

LINTON AREA MEETING

**AGENDA
AND
REPORTS**

Tuesday, 23rd January 2007

**ROSLISTON AND CAULDWELL VILLAGE HALL,
MAIN STREET,
ROSLISTON**

7.00 p.m.

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL:

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
Development Control	Tuesday, 6 th March 2007
Environmental and Development Services	Thursday, 8 th March 2007
Housing and Community Services	Thursday, 15 th March 2007
Finance and Management	Thursday, 22 nd March 2007
Community Scrutiny	Monday, 26 th March 2007 – 4.00 p.m.
Development Control	Tuesday, 27 th March 2007
Corporate Scrutiny	Monday, 2 nd April 2007 – 4.30 p.m.
Overview	Monday, 16 th April 2007 – 4.00 p.m.
COUNCIL	Thursday, 19 th April 2007
Etwell Leisure Centre (John Port School, Etwell)	Monday, 23 rd April 2007 – 5.00 p.m.
Development Control	Tuesday, 24 th April 2007
ANNUAL COUNCIL	Thursday, 24 th May 2007
Development Control	Tuesday, 29 th May 2007
CIVIC COUNCIL	Thursday, 31 st May 2007

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

Title : LINTON AREA MEETING Rosliston and Cauldwell Village Hall



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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

LINTON AREA MEETING

(Covering Castle Gresley, Cauldwell,
Coton-in-the-Elms, Drakelow, Linton,
Lullington, Netherseal, Overseal,
Rosliston and Walton-on-Trent)

Meeting to be held at Rosliston and Cauldwell
Village Hall, Main Street, Rosliston
on Tuesday, 23rd January 2007
at 7.00 p.m.

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

Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Southern (Chair), and Councillors Mrs. Hall, Lauro and Shaw.

County Councillors: Councillor Mrs. Lauro (Vice-Chair) and Councillor Bambrick



BUSINESS

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th November 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. (Please see attached Report).
6. South Derbyshire District Council - Responding to your views. (Please see attached Report).
7. Presentation: Safer Neighbourhoods.
8. Public Question Time and suggestions for future local discussion items.
9. Date of Next Meeting.

LINTON AREA MEETING

7th November 2006

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Southern (Chair) and Councillors Mrs Hall and Lauro.

M. Alflat (Director of Community Services), G. Coates (Senior Waste Management Officer), P. Evans (Direct Services Manager), F. Powell (Democratic Services Officer) and B. Jones (Helpdesk).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillors Bambrick, Councillor Mrs. Lauro (Vice -Chair).

J. Seymour (Policy and Programmes Manager) and S. Foyster (Democratic Services).

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

K Bradford (Coton-in-the-Elms Parish Council), Dr. D. Eaton (Cauldwell Parish Meeting), Dr. T. Elson (Walton-on-Trent Parish Council), P. Hathaway (Netherseal Parish Council), S. Jackson (Castle Gresley Parish Council), P. J. McGibbon (Netherseal Parish Council) and T. Nicklin (Netherseal Parish Council).

Derbyshire Constabulary

Acting Inspector J. White.

In Attendance

District Councillor Mrs. Wheeler.

Members of the Public

P. Bambrick and J. Smith (South Derbyshire CVS).

LA/10. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Mr. Ball and Mr. Fairbrother (Castle Gresley Parish Council), Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor (Walton on Trent Parish Council).

LA/11. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Area Meeting held on 23rd August 2006 were received and noted.

LA/12. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chair advised the Meeting that Declarations of Interest had been included on all Area Meetings Agenda to remind County, District and Parish Councils of their duty to disclose any relevant interest arising from matters discussed at Area Meetings.

There were no Declarations of Interest at this Meeting.

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

The Meeting considered a report on the following issues raised at the last Area Meeting on 23rd August 2006:

(1) Third River Crossing

The Area Meeting was advised that it would receive a verbal update and presentation from Mr. J. Seymour of Derbyshire County Council, which would be discussed at agenda item 6.

(2) Report on Waste Recycling

The Area Meeting was advised that as agreed at the last Meeting, it would receive a comprehensive presentation on the following aspects of Waste Recycling:

- Plastic
- Cardboard
- Household Waste
- Plastic Bags

It was noted that the presentation would be given by Officers from the District Council at agenda item 9.

(3) Bus Link – Linton to Burton-on-Trent

The Area Meeting was advised that following discussions at the last Meeting, County Councillor Mrs. Lauro had agreed to investigate Mr Bull's concerns regarding the provision of a bus service from Linton to Burton-on-Trent, particularly the number of buses travelling on an hourly basis.

Councillor Mrs. Lauro confirmed that Mr. Bull had been sent a letter from the Public Transport Unit at Derbyshire County Council advising that the County Council did not control the times or routes of commercial bus services. Mr. Bull had been provided with the contact details of Arriva Customer Services and Midland Classic Limited, which were the two commercial bus service operators in the Linton area.

It was agreed that the information forwarded to Mr. Bull in respect of his concerns relating to the provision and operating times of bus services between Linton and Burton on Trent be noted.

LA/14. **PRESENTATION: THE THIRD RIVER CROSSING**

The Area Meeting received a presentation on the Third River Crossing proposals from Mr. J. Seymour, Policy and Programmes Manager at Derbyshire County Council. The river crossing proposals contained two elements, firstly an application for a Walton-on-Trent Bypass and secondly the Burton-Swadlincote Regeneration Corridor.

Mr. Seymour advised that the Burton-Swadlincote Regeneration Study had now been completed and a possible route had been identified to assist the

assessment of costs and possible environmental impacts. He stressed that the route was not a firm proposal.

The Meeting was advised that the study had indicated that the overall costs of the proposal would probably be in excess of £100 million. Mr. Seymour advised that the scheme would be likely to attract employment into the South Derbyshire area, particularly in the Drakelow area. At present, it was considered that the proposal would not significantly reduce the existing traffic and highway problems in the area. Given the cost issues and the size of the scheme, it would be submitted to the various regional bodies to be considered against other traffic schemes and the relevant cost issues examined.

Responding to a question from a member of the public, the Meeting was advised that the impact of the new housing developments in the Derby, Nottingham and Leicestershire areas had not yet been considered in terms of the river crossing proposal, but that the development of the above three growth areas would be considered as the scheme developed and was refined.

It was agreed that the content of the presentation on the Third River Crossing be noted.

LA/15. **IDEAS INTO ACTION**

The Area Meeting considered a report entitled "Ideas into Action". The purpose of the report was to enable the Council to consider ideas from individuals, Parish Councils and community groups. The report stressed the desire of the Council to ensure that it was responding to the views of local people.

The Meeting was advised that following the consultation period, 64 ideas had been submitted which included:

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

The suggestions received would be acknowledged by letter and a detailed response included on what had been decided. It was confirmed that the Council would progress this matter in the following ways:

- Where immediate action could be taken on a complaint then it would be and the individual who had raised the matter would be informed of progress and contact details of the Officer who was responsible.
- Ideas for improving services across the District or developing local initiatives that would have financial implications would be considered as part of the Council's budget process later in the year.
- Where there was no cost, the suggestions would be reviewed as to whether it could be implemented.
- Where the Council was not responsible for the service, the suggestion would be passed on to the relevant body or partner. The Council would

try to ensure that the individual who had raised the question received a satisfactory response.

The top issues raised by residents were as follows:

- 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

Concerns were expressed by both Members and residents that the Council's newspaper was not being received by the residents of Field Lane/Bass's Crescent. The Director of Community Services advised that he would investigate the matter.

It was agreed that the content of the report on Ideas into Action be noted.

LA/16. **WORK OF THE CVS IN SOUTH DERBYSHIRE**

The Area Meeting received a presentation from Mrs. Jo Smith on the work of the CVS in South Derbyshire. The South Derbyshire CVS worked with voluntary organisations, community groups and individuals to improve the quality of life of local residents and provided information, advice and practical help to encourage partnerships with the voluntary and statutory sectors. The work of the CVS in South Derbyshire was summarised as covering the following core functions:

Development Support Liaison – this involved the delivery of core functions and development, support and liaison. The CVS sought to identify needs in the local community and facilitate improvement in service provision to meet those needs. In particular this involved:

- Knowledge about new local needs and the shaping of services to meeting those needs.
- Reflecting the diversity of the local community, in the identification of needs and solutions.
- Better information to statutory organisations and funders about changing needs in the community.

Standard 2 of Development Support Liaison involved the CVS in assisting local voluntary community organisations to function more effectively and deliver better quality services.

Standard 3 of Development Support Liaison involved the CVS in facilitating effective communication or networking collaboration amongst voluntary community organisations to enable them to:

- Meet and communicate better.
- Work more collaboratively and where relevant form partnerships/consortia to address particular needs or tasks.

- Make better use of resources by sharing expertise, equipment and premises.

The Meeting was advised of the core work undertaken by the CVS in helping to deliver services that supported the community, including:-

- A Social Car Scheme.
- Travelling Rural Lunch Club.
- An Advocacy Service.
- Safer homes
- Children's services
- Children and Families Domestic Abuse Support Project
- The Children and Young People's Referral and Support Service (CYPRESS)

The presentation was concluded by Jo Smith providing information on other work undertaken by the CVS, including the patient advice service operated in conjunction with the Primary Care Trust and support provided to aid the work of the local Citizens Advice Bureau.

The Chair, on behalf of the Meeting, thanked Jo Smith for the presentation and requested that County, District and Parish Councillors take account of the excellent work undertaken by the CVS.

It was agreed that the content of the presentation on the work of the South Derbyshire CVS be noted.

LA/17. **PRESENTATION: WASTE RECYCLING**

The Area Meeting received a presentation from Mrs G.Coates and Mr.P.Evans on the Councils progress on Waste Minimisation, Recycling and Composting.

The Meeting was advised that the whole of the country needed to reduce the amount of waste produced and dumped. The reasons for this were as follows:

- Enough waste was generated every hour in the UK to fill the Albert Hall.
- Nationally waste increased by 3% per year.
- 29,000 tonnes of domestic waste would be disposed of in South Derbyshire in 2006/07.
- Space in landfill sites was diminishing and many people did not wish to live nearby new waste disposal sites.
- 70% of residents waste was recyclable using existing recycling and composting schemes.

The European Landfill Directive had restricted the use of landfill sites for bio-degradable wastes including garden, food waste, paper and cardboard and a 65% reduction by 2020 had been set (this was based on the landfill figures for 1995).As part of the process to increase recycling and waste minimisation, Waste Disposal Authorities had been given a maximum landfill allowance. Waste disposal over the agreed allowance would be fined at £150 per tonne.

The District Council had exceeded the national targets set by Government for waste recycling in 2003/2004 and 2005/2006. The targets for recycling were expected to increase significantly to meet the European Landfill Directive.

Information was provided on the Council's Brown Bin Central Composting scheme and the Green Box kerbside recycling collections for glass, bottles/jars, drinks cans, food tins and foil.

It was confirmed that the Council had over 80 recycling centres throughout the District. The presentation concluded with the provision of information on home composting, real nappy schemes and the relevance of educational events and publicity to highlight the importance of recycling.

Questions were raised by elected Members and members of the public relating to the following issues:-

- Problems of smell, flies and maggots in bins.
- What was the appropriate method to dispose of plastic bottle tops?
- The provision of information so that people understood how recycling worked and knew what was required of them to participate in the various recycling schemes.

A resident expressed concern regarding fly tipping which he felt was a major problem in many of the villages in the District. The Meeting was advised that the Council had received funding for a major campaign to highlight the issue of fly tipping, the problems it caused and possible solutions.

A resident expressed concern regarding the amount of packaging on goods sold by supermarkets. Officers acknowledged this was a serious problem and although discussions had taken place with a number of supermarkets, no significant results had yet been achieved.

The meeting requested officers to investigate whether it was possible to increase the number of recycling banks at the Overseal recycling centre to deal with an increased plastic waste volume.

It was agreed:

- (1) That the content of the presentation on waste minimisation, recycling and composting be noted.**
- (2) That the Director of Community Services be requested to investigate whether it is possible to increase the recycling bank capacity at the Overseal recycling centre in Woodville Road, Overseal, to enable a greater volume of plastic waste to be processed.**

LA/18. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE LOCAL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A resident expressed concern that recently, he had been requested to collect a registered letter from Burton-on-Trent rather than the Swadlincote Post Office. He felt that this could raise particular transport problems for older people who may not necessarily have easy access to Burton-on-Trent.

LA/19. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Democratic Services Officer advised that the date of the next Area Meeting would be Tuesday, 23rd January 2007 at 7.00 p.m. at the Rosliston Village Hall.

R. W. SOUTHERN

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 8.40 p.m.

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Tuesday, 23rd January 2007

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last meeting of this Committee held on 7th November 2006 at Netherseal Village Hall, the following issue was raised. The issue is listed below, together with progress made to date:-

ISSUES	PROGRESS	ACTIONED BY
<p><u>Recycling Bank capacity at the Overseal Recycling Centre</u> Following discussions at the last Area Meeting it was agreed that the Director of Community Services be requested to investigate whether it was possible to increase the recycling bank capacity at the Overseal Recycling Centre so that it can process an increased volume of waste.</p>	<p>The Overseal Recycling Centre was monitored from 9th November 2006 to 29th November 2006, there were no problems reported with overflowing recycling banks. Following previous complaints concerning the processing of plastics at the Recycling Centre a new larger bank was installed in July 2006, no further problems have been reported.</p>	<p>Mrs. L. Neave Waste Management Officer – South Derbyshire District Council.</p>

South Derbyshire District Council Responding to your views

Report to Area Meetings January 2007

What we set out to do?

In the last 12 months we have consulted local people about what they wanted us to do to improve our services and South Derbyshire as a place to live. Last January we asked you to prioritise some of the ideas being considered for our Corporate Plan for 2006. In October we asked you for your ideas in our initiative called "Ideas into Action".

We reported back earlier this year about our new Corporate Plan and to the last Area Meetings about the ideas you had submitted. This report gives you feedback about what we did about what you said to us.

What you told us – and what we did about it

Corporate Plan 2006/09

We have 6 themes in our corporate plan and we put forward a number of suggestions for actions within each theme. We acted on the ones that you prioritised at these meetings and incorporated proposals within our 3 year plan that runs to April 2009. We have listed in Appendix A the 4 highest priority actions, based on the area meeting consultation, together with the actions taken so far and an indication what we will do next, if the proposal is not yet completed.

Ideas into Action

At the last meeting we told you that the top issues people put forward were

- 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

These have gone to the top of the list for any new money that will be available in the new budget that runs from April 2007, but we may not be able to fund everything that we all want to do. However, we have implemented some ideas immediately so we can make a difference straight away. These ideas include

- We now take action to clear litter from private land where public access makes it prominent and noticeable this is in addition to the usual highways and council land where we have a duty to control litter. We will work with private landowners to make sure they do not avoid their legal responsibilities but this will make sure that problem areas remain tidy whilst we sort out the legal position.
- We currently only deal with graffiti on council owned land and buildings. This year we have started to remove prominent graffiti where it is visible to the public.
- We are launching a grant scheme for Parish Councils to plant spring bulbs or other planting to improve the look of public areas. A similar scheme will operate in the unparished urban core.
- We are working with Derbyshire County Council, who are responsible for Civic Amenity Sites, to seek improvements to access, particularly in the north of the district where access is limited. As an interim measure we are introducing a Saturday Refuse Freighter collection from a number of villages and details of locations and dates will be available shortly.
- We will provide financial support for Rosliston, who will represent South Derbyshire in the national Britain in Bloom competition in 2007. We will also contribute to an urban landscape scheme promoted by Groundwork and the Parish Council in Melbourne.

Finally – Thank you

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 this note demonstrates that we do listen to what you say and take action on what our local communities are telling us.

Ian Reid
Deputy Chief Executive
January 2007

Appendix A

Proposal	Action delivered
<p>Theme 1: You at the Centre</p>	
<p>1st Provide more litter bins and improve weed control and road sweeping</p>	<p>We have provided 20 additional litter bins, improved our approach to street sweeping and litter picking, doubled the frequency of mechanical road sweeping and increased the frequency of weed spraying on footpaths. Our performance is now comparable with the best in the country.</p>
<p>2nd Extend composting and green box recycling scheme across the whole of the district</p>	<p>We have extended composting collections to 3000 properties and this new scheme collects kitchen waste as well as garden waste. The green box scheme has been extended across the district and now covers over 98% of properties.</p>
<p>3rd Deliver a programme of community based environmental projects through Groundwork Trust</p>	<p>Groundwork launched. Consultation on use of Council garage sites to improve the appearance of the area. A DVD making it easier to apply for disabled facilities grants, and a consultation on the future appearance of Swadlincote.</p>
<p>4th Deliver an annual programme of communication and consultation</p>	<p>4 issues of The South Derbyshire District News published per year. Our website has been reviewed externally by the Society of Information Technology Management who gave very positive feedback on content and functionality. Members of the public have tested our website and improvements made following their comments. An information screen has been introduced in our reception area to communicate information. We have improved our approach to consultation and this is exemplified by the Ideas into Action initiative, which was publicised in the newspaper.</p>
<p>Theme 2: Safe and Healthy Communities</p>	
<p>1st Deliver the Safer Neighbourhoods Project</p>	<p>6 Safer Neighbourhood meetings established across the district.</p>

<p>2nd Appoint Safer Neighbourhood Wardens to patrol anti social behaviour hotspots and enforce "Cleaner Neighbourhoods" legislation</p>	<p>Wardens are now patrolling a hit list of anti social hot spots suggested by the Police, the public and Councillors. Much positive feedback from the community on their beneficial impact.</p>
<p>3rd Continue to implement The Youth Facilities Plan</p>	<p>Plan rolled out with a range of new and improved facilities including multi use games areas at Midway, Castle Gresley and imminently Hatton.</p>
<p>4th Promote awareness of anti social behaviour hotline</p>	<p>Hotline launched and promoted. 78 calls received and responded to.</p>
<p>Theme 3: Prosperity for All</p>	
<p>1st Consult older people about the services they need from the council</p>	<p>Consultation framework under development with SDCVS. Specific consultation with Age Concern has identified a number of actions that we will undertake.</p>
<p>2nd Promote the use of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts to tackle truancy issues</p>	<p>11 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts in place (0 of which relate to truancy issues)</p>
<p>3rd Reduce the time taken to provide home adaptations and promote ways of enabling people to stay in their own home</p>	<p>Time taken to approve major adaptation grants reduced with 100% of grants new grant referrals received this year being completed within the 42 weeks Government Target.</p>
<p>4th Significantly reduce the number of households living in fuel poverty</p>	<p>434 households assisted with insulation and heating measures. 1507 tonnes CO2 saved as a result of activity.</p>
<p>Theme 4: High Quality Services</p>	
<p>1st Set clear standards in consultation with service users</p>	<p>First phase of Service Standards project is complete with publication of standards for environmental services and customer service. Other areas will generate equivalent documents. Achievement of Government approved Chartermark awarded to Environmental Services (supported by Customer Services).</p>
<p>2nd Develop a framework for assessing the needs of specific service users.</p>	<p>This will follow on from the Service Standards Project.</p>

<p>3rd Set targets for service reliability and responsiveness in consultation with service users and monitor performance</p> <p>4th Establish a rolling programme of customer satisfaction surveys</p>	<p>Customer Service standards have been adopted and are used in Customer Services. These standards are available on our website will be rolled out to other service areas. Part of the Service Standards Project.</p> <p>The Best Value User Satisfaction Surveys, the results of which are now starting to come forward, form the basis of this year's project.</p>
<p>Theme 5: Rural South Derbyshire</p>	
<p>1st Ensure rural environmental issues are adequately covered in the Sustainability Appraisals and policies of Local Development Framework documents</p>	<p>Policy Framework in development.</p>
<p>2nd Establish Service Level Agreements with Parish Councils (linked to funding arrangements) in order to promote innovation in the delivery of local service priorities</p>	<p>Initial scoping work undertaken by consultants for the Council and updates given to Parish Council Forum. Parish Council funding to continue on current basis until consultation and discussions with parishes is completed.</p>
<p>3rd Establish a means of extending the Rural Transport Partnership (with partners) beyond 2006 in order to improve public transport in rural areas</p>	<p>County Accessibility Partnership to be established to take forward recommendations contained in report commissioned by Derbyshire County Council and East Midlands Development Agency.</p>
<p>4th Develop a better understanding of how our performance in delivering services varies across the district</p>	<p>The Pilot Project for examining selected Best Value Performance Indicator data at a ward level is about to commence.</p>
<p>Theme 6: Strong in the Region</p>	
<p>1st Resisting Changes in the delivery of services which could have an adverse impact on local people and communities and report outcomes back to local people</p>	<p>The Council has resisted changes to the bus route to Melbourne and Nottingham East Midlands Airport. Scrutiny currently undertaking consultation and meetings with the MP and Sub-postmasters about possible closure of rural post offices. The Council has responded to proposals in the Draft Regional Plan has also supported the SDLSP to formulate a response.</p>

<p>2nd Lobby on issues of concern and report outcomes back to local people</p>	<p>Council lobbied against reorganisation of Derbyshire Police. Regional Spatial Strategy discussed at Committee & SDLSP - Further details to be provided.</p>
<p>3rd Ensure that the Council is represented at meetings of the East Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA) and East Midlands Development Agency (EMDA)</p>	<p>The Leader of the Council is a representative on the EMRA and the Chief Executive works closely with EMDA on all inward investment opportunities. Both attend and represent the Council at all important meetings.</p>
<p>4th Provide details of the work we are doing to represent the interest of South Derbyshire in newsletters and on our web site</p>	<p>Details reported to all homes and businesses in The South Derbyshire District News / website. In addition we use the local media, Press Releases and radio networks communicate the work of the Council to local people.</p>

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