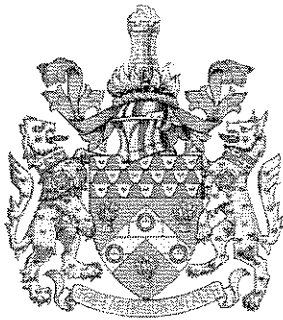


South Derbyshire Area Forum



Derbyshire Constabulary



South
Derbyshire
District Council



Melbourne

Tuesday
2nd February 2010

Melbourne Leisure
Centre
High Street
Melbourne
7pm

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.

Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 6th October 2011
Planning	Tuesday 11th October 2011
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 13th October 2011
Newhall Area Forum, Stanton Village Hall, Woodland Road, Stanton. DE15 9TH at 7.00 p.m.	Wednesday 19th October 2011
Finance & Management	Thursday 20th October 2011
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 26th October 2011
Melbourne Area Forum, Melbourne Leisure Centre, High Street, Melbourne. DE73 8GF at 7.00 p.m.	Thursday, 27th October 2011
Planning	Tuesday 1st November 2011
COUNCIL	Thursday 10th November 2011
Etwall Area Forum, Egginton Memorial Hall, Church Road, Egginton. DE65 6HP at 7.00 p.m.	Wednesday, 2nd November 2011
Linton Area Forum, Rosliston & Cauldwell Village Hall, Main Street, Rosliston. DE12 8JW at 7.00 p.m.	Thursday, 3rd November 2011
Repton Area Forum, Goseley Community Centre, Hartshill Road, Goseley Estate, Hartshorne. DE11 7HN at 7.00 p.m.	Tuesday, 8th November 2011
Swadlincote Area Forum, Emmanuel Church Rooms, Church Street, Swadlincote. DE11 8LF at 7.00 p.m.	Wednesday, 9th November 2011
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday, 17th November 2011
Planning	Tuesday, 22nd November 2011
Housing & Community Services	Thursday, 24th November 2011
Finance & Management	Thursday, 1st December 2011
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday, 7th December 2011
Planning	Tuesday 13th December 2011
Audit Sub	Wednesday 14th December 2011

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**Meeting to be held at the
Melbourne Leisure Centre,
High Street, Melbourne
DE73 8GF
on Thursday, 27th October 2011
at 7.00 p.m.**

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

Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Harrison (Chairman), Councillor Watson (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Atkin, Chahal, Hewlett, Shepherd, Smith, Stanton and Mrs. Watson.

County Councillors: Councillors Ford, Harrison and Murray.

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BUSINESS

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 19th July 2011 (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.
10. Date of Next Meeting.

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27th October 2011

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the Melbourne Area Forum held on 19th July 2011 at the Stenson Fields Primary School, a number of issues were raised. These issues are listed below, together with progress made to date:-

Derbyshire County Council Issues

1. Canal Bridge, Sinfin Lane, Barrow on Trent

A local Member expressed concern that a wall had been down for a number of months and there was no suitable barrier. He questioned whether this could be rebuilt. This request was passed to DCC's Structures section, which has subsequently forwarded the matter for the attention of British Waterways (as this is their responsibility).

British Waterways has advised that it is proposing to carry out repairs to this structure in the next financial year. Currently the bridge has steel pedestrian fencing attached to the remaining parapet and to a post; this was completed as a solution following the incident that demolished the parapet. British Waterways representatives are to meet with DCC Officers to discuss the possibilities for the rebuilding of this structure and the redesign of the highway & priority passage.

Also, the road surface was very uneven, and there have been a number of complaints over safety. The surface of the bridge has been marked out for some patching repairs.

The road on the bridge has a Give Way system onto Deepdale Lane, with two lines to stop at. However, one line has been half erased, and could this therefore be looked into? An order has been placed for the Give Way markings to be replaced, which will be undertaken when the patching works are carried out.

2. Kilomathon Road Race

A number of complaints had been received regarding the lack of publicity as to which roads would be closed during the race. It was asked that if the event is to be held again, could the issue of signage publicising the road closures be looked at. The complaints were passed to the area's Road Closures Officer for dissemination to other officers/parties involved in the organising of the Kilomathon event.

3. Deepdale Lane, Sinfín

- a) There were still concerns over the number of incidents on the road. The County Council had previously been asked to consider reducing the speed limit to 40mph, but no positive response had been received.

The request for a speed limit reduction was last raised at the Melbourne Area Forum on 17 March 2011. DCC's response at that time was as follows: "Deepdale Lane is largely rural in nature with very few accesses. As such, it does not meet the criteria set out by the Department for Transport for the introduction of either a 30mph or 40mph speed restriction. Furthermore, even if a 30mph restriction was considered appropriate, speed humps would require the introduction of street lighting, which would have considerable funding and environmental implications".

It is anticipated that the recent introduction of the safety barrier- supported by the previous improvements to the signing/lining at this location – will have the desired impact on road safety on Deepdale Lane".

A renewed enquiry has been made with the area's Traffic and Safety Department, which has confirmed that both the route and speed limit guidance remains unchanged. As such, a speed limit reduction cannot be considered at this time.

- b) A request had also been sent to the County Council previously requesting that this stretch of road is gritted in the winter. It was asked that this be looked into again.

This request has been considered a number of times in past years. However, the response continues to be that this section of road cannot be include on the gritting routes on the following basis:

1. There is already a dedicated precautionary gritting route in and out of Stenson Fields – to the south via Stenson Road to Stenson Bubble then Buckford Lane and Frizams Lane on to the A5132; and to the north via Derby City Council's route along Stenson Road to the A5111.
2. Deepdale Lane does not fulfil any of the criteria for primary and secondary gritting routes.
3. The bridges crossing the railway and canal have a weight restriction of 7.5 tonnes and gritting vehicles far exceed this weight. The width along the canal bridge is also considered to be too narrow to accommodate a gritting vehicle with a snow plough. Potentially, a snow plough and gritting vehicle could damage the bridge deck and parapet walls and, consequently, DCC would then be liable for repairs sustained to the bridge. The risk of this occurring is quite high.

4. A514 Derby Road, Swarkestone: Bus Shelter Signage

It was reported that signage on the bus shelter opposite the Crewe & Harpur Public House had been spelt incorrectly. This matter has been reported to the relevant officer in DCC's Public Transport Unit, which has advised that the error will be rectified as soon as possible.

South Derbyshire District Council Issues

1. Police Staffing – Letter of Thanks

Reference was made to the changes in police staffing for this area and there was praise for the previous work undertaken by Sergeant Sutherland and PC Croxall. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks on behalf of the Area Forum to these Officers for their service and this has been done.

2. Request for Dog Waste Bin

A request was submitted by a local Councillor, on behalf of a resident, for waste bins for dog fouling to be provided on the Trent and Mersey Canal towpath near to the Stenson lock. Contact was made with British Waterways, to pursue this request, but the organisation is not willing to take up the suggestion. The local Councillor was advised accordingly.

3. Driving Instructors using the Stenson Fields Area

A Councillor was concerned about the number of driving instructors using the Stenson Fields area for driving lessons and asked that a letter be sent to the local Driving Test Centre, to request that instructors were more considerate and used other areas. This request has been actioned.

4. Signage Spelt Incorrectly

A District Councillor reported that signage on a bus shelter opposite the Crewe and Harpur public house and on a rail bridge at Pingle Lane, Swarkestone had been spelt incorrectly. It was agreed to pursue these matters with Derbyshire County Council and Network Rail respectively, to seek the correction of the signage.

A note is provided above regarding the bus shelter. With regard to signage on the rail bridge at Pingle Lane, this has been reported to Network Rail and a response has been received that this matter will be addressed.