

**AREA  
MEETING  
  
REPTON**

**AGENDA  
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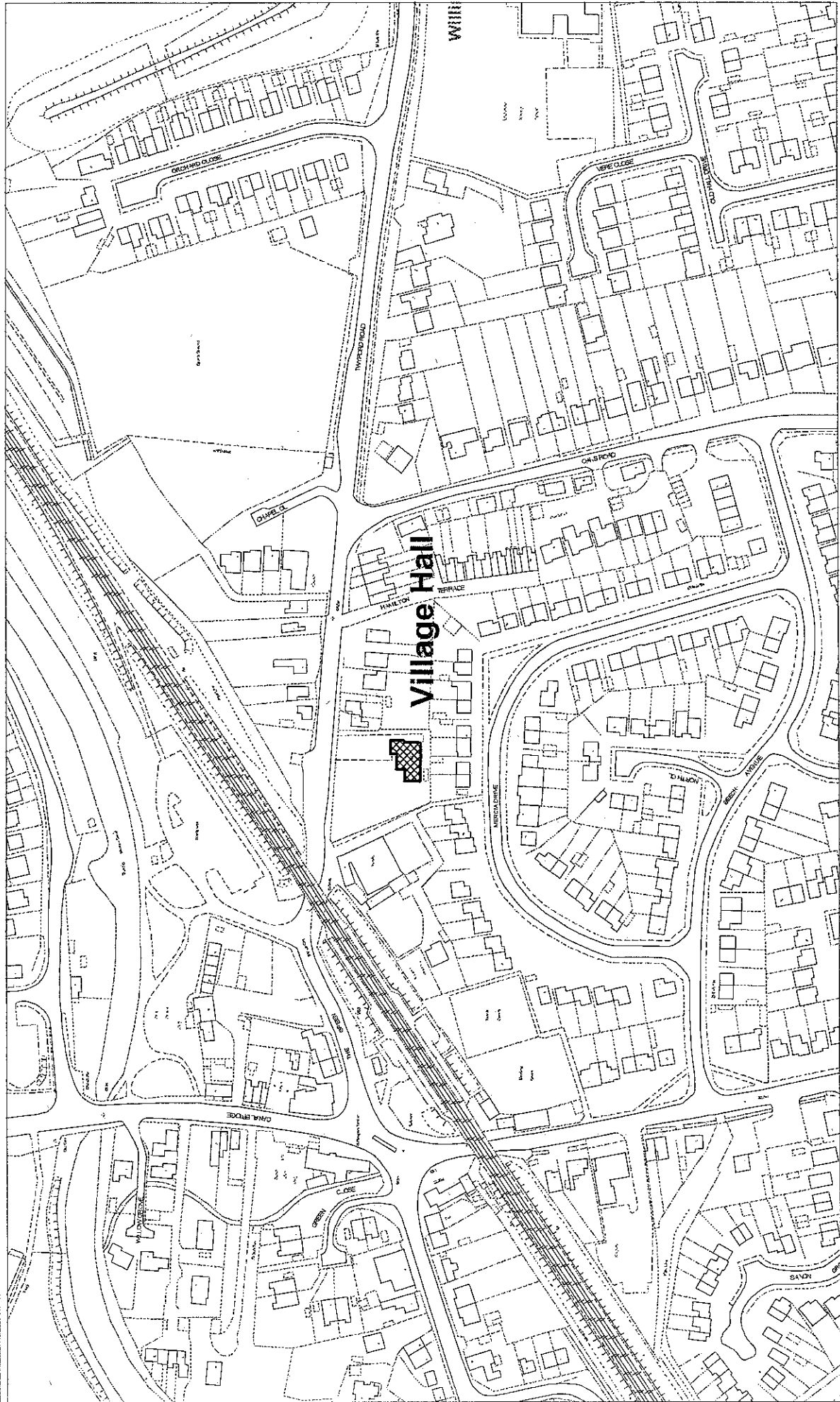
**Monday, 8th November 2004**

**WILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL,  
TWYFORD ROAD,  
WILLINGTON**

**7.00 p.m.**

## OTHER MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL:

Environmental & Development Services	Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2004
Development Control	Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2004
Housing & Community Services	Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2004
Finance & Management	Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2004
Community Scrutiny	Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2004
Corporate Scrutiny	Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2004
Overview	Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2004
Development Control	Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2004
Environmental & Development Services (Special – Budget)	Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2005
Housing & Community Services (Special – Budget)	Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2005
Development Control	Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2005
Finance & Management (Special – Budget)	Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2005
COUNCIL	Thursday, 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2005
Corporate Scrutiny (Special – Budget)	Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2005
Finance & Management (Special - NNDR)	Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2005
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2005
Housing & Community Services	Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2005
Corporate Scrutiny	Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2005
Development Control	Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2005
Community Scrutiny	Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2005
Finance & Management	Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2005
Overview	Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2005
COUNCIL	Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2005



**South Derbyshire District Council**

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## SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

### AREA MEETING

(covering Bretby, Hartshorne,  
Newton Solney, Repton, Willington  
and Woodville)

## REPTON

Meeting to be held at  
Willington Village Hall,  
Twyford Road,  
Willington  
on Monday, 8th November 2004  
at 7.00 p.m.

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

### Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Taylor (Chair) and Councillor Bladen (Vice-Chair) and  
Councillors Bell, Ford, Mrs. Hood, Isham, Jones and Mrs. Wheeler

County Councillor: Councillor Jones.



## BUSINESS

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th July 2004 (copy herewith).
3. Chair's Announcements (if any).
4. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
5. Public Question time and suggestions for future local discussion items.
6. Date of Next Meeting.

### Community Items

7. Presentation by Sue Haslett, Anti-Social Behaviour Officer.
8. Draft Community Strategy for South Derbyshire (to be circulated).

REPTON AREA MEETING

27th July 2004

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council Representatives**

Councillor Taylor (Chair), and Councillors Bell, Bladen, Ford, Mrs. Hood, Isham and Mrs. Wheeler.

F. B. McArdle (Chief Executive), D. Cook (Democratic Services Officer), M. Collins (Community Safety Officer) and B. Jones (Helpdesk).

**Derbyshire Constabulary**

Sergeant A. Wright.

**Derbyshire County Council**

County Councillor A. Jones.

**Parish Council Representatives**

D. Oatley (Woodville Parish Council), R. Statham (Woodville Parish Council), R. Paulson (Repton Parish Council), S. Ellis (Newton Solney Parish Council), A. Topliss (Newton Solney Parish Council), J. Shortt (Repton Parish Council).

**Members of the Public**

K. & M. Vincent, C. Kitching, P. Pearson, G. Varty, A. Atkin, C. Manifold, A. Gifford, M. Chell, J. Orme, N. Cuning, P. Yates, A. Mayger (Repton Neighbourhood Help Scheme), P. Sloan (Burton Mail) and A. Topliss.

RA/1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

The appointment of Councillor S. Taylor as Chair made at the Council's Annual Meeting held on 20th May 2004 was noted.

RA/2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Adams (Hartshorne Parish Council) and C. Warner.

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

Councillor Bladen was appointed Vice-Chair of the Meeting for the ensuing year.

RA/4. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th May 2004 were received.

RA/5. **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair asked the Democratic Services Officer to update the Meeting on the County Council's Local Area Committees. She advised the Meeting that the South Derbyshire Local Area Committees organised by Derbyshire

County Council now took place during the evening, commencing at 6.00 p.m. Future Meetings would be held on Wednesday, 20th October 2004, 5th January 2005 and 9th March 2005, venues to be confirmed. The County Council had advised that a representative of the Highways Department would be present at all Meetings and thus it was a further opportunity for Members of the public to raise highway issues of concern directly with County Council Officers. The Democratic Services Officer advised that the County Council would confirm the venues for the Meetings at a future date and anyone wishing to ascertain the venues for the Meetings could contact her nearer the time.

RA/6. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

The Democratic Services Officer advised that a letter had been sent to Derbyshire County Council regarding the concerns expressed about parking on High Street, Woodville and the request that the area be designated a School Safety Zone. A response had been received from the County Council which was read out to the Meeting detailing that “there might have been marginal increases in traffic levels on High Street since the opening of the Ashby bypass but as traffic levels had increased nationally and continued to do so at the rate of about 1.5 to 2% annually this was no surprise. The existing parking/waiting restrictions on High Street were established in 1974 (with some very minor amendments/additions since) and the County Council was currently undertaking a full review to take account of recent changes to shops/businesses/new crossings etc. The District Council and Woodville Parish Council would be consulted on its draft proposals shortly. The County Council would not be recommending/suggesting that parking be prohibited on High Street as this would have the potential for increasing speeds as well as damaging the viability of the existing shops and businesses. With regard to highlighting the presence of and/or establishing a School Safety Zone for the Woodville Infant and Junior School site, this would be considered in due course. Bearing in mind that there was already a controlled crossing directly outside the school and a school crossing patrol warden, additional signed clutter and advice to motorists might be counter productive but the County Council would look at the situation anyway. If some improvements were considered appropriate and were not too costly this might be funded in the current financial year. Otherwise it would have to await funding from the 2005/06 budget”.

RA/7. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE LOCAL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Councillor Isham talked about an improved situation on Goseley Estate, Hartshorne and expressed her thanks to Inspector Steve Fairbrother, Swadlincote Police, accordingly.

Councillor Bladen queried what measures could be taken to reduce crime in Repton and queried whether a Crime Reduction Group could be established. He was advised that grants were available in some instances but the current staffing levels within the Crime and Disorder Partnership would make it impossible to set up a group immediately, but this could be looked at in the future. A voluntary group could be established in the meantime however. Sergeant Andy Wright advised the Meeting that the use of the radar gun had been increased in Repton and as a result more speeding tickets had been issued. Concern was expressed regarding traffic parking on pavements



outside the Post Office in Repton and a request was made for more visits from traffic wardens accordingly. Sergeant Wright advised the Meeting that this area had been monitored before but most offenders had been locals who were informally cautioned at the time. It was suggested that the police could place a notice in the Post Office window asking people not to park outside and Andy Wright agreed to action this accordingly. D. Oatley queried which organisation had to be lobbied for the provision of additional traffic wardens and was advised that Inspector Fairbrother was currently lobbying with Derbyshire Police in this regard. It was suggested that the Meeting could lobby Divisional Commander Tony Hurrell and the Chair suggested that appropriate lobbying take place via the Police Liaison Committee. It was agreed to write a letter to Divisional Commander Hurrell requesting more traffic wardens for the District.

A. Gifford queried when the results of the Local Plan Public Inquiry would be available and was advised that this would be mid-October 2004.

Councillor Wheeler referred to activities for young people taking place during the current week and the previous week. She expressed her thanks for the provision of such facilities in rural areas but expressed concern that these activities had not been publicised effectively.

Concern was expressed regarding an overgrown hedge causing an obstruction on the footpath between Repton and Willington and it was agreed to report this matter to Derbyshire County Council accordingly.

J. Shortt of Repton Parish Council expressed concern that a mobile phone mast had been erected in the village but the neighbours had not been notified of the application. He queried whether residents were able to discuss planning procedures with District Council Officers and the Chief Executive suggested that the Parish Council could invite a planning officer to its next Meeting to discuss the matter at the proper forum. Councillor Ford referred to applications for masts in the Repton Area and the procedure for applicants to advise the Parish Council. Mr. Shortt advised that on particular occasions the Parish Council were aware of the application but residents were not. The Chief Executive confirmed that guidelines relating to applications and erections of telephone masts were in place and could be inspected.

Mr. Orme raised concerns regarding the junction of the B5009 Repton Road with Hall Lane. He stated that there was a blind corner when turning right from Hall Lane into Repton Road, Willington. He advised the Meeting that Willington Parish Council had made a request to Derbyshire County Council for a traffic mirror to overcome the problem in the late 1970's. This was turned down because that type of highway equipment was no longer approved for use. Several subsequent requests had met a similar response. Mr. Orme stated that since the opening of the A38/A50 Toyota interchange, traffic had increased greatly along Repton Road through Willington and so had minor accidents and near misses at the junction. A new traffic mirror had been installed at Repton on this road against The Vicarage wall. He gathered therefore that the installation of mirrors was again approved as a road safety measure. He sought the support of the Meeting to make a request to Derbyshire County Council that a similar mirror be installed at Willington's Repton Road/Hall Lane junction. It was agreed to write to Derbyshire County Council regarding this matter accordingly.

Mr. Orme also expressed concern regarding traffic exiting the Blue Mumbai Restaurant car park onto the A38 southbound carriageway. He stated that there was no physical restraint notice or road marking indicating 'left turn only' as traffic left the car park. Also the central reservation sealed Armco barrier hid the fact that there was a northbound carriageway beyond it which could only be accessed via the Stretton bridge to the south. Visitors to the restaurant wishing to travel north might unwittingly turn right directly into the path of oncoming southbound traffic. This particular site had seen a fatal accident in the past. It was agreed to write to Derbyshire County Council regarding this matter accordingly. The Chief Executive advised that the Member of Parliament was also campaigning for similar action to be taken.

Mr. Orme asked that Derbyshire County Council be requested to consider downgrading the Shardlow to Hilton route (including Twyford Road, Willington) back to the B5008 from A5132. Mr. Orme advised the Meeting that since the opening of the A50 the function of the A5132 as a cross-country route had been superseded. It had been said that Derbyshire County Council as the Highway Authority for the A5132 had not retrograded the A5132 back to the B5008 because of the cost of re-signing. Mr. Orme stated though that if the road classification was retrograded then many villages could lose the seemingly mandatory need for the 40 mph speed limit imposed when the route became the A5132. 30 mph limits could be reintroduced in villages such as Willington, with traffic speed then being controlled by measures such as speed humps. Mr. Orme appreciated that this issue hinged upon costs and asked if the cost implication to re-sign such a road could be provided by Derbyshire County Council. It was agreed to write to Derbyshire County Council asking what the projected expense would be to re-sign the route between Shardlow and Hilton.

Mr. Orme also expressed concern regarding the further loss of industry in Willington. He stated that it was the District Council's intention to see sustainable redevelopment of the Power Station site. He advised that crucial to such sustainability was the further attraction of employment into the village. He felt that the village could not retain the employment which it already had, or had previously (referring to the closure of the Power Station, Collins' Garage, the Blue Bus Garage, Willington Concrete Mouldings and the Willington House Hotel which had all been redeveloped for housing). Mr. Orme stated that Calder Aluminium had now been put into Receivership and if a buyer could not be found he felt it was likely, given the present day state of non-ferrous metal manufacturing in the UK, that this classic brown field site might be put onto the market for redevelopment. He asked what the District Council's stance would be, given the flood risk due to the proximity of the Sands Brook, Egginton Brook and the River Trent. He also queried in those circumstances how the setting of the Grade II Listed St. Michael's Church would be safeguarded remembering all the restrictions placed upon the then Trent Alloys at a public inquiry to control any development of the former farm buildings which front St. Michael's when the premises were enlarged in the 1970s and 1980s. Councillor Ford queried whether checks could be made to ensure that the Calder site had been made safe and the Chief Executive agreed to confirm this accordingly.

A resident expressed concern regarding a particular planning application and conditions not being adhered to, to which the Chief Executive agreed to address outside of the Meeting.

Mr. Gifford referred to the A38 to Burton and the access from the Y Pass Garage being hazardous. He felt that the grass could be converted into an extended slip road and it was agreed to suggest this to Derbyshire County Council accordingly. He also talked of problems with the Salvation Lane slip road on the A38 southbound and again it was agreed to write to Derbyshire County Council accordingly.

A resident expressed concern regarding the current state of pavements in Repton and asked for more dropped kerbs. He agreed to fill in a feedback form to submit to the District Council outlining specific areas within Repton where dropped kerbs were needed accordingly.

RA/8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Democratic Services Officer advised that the next Meeting would be held on Monday, 8th November 2004, the venue to be advised.

RA/9. **CRIME AND DISORDER UPDATE**

Michelle Collins, the Community Safety Officer gave a presentation to the Meeting. She advised that the Crime and Disorder Partnership was a local partnership between the Police, Local Authorities, Health, Probation, Voluntary Services and the Fire Services etc. The Partnerships' priorities contained within the 2002/05 Strategy were house burglary, auto crime, fear of crime, anti social behaviour, substance misuse and violent crime (domestic abuse). The Partnership was resourced by a Police Liaison Officer, an Anti Social Behaviour Officer, a Community Safety Officer, a Community Drugs Officer and a part-time Community Engagement Officer. Michelle gave an overview of projects currently being run by the Partnership which included a Safer Homes for South Derbyshire Scheme (Man in a Van), skateboard parks at Swadlincote and Hilton, a Youth Needs Survey (involving liaison with 4,000+ young people), Burglar Alarm Installation Scheme, Environmental Improvements (involving the cleaning-up at Goseley Estate, Hartshorne), a Domestic Abuse Campaign and a project to support parents of drug users. Michelle also advised the Meeting that the Partnership was undertaking new work in the areas of Anti Social Behaviour Orders, starting a mediation service, an abandoned vehicle scheme and sports and arts development opportunities. A Liberation Day had been held during May 2004 and a School Safety Day involving 300+ children including a theatre production on anti social behaviour was being organised. The Meeting was advised that of the statistics relating to crime for the District and the successful work of the Partnership in that there had been no repeat victims of house burglary. It was reported that the Partnership's proposals for 2004/05 included a Domestic Abuse Drop In Centre, a Neighbourhood Watch Support Scheme, an Anti Social Behaviour Response Team, environmental improvements and new facilities and activities. The timetable for the launch of the Crime and Disorder Strategy for 2005/08 was outlined.

Councillor Ford noted the staff changes which were currently taking place within the Crime and Disorder Partnership and asked that such changes be publicised in the Crime and Disorder Newsletter. Councillor Bladen queried whether any consideration had been given regarding transporting young people to organised events and Michelle Collins advised that the Crime and

Disorder Strategy would identify how to get young people to facilities and also fund a mobile youth facility.

Councillor Wheeler queried how many Anti Social Behaviour Orders were currently being pursued and was advised that Sue Haslett, the Partnership's new Anti Social Behaviour Officer was working hard to develop a strategy and work in conjunction with Derbyshire County Council on this matter. She was currently in the process of taking a report to the District Council's Housing and Community Services Committee seeking permission under Section 30 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act to address anti social behaviour in Melbourne. D. Oatley stated that the public should not look at Anti Social Behaviour Orders as being the "be and end all" of anti social behaviour problems. She queried whether there were any future plans to work with Parenting Orders and was advised that the Anti Social Behaviour Order Strategy would look at this issue together with mediation. An Anti Social Behaviour Order would be issued as a last resort and the Partnership would prefer to pursue the route of a Restorative Justice or a Parenting Order etc. D. Oatley felt there was a need to recognise and deal with problems before they became issues which could only be tackled by Anti Social Behaviour Orders. It was agreed to invite Sue Haslett, the Anti Social Behaviour Officer to a future Meeting to discuss her work.

Councillor Isham advised the Meeting that she currently facilitated a course called 'Living with Children' for SureStart. She advised that North Derbyshire also operated a course 'Living with Teenagers'. She thought that it might be useful for the Partnership to buy-in and train facilitators to deliver this training and agreed to provide Michelle Collins with the information regarding these courses accordingly.

Mr. Orme reported that there had been problems with burglaries in Willington and queried whether it was only a perception of residents that house burglary in Willington was high. Michelle Collins advised Mr. Orme that crime had reduced across the District in general terms (including domestic burglary) and the only increase in crime in any particular area was in the field of domestic abuse which followed a national trend. She suggested that the crime figures could be reported to a future Meeting.

The Chief Executive referred to the anti social behaviour measures which could be introduced into planning agreements and stated that he was currently working with developers to build 'safer homes' and encouraging ways to put preventative elements with regard to crime into all areas of the District Council's work.

RA/10. **HIGHWAYS ISSUES (WOODVILLE)**

District Councillors Taylor and Isham, Parish Councillor Statham and Mr. P. Yates advised the Meeting that they had no doubt that in recent years the level of traffic within Woodville had increased significantly. Opinions might vary on the reasons for this but there was no doubt in their opinion, that the influxes of commuters into new developments had contributed significantly to the problem of traffic in the whole of the Woodville Ward. The problems were compounded by the attraction of the proximity to the Ashby bypass and the large numbers of new residents that needed to access it. The road infrastructure remained as it was over 100 years ago, with no improvements so far that contributed to resolving the problem of congestion had been

made. Assumptions were made that the village could cope with continued development irrespective of the resultant affect on its existing population. They advised the Meeting that in 25 years residents had seen significant developments at Toll Gate Green, Henry Boote estate, Swadlincote Woodlands, the Bishops Gate and Thorn Street. These developments alone including small areas of infill contributed to a total number of in excess of 1,300 houses.

The area was now at a stage of further more intensified development, higher density and relative completions due to the buoyant state of the housing market. It was likely that current additional permissions at Burton Road, Hartshorne Road, High Street, Ashby Road and Woodville Woodlands would extend this number to almost 2,000 homes. It was therefore reasonable to assume a figure of up to two cars per property contributed to the pressure on the road infrastructure. The Woodville Councillors advised the Meeting therefore that the summary of concern was that the Parish was already gridlocked at peak times with more development planned. Additional lorry movements had not been measured but the area had at least two significant expanding distribution companies which were integral to the difficulties being experienced. It was felt that the Repton Area Meeting had in the past been a forum for raising concerns and it was noted that as a result some safety measures had been introduced as an attempt to mitigate the problems but overall there was not a co-ordinated approach that was satisfactory to the community of Woodville. Promises of community meetings had been made but had never materialised.

Councillor Isham advised the Meeting that the following questions remained outstanding:-

- (1) What was the transport plan for the area?
- (2) When would Woodville be likely to see a completion of an alternative route around Woodville?
- (3) At what stage was the County Council at in progressing the introduction of a weight restriction on Moira Road to protect the population of Woodville from the detrimental effects and dangers from Leicestershire-based lorries? (It was noted that Leicestershire had introduced weight restrictions that disadvantaged Woodville and encouraged HGVs to access the A511 via Burton Road.)
- (4) What further plans did the County Council have to survey and introduce improved safety measures?
- (5) What plans did the County Council have for surfacing improvements in order to reduce the impact of road noise from HGVs where peoples' lives were made a misery due to the combined effects of a high volume of HGVs and a poor road surface?
- (6) How did the County Council plan to prioritise maintenance and road safety in the light of the significant levels of concern expressed by its community?
- (7) Which organisations were competing for funding in the County Ward?
- (8) How could a better and more co-ordinated level of dialogue between all levels of community representation be introduced to ensure the best outcome possible for the Woodville Ward and its residents?

Councillor Isham advised that residents needed to "get to the heart of the matter", this required joined-up thinking and practices between the County, District and Parish Councillors, Officers from all Authorities and the Police.

She therefore asked that a Meeting be arranged to include all of these interested parties to discuss how practical and urgent measures could be put in place to address the situation. The Chief Executive supported this course of action, expressed concern that the County Council were not represented by its Officers at the Meeting and agreed to raise this matter with the Chief Executive of Derbyshire County Council.

The Chief Executive referred to the issue of Woodville regeneration and produced a scoping document which was on display at the Meeting together with a plan for residents to peruse. The proposals included a road through from Butt Lane into the south of Woodville which would take traffic into Swadlincote creating a direct route from the A511 into Swadlincote to benefit the residents of Woodville. Derbyshire County Council were taking a positive attitude towards these proposals which were all in the District Council's Local Plan. North West Leicestershire District Council had also expressed support for the route.

Councillor Ford suggested that lessons must be learnt from the poor road infrastructure situation at Woodville and the large developments which would be taking place. He felt that Derbyshire County Council should be on board regarding the road infrastructure before the first house of any new development was built.

RA/11. **RECYCLING NEWS (2003/04)**

The Meeting was advised that South Derbyshire's residents had beaten the Council's recycling target for the financial year 2003/04. During the year 40,000 tonnes of waste was collected in the District out of which 6.5 tonnes were recycled (17%). The Council's target for the year was 14%, so it was well on its way of meeting the statutory target set by the Government – 21% in 2005/06. The Meeting was advised that the main recycling developments during the previous year were in the areas of the extension of the composting scheme by a further 6,000 households in the District, a fortnightly collection of the kerbside paper and the launch of a new scheme in January of this year for the kerbside collection of glass, cans, foils and textiles as well as paper from 12,000 households in the District.

S. TAYLOR

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 8.55 p.m.

**SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**REPTON AREA MEETING**

(Covering Bretby, Hartshorne, Newton Solney,  
Repton, Willington and Woodville)

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

At the Repton Area Meeting held on 27th July 2004 at the Repton Village Hall, a number of issues were raised. These issues are listed below, together with progress made to date:-

<b>ISSUES</b>	<b>PROGRESS</b>	<b>ACTIONED BY</b>
1. Traffic Wardens for the District.	Letter sent to Divisional Commander T. Hurrell requesting more Traffic Wardens.	Debbie Cook Democratic Services Officer (01283) 595709
2. Overgrown hedge causing an obstruction – Repton to Willington footpath.	Derbyshire County Council advised.	Debbie Cook Democratic Services Officer (01283) 595709
3. Various highway matters (Willington, Shardlow/Hilton, A38).	Derbyshire County Council advised.	Debbie Cook Democratic Services Officer (01283) 595709
4. Highways Issues, Woodville.	Verbal report to be made at the Meeting.	Debbie Cook Democratic Services Officer (01283) 595709

