them encouraging recycling.

MA/16 **Public questions on issues raised by residents**

- Swarkestone Causeway Enforcement Project

Councillor Mrs Chilton asked for an update from Paul Jameson (AFLO) on the Swarkestone Causeway Enforcement Project. The AFLO had spoken to Neil Bennett (Derbyshire County Council Transport Data Manager) and Sgt Brown but the issue had not been furthered recently due to staffing issues but a meeting was due on November 11.

ACTION: Paul Jameson to report back at a future meeting.

- Footpaths at Swarkestone Causeway

A member of the public asked what progress had been made with regards to diverting a footpath away from Swarkestone Causeway and out onto Ingleby Lane. Councillor Mrs Chilton reported that a deed involved is with the Church Commissioners and no progress could yet be made. There is also a technical question involved, with the rights of way team at the county council involved, a team which has seen a reduction in head count, hence the delay. Councillor Harrison asked the AFLO to urge an early decision on the matter.

ACTION: Paul Jameson to pursue the issue with relevant officers.

- Works at Swarkestone Bridge and resulting tailbacks

Councillor Neil Atkin reported that works had taken place on Swarkestone Bridge, causing traffic chaos when a generator powering a set of temporary traffic lights failed. He stated that by the time the lights were up and running, traffic was backed up into Chellaston in one direction and to a similar distance the other way. Councillor Atkin complained that the works were not publicised and asked in future for the public to be kept informed. Councillor Harrison stated that 48 hours' notice was required and Councillor Mrs Chilton stated she had not been informed. Councillor Watson reported that the works were "under bridge" and it was another reason why Swarkestone needs a bypass, with the nearest crossing five miles in either direction. He argued the need to push for a new £30 million causeway. The AFLO reported that road closures have to be advertised but temporary traffic lights do not. He said the problem with such works was the sheer number of them happening at any time in Derbyshire, precluding their advertisement. Councillor Harrison asked the AFLO the name of the contractor, but the AFLO was unsure who it was. The AFLO confirmed that the county

council has to be consulted over work, and it is encouraged away from peak traffic hours of 7.30am to 10am and 3pm to 6pm. Councillor Harrison asked for the meeting's sentiments to be taken back to county HQ, a request to which the AFLO agreed.

- Junction at humpback bridge from A514 to Weston on Trent

Councillor Watson asked if the junction off the A514 towards Weston on Trent could be improved after three to four serious but non-fatal accidents in recent times. He asked if better signage of a ghost island in the centre of the carriageway could help matters. The AFLO said the junction would have to be reviewed but that there would be no consistent data if there had been no injuries at the junction. Ed Green from Weston on Trent Parish Council reported a high number of minor incidents at the junction. Councillor Mrs Chilton requested the AFLO ask if the road is wide enough for a ghost junction. Councillor Harrison made the point that there will soon be more buses on the road, with services to expand to a bus every half hour. A member of the public stated the problem with the junction would get worse with houses being built at Barrow on Trent. Councillor Harrison added that two fatalities in the area had special circumstances attached as a driver and passenger drowned after crashing through the causeway wall when they were rushing to get petrol. A member of the public added that there have been two fatalities near to the kennels. The AFLO stated that he could only answer questions in general terms. Related to housing, he said that all applications go through the local authority, in this case SDDC. The AFLO said that Section 106 agreements are agreed in the case of large developments to improve highways. In such cases, the county council has to demonstrate that housing will have an impact on a particular highway. Often, substantial sums of money can be obtained. Stuart Batchelor added that SDDC has briefing sessions for parish councils and members of the public to give them more information on how things work. The next meeting, entitled Planning and Enforcement, was set for December 2, with a representative from the highways authority (DCC) speaking. Mr Batchelor said that as South Derbyshire was the fourth or fifth fastest-growing district outside the south east, the bottom line is that traffic levels are going to rise.

MA/17 **County Council Issues**

Councillor Mrs Chilton had nothing extra to report.

Statistics regarding traffic enforcement on Swarkestone Causeway

The AFLO presented figures for 10 investigations into HGVs illegally crossing the causeway using a combination of enforcement checks and photographic information from local residents.

As a result of these investigations:

- Four drivers have received Letters of Warning.

- Three drivers have received a Simple Caution.
- Two drivers are due in court in November.
- One company has been reported to the Traffic Commissioner for using a foreign driver not resident in the UK.

A report against one driver is still under consideration and six other drivers are currently under investigation – a total of 17 investigations commenced since April 1, 2015.

A driver appeared in court in September and was fined £447 with £159 costs for an offence committed in March, 2015.

Councillor Watson recorded his pleasure at the number of prosecutions and asked for the figures to be publicised locally to ensure residents were aware that action was being taken. Councillor Harrison said a press release should be sent to the trade press as well as the local press to maximise the effects of the campaign.

Swarkestone Bridge signage

A member of the public stated that signage regarding Swarkestone Bridge and its weight limit does not start early enough to prevent transgressions. Councillor Mrs Chilton reported that there is a sign at Sandcliffe Road before the Clock Island, giving HGV drivers plenty of warning not to use the A514.

Councillor Rob Davison:

- Works at Swarkestone Bridge and resulting tailbacks

Councillor Davison reported two HGVs caught in the tailbacks and stated it was unfortunate police weren't present to catch the drivers. He also said having a faulty satellite navigation system was no excuse for taking an inappropriate route and that the county council needed to take a tougher stance on the issue.

- Swarkestone Causeway Enforcement Project

Councillor Davison asked for he and Councillor Mrs Chilton to be told as soon as possible the outcome of the meeting on November 11.

- South Derbyshire Local Plan

Councillor Davison stated that South Derbyshire's local plan is placing large amounts of housing on the southern fringe of Derby, transferring problems from the district to the city. Housing developments of 500 units are approaching completion in Stenson Fields and until integrated transport links are completed traffic will get heavier through Swarkestone and across the causeway.

- Kerb stones at the Bay Tree in Melbourne

Councillor Harrison recorded that for 10 years he had tried to get the kerb stones outside the Bay Tree fixed, with every repair job “botched”. He argued that if granite was used instead of sandstone (the latter is required in the conservation area) they would stand a better chance of surviving impacts from vehicles. He wished Councillor Mrs Chilton well in her attempts to get the kerbs fixed.

MA/18 **District Council issues**

- Parish Briefing

Stuart Batchelor reported that a briefing for parish councils, sports clubs and community organisations on funding for sports facilities had taken place. There was an excellent turnout of 30 people, with Area Three well represented.

- Open Space Community Facilities Strategy

Mr Batchelor reported that the closing date is approaching for the Open Space Community Facilities Strategy, with it vital that any community project is included to ensure Section 106 money is allocated from developers. A member of the public asked if a Scout hut at Melbourne could be included and Mr Batchelor responded by recommending the project is included in the plan so it doesn't miss out on Section 106 money.

- Corporate Plan

The new Corporate Plan is currently being developed by SDDC. Mr Batchelor reported that by the time of the next Melbourne Area Forum the document would be published, identifying priority projects. The Melbourne area, he said, featured heavily in the previous Corporate Plan, with the Assembly Rooms benefiting from the associated external funding.

- Council budget

Mr Batchelor reported no news on council budgets with a 40 per cent cut expected in the central government grant over the remainder of this Parliament. The expected cuts won't kick in until the next financial year 2015-16. Councillor Harrison pointed out that this cut would, at least in part, be offset by the New Homes Bonus and Business Rate Retention.

- Funding

Mr Batchelor cited the village of Overseal as what can be done with external funding. The village received a £50,000 grant from Sport England and ended up with more than £100,000 – because SDDC had a development plan in place. He wants intelligence on every playing field in the district. He also stated that £17 million has been spent in the last decade on open space and leisure, with £15 million of that from external sources. Councillor Atkin asked who would fund

the maintenance of these projects. Mr Batchelor said pitch hire would help to pay for upkeep.

- Combined Authorities

Councillor Harrison reported that discussions were already under way about creating a Derbyshire/Nottinghamshire Combined Authority. He stated more would be known by the time of the next area forum.

MA/19 **Date of Next Meeting**

To be advised in due course.

CHAIRMAN

The meeting terminated at 8.25pm.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MELBOURNE AREA FORUM

(Covering Aston-on-Trent, Barrow-on-Trent, Elvaston, Melbourne, Shardlow & Great Wilne, Stanton by Bridge, Swarkestone and Weston-on-Trent)

January 26th, 2016

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the Melbourne Area Forum held on October 13th, 2015 at Melbourne Assembly Rooms, the following issues were raised. They are listed below, together with progress made to date:

1. SWARKESTONE CAUSEWAY

Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton asked for an update from Paul Jameson (Derbyshire County Council Area Forum Liaison Officer) on the long-running Swarkestone Causeway Enforcement Project.

Any progress on this issue will be reported to the forum, as and when available

2. FOOTPATHS AT SWARKESTONE CAUSEWAY

A member of the public asked what progress had been made with regards to diverting a footpath away from Swarkestone Causeway and out onto Ingleby Lane.

Any progress on this issue will be reported to the forum, as and when available