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*Keeping our Community Safe*

Safer South Derbyshire Partnership



**Safer Neighbourhood  
Area 1 - North West  
(6.15 pm - 7.15 pm)**

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

**and**

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

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>  
July 2015**

***Hilton Village Hall  
Peacroft Lane  
Hilton  
DE65 5GH***

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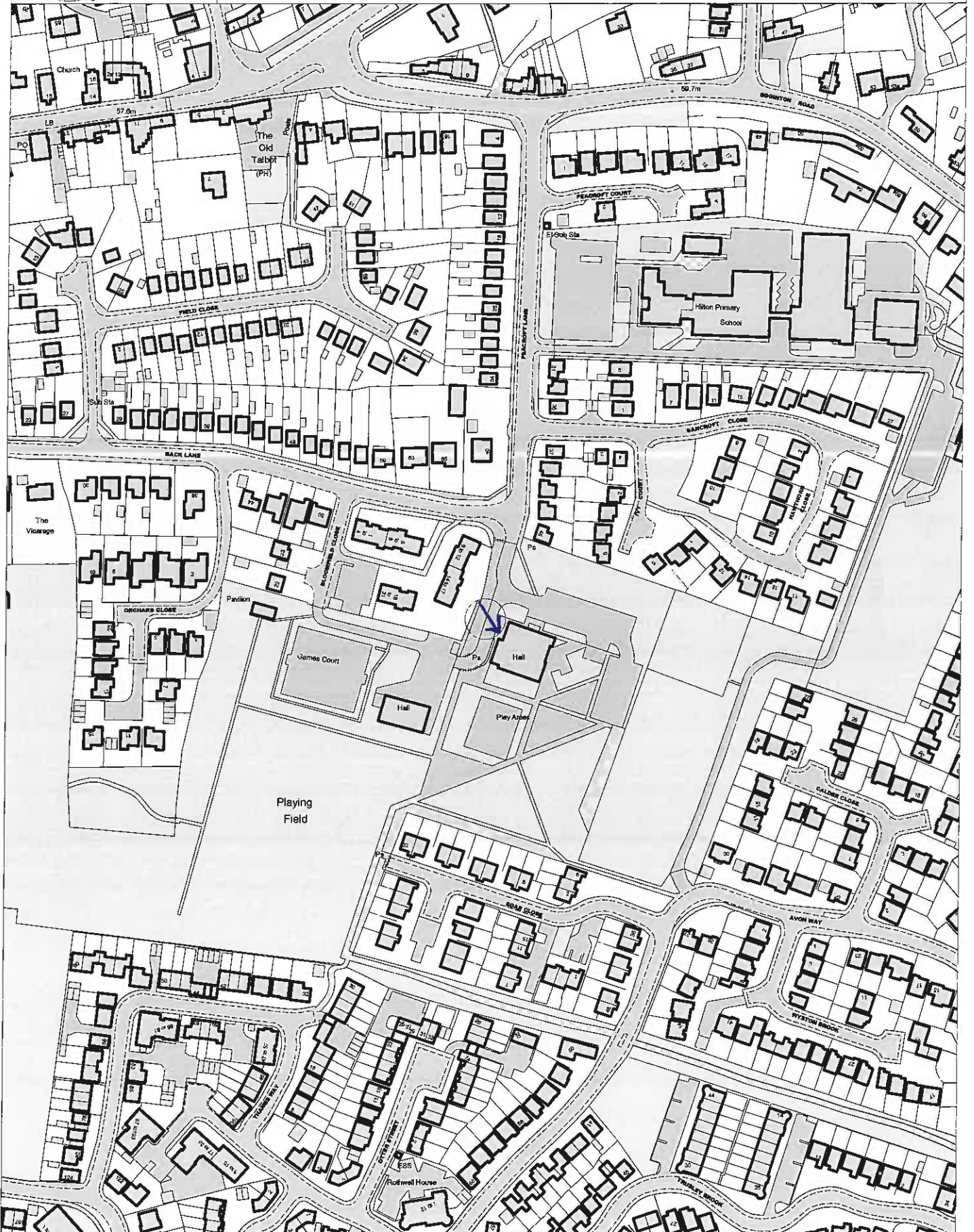
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# Hilton Village Hall, Peacroft Lane, Hilton



## COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS 2015/2016

Committee	Date
<b>ANNUAL COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday 21.05.15</b>
<b>CIVIC COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday 28.05.15</b>
Planning	Tuesday 02.06.15
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 04.06.15
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 11.06.15
Audit Sub	Wednesday 17.06.15
Finance & Management	Thursday 18.06.15
Planning	Tuesday 23.06.15
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 24.06.15
Finance & Management (Special –Final Accounts)	Thursday 25.06.15
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday 02.07.15</b>
Etwell JMC	Monday 13.07.15
Planning	Tuesday 14.07.15
Planning	Tuesday 04.08.15
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 20.08.15
Planning	Tuesday 25.08.15
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 27.08.15
Finance & Management	Thursday 03.09.15
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 09.09.15
Planning	Tuesday 15.09.15
Audit Sub	Wednesday 23.09.15
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday 24.09.15</b>
F & M Special (final accounts) 5pm	Thursday 24.09.15
Etwell JMC	Monday 28.09.15
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 01.10.15
Planning	Tuesday 06.10.15
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 08.10.15
Finance & Management	Thursday 15.10.15
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 21.10.15
Planning	Tuesday 28.10.15
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday 05.11.15</b>
Planning	Tuesday 17.11.15
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 19.11.15
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 26.11.15
Finance & Management	Thursday 03.12.15
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 09.12.15
Planning	Tuesday 15.12.15
Audit Sub	Wednesday 16.12.15

## COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS 2015/2016

Committee	Date
Environmental & Development Services (Special - Budget)	Thursday 07.01.16
Etwall JMC	Monday 11.01.16
Housing & Community Services (Special – Budget)	Tuesday 12.01.16
Finance & Management (Special – Budget)	Thursday 14.01.16
Housing & Community Services (Special – Budget)	Tuesday 12.01.16
Finance & Management (Special – Budget)	Thursday 14.01.16
Planning	Tuesday 19.01.16
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 20.01.16
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday 21.01.16</b>
Finance & Management (Special - NNDR)	Monday 25.01.16
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
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Monday 29.02.16</b>
Planning	Tuesday 01.03.16
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 03.03.16
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 10.03.16
Finance & Management	Thursday 17.03.16
Planning	Tuesday 22.03.16
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 23.03.16
Audit Sub	Wednesday 30.03.16
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday 31.03.16</b>
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 07.04.16
Etwall JMC	Monday 11.04.16
Planning	Tuesday 12.04.16
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 14.04.16
Finance & Management	Thursday 21.04.16
<b>ANNUAL COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday 19.05.16</b>
<b>CIVIC COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday 26.05.16</b>



## **AGENDA**

### **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP - AREA 1**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 at 6.15 pm**  
**at Hilton Village Hall**

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

1. Chair's introduction, Apologies
2. Minutes of last Meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions
3. Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview /Priorities Update
4. Partnership Update / Funding / New project ideas
5. Local issues – open forum (20 minutes)
6. Agreed Priorities
7. Date of next meeting

Meeting close (7.15 pm)

**AREA 1 - NORTH WEST SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP**

Present	Date of Meeting	Venue
Andy Billings (Chair); Sgt Thompson; Sgt Graham Summers; PCSO Waite; PCSO Barratt; Inspector Lindsey; Chris Hall; Brian Myring; T Beresford; Mark Hunt; Elaine Hunt; Rob Helliwell; Ian Bennett; Norman Ireland; Lis Kolkman; Cllr Lisa Brown; Cllr Amy Plenderith; Cllr Julie Patten; Cllr Roberts Also present: Julie Marson (SDDC)	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2015	Frank Wickham Hall, Etwall

1	<b>Chair's Introduction, Apologies</b>	Action
	Andy Billings welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made from the panel.  No apologies received.	
2	<b>Minutes of last meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions</b>	
	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.  Alteration of the speed limit on the highway in Etwall going towards Hilton. There was a meeting held on the 21/12/15 which Cllr Lisa Brown attended, John Port School is to look into cutting down trees to help with visibility and Highways have been approached to extend the signage of 30mph back towards Hilton. John Port School have started to obtain quotations for the work. At the time of the meeting there were 500 signatures in support of this and this is continuing.  The request for speeding strips for Dalbury Lees between the Village Hall and Long Lane have been declined due to there being no collisions recorded in 10 years and when a speed check was done the average speed was 26.4mph. There was also speed checks done on Long Lane which is a 40mph road and the average speed was 37mph.	
3	<b>Safer Neighbourhood Sergeant's Overview / Priorities Update</b>	
	Sgt Summers updated the group with the latest local crime statistics (Area 1) which are similar to the previous meeting:- <b>The figures are a year to date from April 2014 – January 2015</b> Violent Incidents are down from 76 - 73 Violent Robberies are down from 4 – 3 Sexual Offences are up from 10 - 12 Burglary Dwellings are up from 15 - 24 Burglary Non-Dwellings are down from 37 – 30 Shoplifting are up from 5 - 12 Theft of Vehicles are down from 8 - 6 Theft from Motor Vehicles are up from 37 – 57 Drug Offences are down from 20 - 18 Bicycle Theft are up from 1 – 3 Criminal Damage are up from 74-79 Crime in General are up from 407 - 462 Anti-Social Behaviour are up from 265 - 321  There have been two arrests in relation to burglaries; one is on remand and another has been released on bail.	

	<p>Anti-Social Behaviour is up but the figures collated include: - Gates being left opened to Noisy Children. The police are concentrating on people hanging around precincts and parks.</p> <p>Previous priorities were Anti-Social Behaviour round Hilton Village Hall: Patrols have been occurring but only 1 incident recorded due to the time of year. A number of coach's numbers were noted and they were spoken to and advised about parking.</p> <p><u>Questions from the Floor:</u></p> <p>It was asked if farm thefts are covered: - No but on notifications they have been raised and do they have joint areas with the fire and rescue with community officers on Farm watch.</p> <p>It has not been considered on working with partnership but will be looked at for the future. Cllr Patten said in different areas this has worked well.</p> <p>Cllr Brown asked about the proposed planning at Park Hill, Egginton as allegedly a school for boys with behavioural problems is to be built. Have the police been informed about this? Sgt Summers responded that the police were not aware but it has now been flagged and if this is the case they will work with the school like they do within other schools in the area.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Partnership update / funding / new project ideas</b>	
	<p>Sgt Thompson spoke about the new Anti-Social Behaviour Tools and Powers that have now come into force. The Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) has replaced the old Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) on conviction and can be used to tackle a wide range of anti-social behaviour and criminal behaviour. A leaflet was given to everyone to explain the full extent of the new powers.</p> <p>The Safer South Derbyshire Partnership ASB Officer has recently secured a CBO on a prolific ASB offender from Swadlincote. In November they also obtained a CBO on a prolific Shoplifter from Newhall who is currently serving a 12 week prison sentence for breaching the order.</p> <p>The Partnership have been working with the schools in Swadlincote through delivery of the 'Your Choice Events' which cover Child Sexual Exploitation, Bullying and Hate Crimes. A number of speakers who have real life experiences tell their inspirational stories. Lucy is one of the speakers from Rotherham who tells her story of how she was groomed, how she escaped and what she is doing now to help others.</p> <p>The Your Choice Events have received a very good response from the schools and this is now going to John Port School in Etwall.</p> <p>It is Road Safety week in November and PCSO's will be visiting the primary schools in the area.</p> <p>On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February there is an event being held at the Police Headquarters to educate local services on Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.</p> <p>Funding: - Hilton Primary School would like funding to help with widening the pavement inward to help with the safety of the children walking to school. Cllr Patten raised and everyone agreed that this is a good project.</p> <p>Cllr Brown suggested it could be looked at for Etwall to see if a similar scheme would be viable.</p>	



	<p>Mark – Handyman for CVS spoke about the Safer Homes scheme they run which improves the safety and security at home for older and vulnerable residents. The scheme works by installing security equipment free of charge to make the house more secure, this can be through door chains, window alarms and various other items. The scheme is not means tested but is by appointment and it is only Mark that will come to the properties to install the equipment. Leaflets were left at the meeting.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Local issues – open forum</b>	
	<p>None were raised.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Agreed priorities</b>	
	<p>No priorities were set, Sgt Summers stated the SNT teams would continue prioritising ASB in the area.</p> <p>Burnaston:- It was raised by the floor that litter &amp; flying tipping needs to be raised at next meeting (Area Forum). The police will act if the people are caught in the process of dumping. Council wardens can put camera's up to help with the problem and the Clean Team are aware.</p> <p>Cannabis root bulbs have been dumped in Etwall in the ditch down Burnaston Lane – Police say they are aware but the bulbs are harmless and this is why they are dumped.</p> <p>Derby Evening Telegraph reported about the damage at Etwall Cricket Club as yet no one has been apprehended. There have been discussions regarding extra lighting at the Children's play area at the Cricket Club and also extra patrols.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Any Other Business / Date of next meeting</b>	
	<p>The Police stated that there has been a lot on social media recently about dog knapping in the area, this is a rumour and is not from our area.</p> <p>There was a question from the floor as to whether the police hut on the Mease in Hilton was closing. The Section Inspector said that the Hilton police office is staying open but they are closing the Melbourne Police house, however this will not be for 2-3 years.</p> <p>There is a £25 million pound reduction in the Police budget so there will be changes ahead. On a positive note; funding has been secured to install Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras in the area in the future which will help to detect criminals. The cameras are nationally linked so travelling criminals can be tracked even when they leave the District.</p> <p>Next meeting to be arranged.</p>	

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Andy Billings

### **Vice Chair of Safer Neighbourhood Group**

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Police Area 1 SNT Twitter	<a href="https://www.twitter.com/HiltonEtwallSNT">www.twitter.com/HiltonEtwallSNT</a>
Crime Statistics for your area	<a href="http://www.police.uk">www.police.uk</a>
Safer South Derbyshire Partnership	<a href="http://www.south-derbys.gov.uk/ssdp">www.south-derbys.gov.uk/ssdp</a>
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# SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM ETWALL**

(Covering Ash, Barton Blount, Bearwardcote, Burnaston, Church Broughton, Dalbury Lees, Egginton, Etwall, Foston & Scropton, Hatton, Hilton, Hoon, Marston-on-Dove, Osleston & Thurvaston, Radbourne, Sutton-on-the-Hill and Trusley)

**Meeting to be held at: -**

**Hilton Village Hall  
Peacroft Lane  
Hilton  
Derbyshire  
DE65 5GH**

**On Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015  
at 7.30 p.m.**

### Members:

District Councillors: Councillors Mrs Brown (Chair); Billings, Muller, Mrs Patten, Mrs Plenderleith and Roberts

County Councillors: Councillors Ford and Mrs Patten

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## **BUSINESS**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. Chairman's Announcements.
4. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 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.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

ETWALL

28<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at Frank Wickham Hall, Etwall

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council Representatives**

Councillor Mrs. Brown (Chairman) and Councillors: Mrs Patten; Mrs Plenderith Martyn Ford and Andy Roberts.

Frank McArdle - Chief Executive  
Ardip Kaur – Legal & Democratic Services Manager  
Julie Marson - Clerk

**Derbyshire County Council Representatives**

Councillor Mrs Patten and Martyn Ford

Paul Jameson (DCC)

**Parish Council/Meeting Representatives**

I.Bennett, D.Muller, and N.Ireland (Etwall Parish Council); B.Myring (Etwall Neighbourhood Watch); T.Beresford (Foston & Scropton Parish Council); C.Hall (Burnaston Neighbourhood Watch); M Nesbitt (Egginton Parish Council); S McLernon (Fire & Rescue); David SImcox (CEO of CAB); Rob Helliwell (Burton Mail)

**Members of the Public**

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EA/23 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Plenderith; Andy Billings and Martin Buckley (SDDC Tree Officer).

EA/24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

EA/25 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUCEMENTS**

The **Local Plan** has been through its Examination in Public which started in November 2014. It lasted for 6 days covering all aspects of the Local Plan. Following the examination, the appointed Inspector has asked the Council to undertake some further work around housing, viability and infrastructure on strategic sites. This work when complete will be submitted to the Inspector who will then decide on the next steps.

The **Community Partnership Grant Scheme** has now been re-launched with a total pot of £300,000.

- Capital funding only is available
- Non-profit groups and Parish Council's in South Derbyshire can apply
- Will require a minimum of 50% matched funding
- Minimum Grant £1,000, Max. £25,000

Ian Hey said the first grant panel meeting is in March and he can work with applicants to help make a strong case for funding.

Full details can be found at - [www.south-derbys.gov.uk](http://www.south-derbys.gov.uk) or by contacting Ian Hey; Community Partnership Officer at South Derbyshire District Council [ian.hey@south-derbys.gov.uk](mailto:ian.hey@south-derbys.gov.uk) / Tel :01283 228741

EA/26 **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

Removal of Lampposts between Marston Turn (Uttoxeter Rd) to the Salt Box at Hatton. Paul Jameson reported that the lamps along here were identified for permanent switch off under the part-night lighting proposals for Hoon & Marston on Dove in April 2013. The lights were permanently turned off shortly after the consultation period & the results were monitored for a year before removal of the columns earlier in the summer. These lights were on a straight rural road with no collision or crime issues. They were providing minimal highway safety use and given the current financial position, there was no justification for continuing to illuminate this road. There are no intentions to replace the lamp columns.

Tony Beresford queried why additional speed limit (repeater) signs had been installed following the removal of the street lighting. This seemed to be unnecessary. Paul Jameson said he would look into this and report back. There has been 1% of lighting removed, how much does it cost to remove in comparison to being switched off. If lighting is removed it is a one off cost if the columns are switched off they still need regular maintenance.

Foston & Scropton Parish Council pilot scheme with County Council known as 'Community Resilience. – Frank McArdle has spoken to ATL Transport who are keen to be involved and will contact Foston & Scropton Parish Council.

EA/27 **TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014 (COPY ATTACHED)**

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

EA/28 **DAVID SIMCOX – CEO OF SOUTH DERBYSHIRE CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU**

It is the 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday locally of the CAB and 75 years nationally. At the moment they are going through a revamp to help those within the community and make the services more widely available within the district. Locally they asked people what is CAB and

most people think it is a council or a taxi service. The CAB provides Free Independent, Confidential & Impartial Advice to anyone in the district. They hold over 100 advice sessions a week and a great number of issues are raised including Debt, Benefits, Consumer, Housing and Immigration, to name a few. They are trying to reach out to the people and see how they can help and work towards preventive methods. They want to help people as soon as possible as this means there are more options available to them.

For the first time, debt was the number 1 issued raised and the average debt is £18,500 in South Derbyshire.

The CAB want to work with the communities and they hold weekly advice sessions at GP Surgeries, Children Centres and other outreach locations across the district. They can also do home visits. A copy of the Annual report was distributed and also leaflets advising of times etc. and how to contact the service.

Ian Bennett raised the question that from April 2015 advisors on Pensions will be trained. From the 6<sup>th</sup> April, 3 sessions a week will be held in relation to Pensions and these will be held at Church Gresley and out in the Community.

EA/29     **STEVE McLERNON – DFRS – CHINESE LANTERNS**

At present the selling of Chinese Lanterns is not illegal in England. There has been a lobby to Central Government but the E petition failed, so at the moment nothing is in place to change the law.

There have been 17 incidents recorded in the district and 4 have turned into fires. On the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2015 a Chinese lantern landed on a fence in Hilton and set the house on fire. The highest profile incident was the one in West Midlands last year which was a major incident caused by a Chinese lantern.

The lanterns cause more issues in rural areas with the livestock and some Councils have banned the use of lanterns on Council owned land.

Cllr Martyn Ford has put forward a motion that lanterns are not to be launched from Council owned land and not to be sold in shops this will be taken to the full council.

In Australia, Fireworks are banned and allowed only at public displays, Could that law come over here? Is there any legal liability if the lanterns cause damage? There is but there has to be strict proof of liability. Repton Parish Council has banned them from being used on ground that they own.

Frank McArdle praised the Fire & Rescue service for their attendance and work on the 26hr operation at Newhall also in partnership with the Police and Bomb Experts.

Concerns were raised on the County Council cutting gritting services.

EA/30     **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

A question was raised about who will be liable if the trees on Burnaston Lane fell on cars.

Response: Derbyshire Council if the tree is on a highway.  
Landowners can be liable if the tree is dead, dying or dangerous.  
SDDC have a Tree Officer who can be contacted and he can carry out a site visit.

EA/31 **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

Feedback on Broadband was requested as Natalie, the Broadband Officer, has now left the authority. There is now a Green box at Devil's Elbow. The officer taking over from Natalie has confirmed that the box is there but they must close the road so that the box can be connected to the services.

**Action: Paul Jameson to look into this and hopes to report back for next meeting.**

Cllr Roberts asked about the Hatton Footpaths as he had contacted the Public Right of Way Officers at County Council and was informed that no more maintenance was to be done on them.

**Action: Cllr Roberts to give Paul Jameson list of footpaths and will look into this for him. Cllr Mrs Brown asked if the Footpaths Officer could attend a future meeting.**

On the road from Repton to Swadlincote a number of tyres have blown and 2 wheels damaged due to road conditions, potholes and the state of the edges of the road.

What maintenance is planned to improve the road?

Cllr Mrs Patten said by Ashby Turn there is a 1 metre square pothole which she hit. She contacted the County Council who asked for a precise location. Due to the road, there are no significant markings to enable this but in the day light it can be identified clearly.

**Action: Paul Jameson to ask Highways Officer to do an inspection from Knights Lane onwards.**

Eighteen months ago there was a Planning Application submitted for 6 dwellings in Scropton which was refused, but approved on appeal. As the Parish Council submitted comments on the appeal shouldn't they have been informed of the decision by the inspectorate?

Response: With the appeal process the inspectorate is an independent body. A list of appeals is published on Planning Committee reports which are available on the website and also Appeal Decisions are published on the website.

Any news on the proposal of 50 houses on the Etwall Road into Egginton. Nothing to report.

EA/32 **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

**Budget Update 2015-16**

Financial position has stabilised following a period of changes within the Council and this will continue but there have been no changes to the services we deliver. There has been an increase in the New Homes bonus from residential development in the district.



11% of the Council Tax bill covers South Derbyshire Services. The rate of Council tax for 2015/16 is subject to Council approval which is to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March. A freeze has been proposed.

Grants have been increased for the Voluntary Sector and Parish Council Funding at a rate of 2.3% of the rate of inflation.

**Update from Martin Buckley (SDDC Tree Officer) on Ash Die Back Disease.**

Apologies were received from Martin Buckley and a brief summary was read out by Cllr Mrs Brown.

Confirmed findings at 6 January 2015

Nursery sites - 26

Recently planted sites - 398

Wider environment, e.g. established woodland - 525

Total: 949

Managing infected trees and woodland

- You are not required to take any particular action if you own infected ash trees, unless SDDC or another plant health authority serves you with a statutory Plant Health Notice requiring action
- keep an eye on the trees' safety as the disease progresses, and prune or fell them if they or their branches threaten to cause injury or damage
- help slow the spread of the disease by removing and disposing of infected ash plants, and collecting up and burning (where permitted), burying or composting the fallen leaves.

Swadlincote Woodlands is an infected site. SDDC are managing the disease by felling and burning infected material on-site. SDDC estimate there will be a loss of 5,000 trees. Locally there are 4 woodlands affected.

Other authorities recently affected are Nottinghamshire and Birmingham City. Nott's have estimated the cost of dealing with outbreak to be in excess of £500,000.

The question was raised as to which of the 4 woodlands are affected locally. Martin has replied that they are Swadlincote Woodlands, Willersley Woodlands, Pick Triangle & Feanedock Covert. Although 3 are over the Leicestershire border they are within the infected area – Fungal Spores do not recognise Political Borders!

EA/33 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be arranged.

**MRS L BROWN**

**CHAIRMAN**

The meeting terminated at 8.35pm

## **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **ETWALL AREA FORUM**

(Covering Ash, Barton Blount, Bearwardcote, Burnaston, Church Broughton, Dalbury Lees, Egginton, Etwall, Foston & Scropton, Hatton, Hilton, Hoon, Marston-on-Dove, Osleston & Thurvaston, Radbourne, Sutton-on-the-Hill and Trusley)

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015**

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

At the last Etwall Area Forum held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at Frank Wickham Hall, Etwall, the following issues were raised and a progress report is provided:-

#### **DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

##### **1. DERBY ROAD, MARSTON ON DOVE-HOON: REMOVAL OF STREET LIGHTING**

PJ advised that the lighting had been removed under the part-night lighting programme. The lights were initially switched off and monitored for a period of time prior to their removal. Appropriate consultation was carried out under the part-night lighting scheme.

It was queried why DCC had gone to the expense of actually removing the lighting columns, rather than just switching them off and leaving them; surely this would have been a cheaper option? PJ speculated that the lighting columns would still have needed to be maintained and that, assumedly, it is cheaper in the long-term to remove them. Clarification will be sought.

**After identifying a highway asset as not being required, we monitor the situation for about 12 months to see if any reasons emerge to retain it. In this case we found no reason to change our original plans and the columns were therefore removed.**

**We have an ongoing maintenance liability on anything in the public highway; so while there is a cost to removing the lamps there is also a cost to keep them – for example, ongoing recording of their condition, etc.**

**Furthermore, if anyone were to be involved in a collision with an asset we had identified as not being required – and had done nothing about removing it – we could be criticised.**

**The repeater signs were placed here in error following the removal of the street lighting. They are to be removed and will be reused elsewhere.**

##### **2. DIGITAL DERBYSHIRE QUERY**

A query was raised in regard to the planned improvements for Sutton-on-the-Hill. A cabinet had been installed at Devil's Elbow some time ago but it was disappointing that it remains unconnected.

The Local Member had ascertained that the delay had been due to the need to close the road in order to connect the services.

**PJ to seek confirmation on when the works will be carried out.**

**3. MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

A district councillor informed the forum that he had received a number of complaints regarding the condition of public footpaths in the Hatton area. These had been reported to DCC's Public Rights of Way Team and, although some minor works were carried out, the councillor was informed that the Team is no longer carrying out routine maintenance works.

This was of concern to the councillor and the forum in general. The Chair asked whether a Rights of Way Officer could be invited to the next meeting of the forum, to advise on the situation locally and provide information on inspection regimes, etc.

**DCC's Rights of Way Team has had to reduce the number of cuts to vegetation on footpaths as a consequence of a reduction in the budget they receive. There is little more an officer could add by attending the Forum and therefore it is not considered necessary at this time.**

**The councillor raising this issue has been contacted directly with an offer to provide feedback on any specific issues that they may have in regard to public footpaths in the Hatton area.**

**Any further queries relating to Public Rights of Way can be reported to the Forum Liaison Officer and feedback will be provided accordingly.**

**4. HARTSHORNE ROAD/REPTON ROAD, REPTON-SWADLINCOTE: CARRIAGEWAY DETERIORATION**

A resident reported concern regarding a number of large potholes along this route (Hartshorne Road/Repton Road). Potholes and edge of carriageway deterioration are an issue along the entire route, from the Knight's Lane junction through to the turn towards Swadlincote (Nether Hall Road). A particularly bad pothole has appeared between the humped-back bridge and sharp bend which has caused a number of tyre blow outs.

It was queried whether some remedial works could be carried out along this route.

**The locations of concern, as raised at the forum, were forwarded for the attention of DCC Maintenance offices and repairs were subsequently undertaken on 4 February 2015.**

**Residents can report potholes via Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190 or, alternatively, submit an online reporting form on the DCC website:**

**[http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport\\_roads/roads\\_traffic/road\\_fault/default.asp](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport_roads/roads_traffic/road_fault/default.asp)**

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