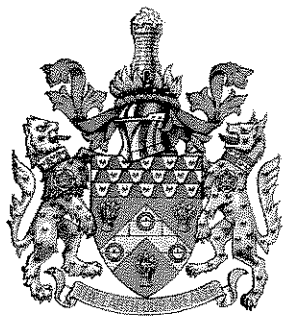




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# South Derbyshire Area Forum

## Etwall

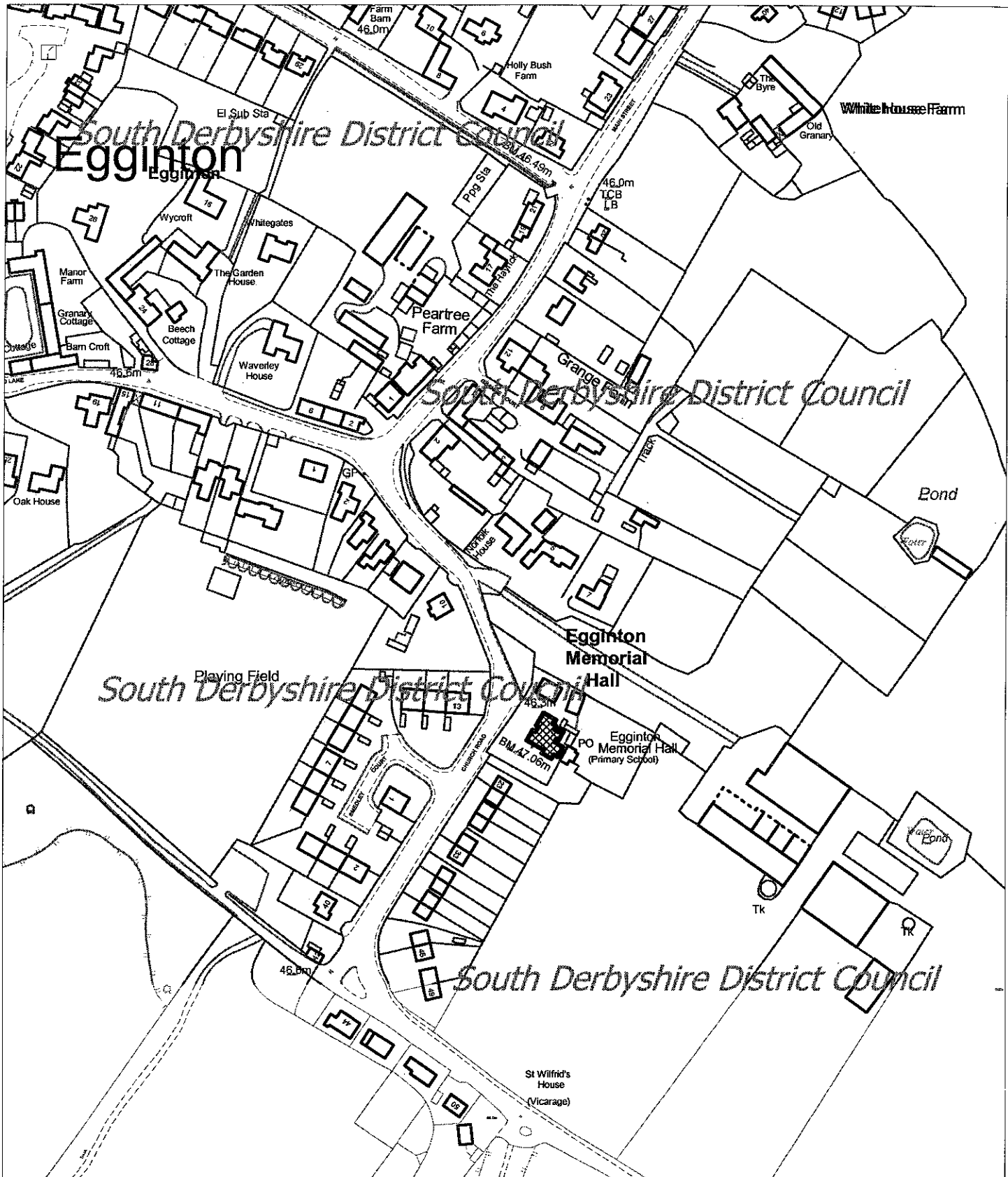
Wednesday  
10<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Egginton Memorial  
Hall  
Church Road  
Egginton  
7pm

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Area Meeting Venue

Egginton Memorial Hall Church Road Egginton



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## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 4.3.10
Etwall Area Forum – 7.00 p.m. Egginton Memorial, Church Road, Egginton	Wednesday 10.3.10
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 11.3.10
Linton Area Forum – 7.00 p.m. Coton-in-the-Elms Community Centre, Elms Road, Coton-in-the-Elms	Monday 15.3.10
Swadlincote Area Forum – 7.00 p.m. Sharpe's Pottery Museum, West Street, Swadlincote	Tuesday 16.3.10
Melbourne Area Forum – 7.00 p.m. Stenson Fields Primary School, Heather Close, Stenson Fields	Wednesday 17.3.10
Finance & Management	Thursday 18.3.10
Development Control	Tuesday 23.3.10
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 24.3.10
Newhall Area Forum – 7.00 p.m. Newhall Centre, Meadow Lane, Newhall	Thursday 25.3.10
Audit Sub – 4.00 p.m.	Tuesday 6.4.10
Repton Area Forum – 7.00 p.m. Goseley Community Centre, Hartshill Road, Hartshorne	Wednesday 7.4.10
COUNCIL	Thursday 8.4.10
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 15.4.10
Etwall Leisure Centre – 5.00 p.m. John Port School, Etwall	Monday 19.4.10
Development Control	Tuesday 20.4.10
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 22.4.10
Finance & Management	Thursday 29.4.10
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 5.5.10
Development Control	Tuesday 11.5.10
ANNUAL COUNCIL	Thursday 20.5.10
CIVIC COUNCIL – Town Hall, The Delph, Swadlincote	Thursday 27.5.10

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

# SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM ETWALL**

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

**Meeting to be held at the  
Egginton Memorial Hall  
Church Road  
Egginton**

**on Wednesday, 10th March 2010  
at 7.00 p.m.**

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

### Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Lemmon (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Plenderleith (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Bale, Mrs. Brown, Ford, Mrs. Hood, Roberts and Mrs. Patten.

County Councillors: Councillors Ford and Mrs. Patten.

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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 3rd February 2010 (copy attached).
6. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
7. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
8. County Council issues - Big Choices – Waste Consultation.
9. District Council issues.
10. Date of Next Meeting.



SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

ETWALL

3rd February 2010

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council Representatives**

Councillor Lemmon (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Plenderleith (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Bale, Mrs. Brown, Ford, Mrs. Hood and Roberts.

F. McArdle (Chief Executive), P. Spencer (Democratic Services) and K. Ward (Helpdesk).

**Derbyshire County Council Representatives**

Councillor Ford.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

**Community Transport (Swadlincote)**

B. Corbishley.

**Parish Council/Meeting Representatives**

P. Coultas (Dalbury Lees Parish Council), B. Cowley, C. Gerrard and B. Penny and C. Gerrard (Egginton Parish Council), K. Cresswell, N. Ireland, D. Miller and I. Smith (Etwall Parish Council), S. Dunncliffe (Findern Parish Council), T. Beresford (Foston and Scropton Parish Council), M. Cramp and G. Green (Hatton Parish Council), J. Bates and B. Walton-Knight (Hilton Parish Council).

**Members of the Public**

F. Hood, D. Harrison, T. Wherly and P. Wood.

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District and County Councillor Mrs. Patten, B. Payton (Etwall Parish Council), Councillors Taylor and Thurman (Hatton Parish Council), S. Avery, H. Hague and R. Mathews.

EA/15. **POLICE ISSUES**

The Chairman publicised the date of the next Safer Neighbourhood Meeting, for this part of South Derbyshire. It would be held on 3rd March 2010 at 6.30 p.m. at the Egginton Memorial Hall.

**EA/16. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman publicised Liberation Day, a joint venture between the District Council and Safer Neighbourhood Partnership. This popular event sought to raise awareness of safety issues and always filled quickly. The Chairman advised that registration could be made by phone between 20th March and 6th April 2010. Free transportation could be provided and he encouraged residents to attend. Finally, the Chairman reported on the by-election, which would be held in Hatton the following day.

**EA/17. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Etwall Area Forum held on 10th November 2009 were noted.

**EA/18. REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

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

**EA/19. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

The Area Forum received a presentation from Bill Corbishley of the Swadlincote Community Transport Scheme. Initially, he provided background on the establishment of Community Transport schemes and the funding secured by Derbyshire County Council. Swadlincote Community Transport was formed in 1991 and now operated a "dial a bus" service, using 25 accessible vehicles. The service was free to residents who had the "Gold Card" travel pass. Community Transport was a charity and a "not for profit" company. He explained how the "dial a bus" scheme worked and gave statistics on the number of users of certain routes through this part of South Derbyshire. There was a lack of awareness of some services and it was questioned how these could be publicised better. Feedback was always welcomed on those elements of the scheme that worked well and where problems existed. Mr. Corbishley then spoke about driver training and the commercial aspects of Community Transport, which sought to cross-subsidise other services.

It was requested that Mr. Corbishley attend an Over 60s group in Egginton, to give information about the Community Transport Scheme. A County Councillor spoke about the support for the Community Transport service. In Foston and Scropton, services were being delivered by Community Transport (Ashbourne). The need for a dialogue was recognised between the different Community Transport schemes operating in South Derbyshire and this could also lead to service enhancements. It was asked whether residents' views were sought on where services should be provided. This did happen and an example was the questionnaire used to seek feedback on service needs.

The Council for Voluntary Services Social Car Scheme, which used smaller vehicles and volunteer drivers was also publicised. A plea was made for

service delivery to the smaller settlements in the north-west parishes of the District. Mr. Corbishley was thanked for the presentation.

EA/20. **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

The Forum Liaison Officer had circulated information on the Derbyshire Community Climate Action Conference. This would be held on 13th March 2010 at the County Council's offices in Matlock.

EA/21. **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

Your Area – Options for future developments and Place Survey results

The Chief Executive gave an update on the Place Survey results 2008/09. He reported that this was a new statutory survey, which all English local authorities were required to carry out every two years. A total of 4,000 questionnaires were mailed out to randomly selected addresses between October and December 2008. Some 1,616 questionnaires were completed, which at 41% was a good response rate. Results had been analysed by Community Forum Area and the key issues for Etwall were included within the presentation. Results were reported under various headings and included satisfaction with the local area, crime, community involvement and satisfaction with the District Council.

The Chief Executive also gave a presentation on the District Council's Core Strategy, which was currently out for consultation. He advised those present that the Council's Core Strategy would guide development and investment in South Derbyshire over the next 20 years. The options looked at how much development should take place in South Derbyshire up to 2026 and where it should be built. A summary leaflet was available for residents and this provided highlights of some of the main points and advised on how to find out more information. The consultation document was available at the Council's offices, public libraries and some post offices. In addition it could be downloaded from the Council's website. The Chief Executive encouraged residents to respond and responses had to be received by 31st March 2010.

Presentation on the Council's Budget

A presentation was also given on the District Council's budget for 2010/11. Information was provided on how Council Tax for a Band D property was split between the District and County Councils, the Police, Fire Authority and parishes. The Council's net running costs were confirmed, together with how they were financed and also how those funds were used. The 2010/11 initial budget showed a deficit of £484,250, which would need to be funded from reserves. Challenges faced by the Council included the effects of the recession, a review of Government grants and also the uncertainty of future forecasting. The District Council had accumulated cashable efficiencies to date of £677,000. Other savings would come from restructuring, partnering, streamlining the central purchasing and procurement, the disposal of assets and lower pay awards and general inflation.



The aims of the District Council were reported together with the timetable for the budget proposals. A full copy of the Consolidated Budget Proposals 2010/11 and the Financial Plan to 2015 could be accessed via the Council's website [www.south-derbys.gov.uk](http://www.south-derbys.gov.uk).

With regard to the budget setting proposals, it was announced that Derbyshire County Council intended to levy a 1.5% increase, which would be one of the lowest County Council precepts in the Country. An Etwall parish councillor questioned whether use could be made of the Council's procurement arrangements, to achieve savings for parishes and he was urged to contact Officers outside the Meeting. With regard to the Place Survey, it was confirmed how parish councils would be involved and that the Government had undertaken the random survey of 4,000 people in the District.

#### EA/22. PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS

Concerns were raised about damage to grass verges adjacent to 4 rented properties in Welland Road, Hilton. **It was agreed that the Forum Liaison Officer would speak with the resident after the Meeting, pursue this matter and report progress back to the next Meeting.**

There was a discussion about the lack of winter maintenance of a path between Heath Way and Station Road in Hatton. This footway provided a pedestrian access to nearby shops and was also a public right of way. It was considered that the land might be owned by the District Council. Advice was provided on the potential liability for individuals who undertook winter maintenance themselves. **It was agreed that Officers of the District and County Councils would liaise with resident directly on this matter.**

A County Councillor spoke about the recent winter maintenance and the potential for the residual grit to block gullies. Residents were urged to "Call Derbyshire" on 08456 058058 to report any blocked gullies. A resident spoke about pre-drilled kerbs on Station Road in Hatton, close to the Kestrel public house that had been blocked for several months. It was confirmed that this area had been inspected recently and a works order placed.

A Councillor questioned whether the County Council would have a budget for additional street lighting in the new financial year and he reported problems in Heath Way, Hatton where two elderly residents had fallen. Further reported problem areas were Field Avenue and Foston Close in Hatton. The Forum Liaison Officer responded that the funding provided to date had been for maintenance, rather than the provision of new street lighting.

Parking enforcement was discussed and it was questioned whether the County Council's powers extended to prosecuting individuals who parked on footways. Clarification was provided and in some instances, where obstruction occurred, it was a matter for the Constabulary.

An update was sought on the Boundary Committee Review of South Derbyshire. It was confirmed that the District Council had made its submission, which could be viewed via the Boundary Committee website.

There would be the opportunity for further consultation when the draft proposals were published.

EA/23. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Etwall Area Forum Meeting would be held on 10th March 2010 at Egginton Memorial Hall.

J. LEMMON

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.35 p.m.

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10th March 2010

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

At the last Etwall Area Forum held on 3rd February 2010, at the Hatton Centre, the following issues were raised. The issues are listed below, together with progress made to date:-

#### Derbyshire County Council Issues

##### 1. Heath Way, Hatton: Overgrown Verges

A resident complained about the state of the overgrown verges on Heath Way and asked that some grass cutting is carried out by whichever authority is responsible. The verges on Heath Way have been inspected by an area Highways Inspector but no action is considered necessary.

South Derbyshire District Council carry out grass cutting of verges on behalf of DCC. On estate roads this amounts to 5 cuts per year. DCC's purpose for cutting grass verges is solely for safety reasons (i.e. to maintain good visibility) although the district may choose to carry out further cuts for amenity purposes in certain areas, subject to available funding.

##### 2. Welland Road, Hilton: Damaged Verges

A local resident raised concerns about a damaged verge at the junction of Welland Road and The Mease. It was stated that the owners of some properties regularly park on this verge and have caused damage to it. The same vehicles are parked there overnight and at the weekends.

The Forum Liaison Officer advised that DCC can take action against the owners of vehicles that cause damage to grass verges. The difficulty lies in proving which vehicles are causing the damage – an officer would literally have to be in attendance and witness a verge being damaged for any action to be taken. Where damage has been caused to a verge by an unknown party, DCC would only take remedial action, if the damage was considered to be a safety concern (i.e. not for aesthetic purposes).

This matter has been passed for the attention of the area Highways Inspector who is carrying out observations, to clarify whether the damage caused to the verge can be traced to specific vehicles.

### 3. Footpath No 5, Hatton (Station Road-Heath Way): Ownership & Maintenance Responsibility

A resident spoke about footpath No.5, which runs between Station Road and Heath Way in Hatton. Concerns were reported over the safety of this route during the recent icy weather and the resident had taken it upon himself to grit it. Advice was provided about the potential liability for individuals who undertook such action. It was queried who owned this footpath and who had gritting/maintenance responsibility. It was also suggested that there might be an agreement in regard to maintenance. Officers at the District Council have also researched this matter and confirmed to the resident who raised this issue that the land ownership rests with the District Council.

### 4. STREET LIGHTING PROVISION IN HATTON

A Hatton District Councillor asked whether additional street lighting could be provided at Heath Way (o/s no. 9), Foston Close and Field Avenue, Hatton. DCC Liaison Officer believed that the street lighting budget for this year only extended to the maintenance of existing lighting, but advised that the Councillor's requests would be submitted accordingly.

DCC's Street Lighting section has reported that there is currently no budget available for additional street lighting. Further enquiries are being made with the Community Safety Unit for advice on how an application can be made from their lighting budget. An update will be provided to the Forum, once available.

### 5. STATION ROAD, HATTON: DRAINAGE

A resident reported that drainage had become an issue on Station Road due to the pre-drilled kerbs being blocked up. This was a problem o/s The Kestrel public house. A check of records has confirmed that a Highway Inspector visited this location recently and has arranged for the area care team to clean out the blockage. This work will be carried out shortly.