

NEWHALL AREA MEETING

**AGENDA
AND
REPORTS**

Tuesday, 28th November 2006

**Elmsleigh Infant School
Queens Drive
Swadlincote**

7.00 p.m.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL:

Environmental and Development Services	Thursday, 16 th November 2006
Development Control	Tuesday, 21 st November 2006
Housing and Community Services	Thursday, 23 rd November 2006
Finance and Management	Thursday, 30 th November 2006
Community Scrutiny	Monday, 4 th December 2006 – 4.00 p.m.
Corporate Scrutiny	Monday, 11 th December 2006 – 4.30 p.m.
Development Control	Tuesday, 12 th December 2006
Overview	Monday, 18 th December 2006 – 4.00 p.m.
Environmental and Development Services (Special – Budget)	Tuesday, 9 th January 2007
Housing and Community Services (Special – Budget)	Thursday, 11 th January 2007
Etwell Leisure Centre (at John Port School, Etwell)	Monday, 15 th January 2007 – 5.00 p.m.
Development Control	Tuesday, 16 th January 2007
Finance and Management (Special – Budget)	Thursday, 18 th January 2007
COUNCIL	Thursday, 25 th January 2007
Corporate Scrutiny (Special – Budget)	Monday, 29 th January 2007 – 4.30 p.m.
Finance and Management (Special – NNDR)	Monday, 29 th January 2007
Environmental and Development Services	Thursday, 1 st February 2007
Housing and Community Services	Thursday, 8 th February 2007
Corporate Scrutiny	Monday, 12 th February 2007 – 4.30 p.m.
Development Control	Tuesday, 13 th February 2007
Community Scrutiny	Monday, 19 th February 2007 – 4.00 p.m.
Finance and Management	Tuesday, 20 th February 2007
Overview	Monday, 26 th February 2007 – 4.00 p.m.
COUNCIL	Thursday, 1 st March 2007

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

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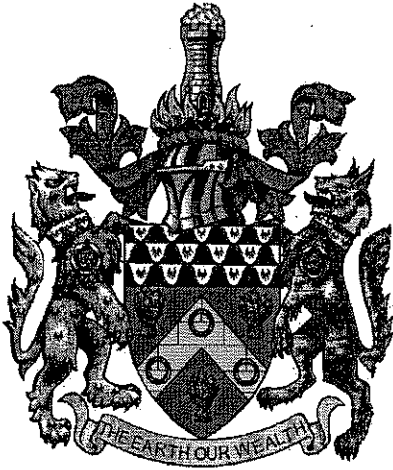


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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

NEWHALL AREA MEETING

(Covering Midway, Newhall and Stanton)

**Meeting to be held at
Elmsleigh Infant School
Queens Drive
Swadlincote**

**on Tuesday 28th November 2006
at 7.00 p.m.**

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

Members:

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

County Councillors: Councillors Bambrick and Jones.



BUSINESS

1. Apologies.
2. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd August 2006 (copy herewith).
3. To note any declarations of interest arising from any items on the Agenda.
4. Chair's Announcements (if any).
5. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
6. Recycling Presentation.
7. Public Question Time and suggestions for future local discussion items.
8. Feedback – "Getting your ideas into action".
9. Community Scrutiny Needs You.
10. Date of next Meeting.



NEWHALL AREA MEETING

22nd August 2006

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Richards (Chair) and Councillors Bambrick, Dunn, Mrs. Mead and Mulgrew.

J. Jones (Director of Corporate Services), N. Betteridge and D. Townsend (Democratic Services).

County Council Representatives

Councillor Bambrick.

K. McIntyre (Democratic Services Officer).

Members of the Public

R. Hughes, M. Perry, M. Richards, W. Parker, P. Holden, B. Marsden, T. Houston, R. Holden, M. Dunn, C. Maddock, R. House, E. Tunnicliffe, P. Bambrick, P. Foy, E. Foy, M. Lunn and B. Woods.

NA/1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

It was noted that Councillor Richards was appointed as Chair at the Annual Council Meeting.

NA/2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillor Wilkins, Inspector Fairbrother and C. Gillespie.

NA/3. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

It was agreed that Councillor Mrs. Mead be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Newhall Area Meeting for the remainder of the municipal year 2006/07.

NA/4. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Area Meeting held on 2nd May 2006 were noted.

NA/5. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

The Chair reviewed those items raised at the last Meeting and noted the progress made in each case.

With regard to item No. 1, Traffic calming measures in Newhall, Mrs. Perry confirmed that the road hump in question was opposite Chrysanthemum Court.

With regard to item No. 2, a resident confirmed the issue around the road surface at Orchard Street was not potholes as reported, but concerned a rough surface instead.

With regard to item No. 5, the footpath between the Old Post Centre and Orchard Street, the Chair reported that this area had now been cleared of all litter and the District Council would carry out further tree, shrub and chemical work to improve access and safety.

NA/6. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE LOCAL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mr. Tunncliffe reported that the drain in front of his house (on Sunnyside) was not dispersing water correctly. He added that these problems had become difficult to solve as he still required confirmation as to where the unadopted road commenced.

The Chair confirmed that this was a County issue and Councillor Bambrick agreed to look into this item.

Mr. Tunncliffe then continued to query the building of a property at No. 66 Sunnyside. He perceived that there had been no consultation with neighbours.

The Head of Planning Services agreed to check the records and inform Mr. Tunncliff as to which neighbours had been consulted.

A resident asked if South Derbyshire District Council was currently considering making residents pay for refuse disposal according to the weight of the bin. The Director of Corporate Services confirmed that the District Council was not considering this at present. However, she was aware that trials were taking place throughout the country.

A question was raised on the level of financial savings, due to increased recycling within the District. The Director of Corporate Services confirmed that she was unsure of the financial saving, but the environmental benefits were of great value.

It was asked why the District Council had not introduced the recycling of plastic bottles. The Director of Corporate Services confirmed that plastic was being considered for recycling. However, there were integral difficulties with the provision of this service, due to the difficulty involved in recycling plastic. **Following a subsequent question, she also added that she would have an update for the next meeting on when further brown bins would be available within the District, particularly for areas within and around Laburnum Road, (Midway Ward).**

Further to the recycling question, Councillor Richards suggested a recycling presentation at the next Meeting.

This was agreed.

A resident reported that he had received a letter with regard to a sewerage problem and had been asked to pay £1,000. The Head of Corporate Services agreed to discuss this and follow up any outstanding issues outside the meeting, directly with the resident.

A resident reported that rain had not been dispersing correctly at an area of South Drive, Newhall. Councillor Bambrick reported that Derbyshire County Council had looked into this and no further action could be taken at present.

With regard to the children's play area at Newhall Park, it was asked how long it would remain closed.

Councillor Bambrick reported that the replacement parts were on order, and agreed to follow this up with Chris Mason of the District Council.

It was reported that at the bottom of Sunnyside, there had been many incidents of dangerous driving, particularly of vehicles driving on the pavement. This was a particular concern when children were leaving school. **It was agreed to pass on this information to Sergeant Wright for any further comments.**

It was reported there were many incidents of litter being dropped on Sunnyside. Councillor Richards responded that the Community Wardens would have the power to impose fines for litter dropping, and it was hoped that this would deter the people responsible.

NA/7. **HOW WE DETERMINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS - PRESENTATION BY HEAD OF PLANNING**

A copy of the Head of Planning's presentation was circulated to all Members of the public present at the Meeting.

The Area Meeting was advised that once a planning application was submitted and validated (i.e. the site was outlined in red on a map, the fee paid and the correct notices submitted), the time period started for the Government's target period for determining applications, being eight weeks for most applications and thirteen weeks for major ones.

The presentation provided detailed information on the procedure for planning applications, particularly:-

- The Consultation Process
- Determination of applications either by an Officer under a delegated power or by the Development Control Committee.
- Planning legislation and reasonableness in the decision making process for applications.

A number of residents asked questions with regard to the planning process.

NA/8. **CONSULTATION: GETTING YOUR IDEAS INTO ACTION**

The Meeting received a brief presentation from the Director of Corporate Services on the District Council's proposals for the public consultation arrangements for the next Corporate Plan.

The Director of Corporate Services advised that the purpose of the consultation leaflet was to seek ideas for improvements to the Council's services from the local community. Everyone present at the meeting was requested to complete the form and return it to the Council so that residents' comments could be fed into the Council's corporate and budget planning process.

NA/9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was confirmed that the date of the next Meeting would be advised and if possible, this would be held at Elmsleigh School.

K.J. RICHARDS

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 8.00 p.m.

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REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last meeting held on 22nd August 2006 at Roland Memorial Methodist Church Community Hall, a number of issues were raised. These issues are listed below, together with progress made:-

ISSUES	PROGRESS	ACTIONED BY
<p>1. Traffic calming measures opposite Chrysanthemum Court.</p>	<p>The road hump on Meadow Lane near to the junction with Plummer Road has now been measured. The road humps in this traffic calming scheme have been in place for some years now and were installed at a time when traffic calming was in its infancy and the design height for humps was greater than is used now. The humps in this scheme were installed with a 100mm height, rather than the height of 75mm, which has been more commonly used within Derbyshire over recent years.</p> <p>The measurements of this hump reveal that it had been constructed within tolerance on the side traversed by northbound vehicles (those that have turned off Plummer Road into Meadow Lane) but it is slightly out of tolerance (i.e. it is slightly too high) on the side used by vehicles travelling south towards Plummer Road. However, it is not considered that the amount that it is out of tolerance (12mm) is significant enough to warrant any remedial action, considering</p>	<p>Kay McIntyre Derbyshire County Council Democratic Services Officer 01629 580000 xtn 7322</p>

	<p>the hump's location - close to the junction with Plummer Road where the speed of vehicles should already be fairly low due to the road junction.</p> <p>To the travelling public however, it will probably seem that the road humps on this scheme are excessively high because, as mentioned above, the humps were installed to a higher design height than is used today. Because the humps are higher than those generally found elsewhere in the Swadlincote area, motorists do need to drive accordingly and reduce their speed more when driving over them. Providing they do so, however, there should be no problems with vehicles grounding on the humps.</p>	
2. Road surface at Orchard Street.	The road was inspected on 25/08/06 and is regularly monitored. There are no plans to carry out any work at this time.	Kay McIntyre Derbyshire County Council Democratic Services Officer 01629 580000 xtn 7322
3. Sunnyside Drain not dispersing water correctly. Confirmation as to where unadopted road commenced.	Derbyshire County Council are currently dealing with these issues directly with the Resident concerned.	Councillor Bambrick (01283) 218808
4. Availability of brown bins on Laburnum Road.	Brown bins are programmed to be distributed throughout the district by 2010. There is no further detailed information on particular areas at present.	Gillian Coates. Senior Waste Management Officer. (01283) 595994
5. Children's Play Area at Newhall Park.	The play equipment is now fully operational.	C.J. Mason Leisure Services Manager S.D.D.C. (01283) 595794

South Derbyshire District Council
Ideas into Action
Report to Area Meetings

AGENDA ITEM: 8

What are we trying to do?

During consultation on our Corporate Plan, a number of responses indicated that, as well as commenting on issues put forward by the Council, they wanted an opportunity to put forward their own ideas. The Council responded with "Ideas into Action", a campaign that asked for ideas from individuals, Parish Councils, community groups – anybody! We wanted to make sure that we were responding to the views of communities about the issues that concerned them, whether they were big or small.

How did we go about it?

We launched the campaign at the Parish Forum meeting and it featured at all the Area Meetings in the summer. Ideas were submitted on short simple forms, our website or handwritten notes. The closing date for submission was 4 October but this deadline was extended for Parish Councils to fit in with their meeting schedule.

We received 64 ideas, which included:-

- Specific complaints about issues such as untidy land
- Requests for improved services to the whole district, such as collecting plastics for recycling
- Ideas for local initiatives that require funding or other support to get the idea launched.
- Suggestions where the Council has little influence, such as dismantling electricity pylons and laying the cables underground

What have we done with the suggestions?

All suggestions have been acknowledged by letter and will receive a detailed response when we have decided the best course of action.

Where we can take action on a complaint straight away we are doing so and will inform the individual of what we are doing, when it will happen and a contact name of who is responsible.

Ideas for improving services across the district or developing local initiatives that will cost more money will be considered for the Budget later this year. Where there is no cost, we will review whether we can implement the suggestion sooner than that. In both cases, we will inform individuals of the outcome.

Where we are not responsible for the service, we have passed the suggestion on to the relevant body or partner. We try to ensure that the individual receives a satisfactory response to their idea.

What else are the suggestions telling us?

We have also analysed the suggestions to see whether there are common themes – and you will not be surprised to find that there are! We also want to

make sure that once we have responded to your concerns, we stay on top of things and the problem is not repeated. Top issues include

- Litter / Cleanliness
- Graffiti
- Better recycling facilities / collections
- Untidy Sites
- More trees, flowers and spring bulbs
- Highway maintenance and improvements
- Support for Neighbourhood Watch
- Better facilities for children and young people

We will now put these issues at the top of our list to make further improvements to South Derbyshire and the services we deliver.

So what will we do now?

We will respond to all individual ideas and suggestions and ensure that everybody who contacted us knows what action we will take.

We will use the list of "top issues" to tweak further improvements to our services and we'll let you know what we will do and when.

Thanks

Residents of South Derbyshire are always very positive and helpful in our consultation exercises and this helps us deliver what you want to see. Thanks for all your views and ideas in this exercise and all the other consultation work we do. We hope it makes South Derbyshire a better place to live, work and visit. If it doesn't – tell us!

Ian Reid
Deputy Chief Executive
25 October 2006

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REPORT TO: NEWHALL AREA MEETING **AGENDA ITEM:** 9

DATE OF MEETING: 28TH NOVEMBER 2006

REPORT FROM: CLLR RON LANE
Chair Of South Derbyshire District
Council's Community Scrutiny
Committee

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SCRUTINY NEEDS YOU!

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to tell you about the work of the District Council's Community Scrutiny Committee and to invite you to contribute or take part in any of our projects.

About the Committee

The Council has two Scrutiny Committees and an Overview Committee, which aim to improve the Council's performance by monitoring, questioning and making recommendations in the way that services are provided and decisions are taken.

A short guide to the work of all three committees will be circulated at the meeting. This also contains information about committee membership, dates of meetings and contact details.

The Community Scrutiny Committee focuses on community and environmental services, culture, leisure and the arts as well as housing, economic development and land use.

Progress in 2006

So far this year, the Committee has completed four important projects relating to:

- Housing Repairs and Maintenance Service
- Homelessness Service
- Waste Management Service
- Planning Application Service

The thrust of these reviews was to help your Council deliver better, more efficient and more effective Services to you the residents and to ensure continued best value for money spent on your behalf.

Future Projects

Over the period until May 2007, we will be working on the following projects:

- The future of our Post Offices
- How Health Services will be delivered by the new Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust
- Street Scene Review
- Cleaner Neighbourhoods

Post Offices

Post Offices seem to be at risk and face a variety of pressures including:

- Too few customers are using them
- Rises in running costs and loss of income from changes in the way benefits are paid, for example
- Retirements and resignations from sub post masters

The Committee is interested in what concerns you and what your views are.

You can have your say at any of the following three public forums being held:-

Melbourne Village Hall	13 November (3 pm to 6 pm)
Overseal Village Hall, Overseal	14 November (4.30 pm – 6 pm)
Hatton Centre	15 November (3 pm to 7 pm)

You can attend at any time on any of the days.

Alternatively, you can write to us using the reply paid forms/envelopes that are available at your meeting.

Health Services

Health Services are experiencing dramatic change, we are keen to establish contact with the new Primary Care Trust to find out how they will deliver services in South Derbyshire and what sort of services will be available.

If you have some points to make regarding what is needed or improvements in Health Services in your area, please let us know.

We will be working closely with our colleagues from Derbyshire County Council on these issues.

Street Scene

We are also working with county colleagues on a review of the 'street scene'.

This means a lot of things, but what is important to you in your street?

- ❖ Is it street lights?
- ❖ Clean and litter free streets?
- ❖ Provision of litter bins?
- ❖ Smooth and flat carriageways?
- ❖ Well-maintained pavements?
- ❖ Dropped curbs for prams and mobility vehicles?
- ❖ Trees or grassed areas on roadsides?

Or is there anything else that is important to you?

Why not tell us what your top three are.

How would you prefer to report problems, to the District Council or the County Council?

Should there be just one telephone number?

Cleaner Neighbourhoods

Your Council is considering its response to the new 2005 Act giving us greater powers, which came into force in April 2006.

What is important to you?

- ❖ Shutting nuisance alleys?
- ❖ Selling cars on roadside?
- ❖ Removing vehicles with no tax disc?
- ❖ Removing abandoned vehicles?
- ❖ Litter control?
- ❖ Prevention of fly posting and leaflets.?
- ❖ Stopping and searching vehicles suspected of fly tipping?
- ❖ Removal of fly tipped waste by landowner?
- ❖ Dog control orders?
- ❖ Dog fouling provisions?
- ❖ Audible intruder alarm nuisance?
- ❖ Night time noise problems?
- ❖ Abandoned shopping trolleys?

Getting involved

If you would like to contribute or take part in any of our projects, then we will be pleased to include you where we can.

You can contact:

- Members of the Community Scrutiny Committee via the web site www.south-derbys.gov.uk/community_scrutiny

or you can contact:

- Neil Betteridge (Democratic Services Manager)
Phone: 01283 595895
Email neil.betteridge@south-derbys.gov.uk
- Sally Knight (Head of Policy and Economic Regeneration)
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