

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

REPTON

8th November 2011

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Smith (Vice-Chairman in the Chair) and Councillor Murray.

F. McArdle (Chief Executive), D. Townsend (Democratic Services Officer) and K. Ward (Helpdesk).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillors Murray and Mrs. Farrington.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

In Attendance

M. Lacey (Derbyshire Police Authority) and Councillor Wheeler (South Derbyshire District Council).

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

J. Burley, D.E. Jenkinson, A. Jones, E. Lunn and M. Mycock, (Hartshorne Parish Council).

Members of the Public

R.G. Fairbrother, H. Harrison, H. Kreft (Burton Mail) C. Manifold, N. Parry, D. Staley,

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillors Ford, Mrs. Hood, Pearson and Taylor and C. Warner, F. Hood, J. Orme, A. Gifford and Mrs. Wheeler M.P.

RA/11. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman advised that following the recent consultation exercise, the Council had agreed revised area forum boundaries. Each ward would be situated in only one area and details were given of the areas that would be included in the Repton Area Forum from next year. These boundaries would also apply to the existing Safer Neighbourhood Meetings, which enabled both meetings to be held on the same date at the same venue, with the Safer Neighbourhood Meeting first, to deal with any police issues. This would avoid

duplication and achieve savings in cost and Officer time, as well as avoiding the need for residents to attend two meetings.

RA/12. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Repton Area Forum held on 14th July 2011 were noted.

RA/13. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

The Chairman reviewed those items raised at the last meeting and reported the progress made in each case.

With regard to flooding on Woodville High Street, a resident reported that this required further exploration. He had discussed this with the Highways Inspector. However, he did not believe that the issue had been resolved.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to forward this request to the Highways Inspector.

The Chairman reported that a site visit had taken place to the Repton Cross, and there would be a further update at the next meeting. In addition, the Forum Liaison Officer reported that the Conservation Team were currently considering reshaping the island to avoid any further damage to this area.

RA/14. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

An update was requested on progress of the proposed pedestrian crossing at Woodville Road. The Forum Liaison Officer reported that the legal team had looked at alternative funding sources for this project. However, none had become available at this time. He added that the developer was still being pursued.

A resident reported that a planning application had been submitted for a Woodville chemist to move to a new site. The meeting were advised that, as this was a current planning application, it could not be discussed in a public forum, however, the residents' comments were noted.

RA/15. **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

The Forum Liaison Officer reported that there was a consultation underway to consider the part night lighting scheme proposed in Derbyshire. He added that this was available on line, via Call Derbyshire and also at libraries etc. The consultation ended on 6th December 2011.

Councillor Murray wished it to be recorded that Derbyshire County Council had carried out work on the highways on the Goseley estate, which had been very much appreciated by residents.

RA/16. **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

The Chief Executive reported that the new cinema was opening on Friday, 11th November 2011. He added that there would be a range of films and access prices. The cinema had five-screens and would be 3D enabled. Also on the new site would be a Hungry Horse restaurant.

The lights switch-on and firework display in Swadlincote town centre would take place on 25th November. The Chief Executive added that Tom Glick, the Derby County Football Club Chairman and a number of players would also be in attendance.

It was also reported that the golf course was progressing well, and buildings would start to be erected from the end of November 2011.

RA/17. **POLICE ISSUES**

Unfortunately, due to an incident, the police were unable to attend the Area Forum. However, Mike Lacey agreed to report any issues, as a member of Derbyshire Police Authority.

It was reported that there had recently been two burglaries on Repton Road.

Concern was also raised with regard to the number of people collecting scrap in the area. It was suggested that if all scrap yards were made to pay for metal by cheque, many of these problems would be stopped.

There was a new contact number (101) for non-emergency calls, although this should not be used for any serious crimes. These calls were currently being answered in ten rings.

Councillor Murray advised those present that Derbyshire County Council were issuing snow information cards, which would assist members of the public during adverse weather.

P. SMITH

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 7:35 p.m.