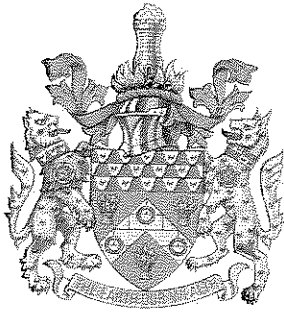


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Wednesday 15th April
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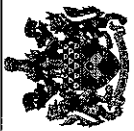
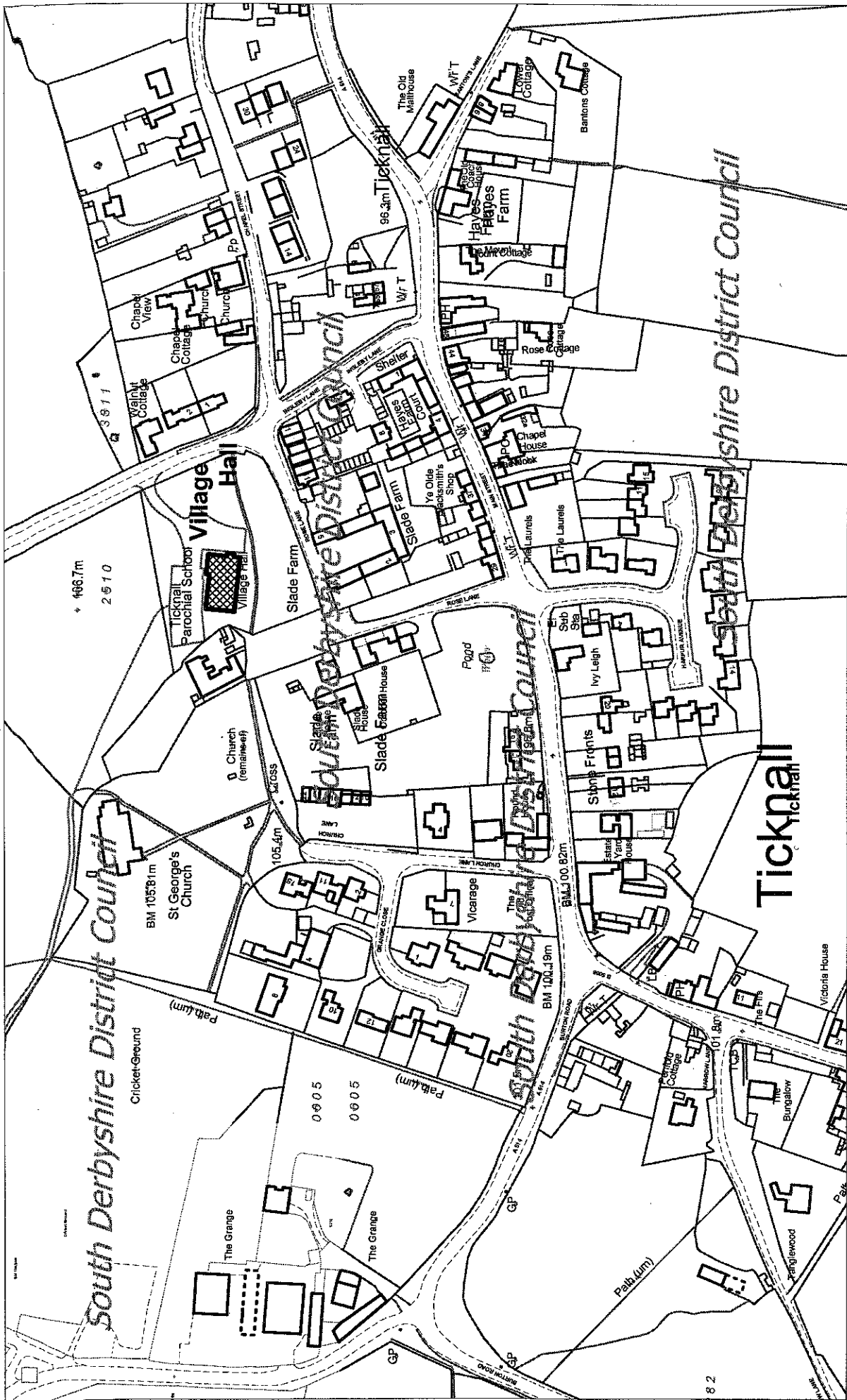
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Area Meeting Venue

Village Hall Ingleby Lane Ticknall



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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

Meeting	Date of Meeting
Linton Area Forum, 7.00 p.m. Coton Community Centre, Elms Road, Coton-in-the Elms	Monday 30th March 2009
Swadlincote Area Forum, 7.00 p.m. Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote	Tuesday 31st March 2009
Etwall Area Forum, 7.00 p.m. Hatton Centre, Station Road, Hatton	Wednesday, 1st April 2009
Audit Sub, 4.00 p.m.	Wednesday 8 th April 2009
COUNCIL	Thursday 9 th April 2009
Melbourne Area Forum, 7.00 p.m. Ticknall Village Hall, Ingleby Lane, Ticknall	Wednesday, 15th April 2009
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 16 th April 2009
Etwall Leisure Centre, 5.00 p.m. Resource Centre, John Port School, Etwall	Monday 20 th April 2009
Repton Area Forum, 7.00 p.m. Woodville Infants School, High Street, Woodville	Monday 20th April 2009
Development Control	Tuesday 21 st April 2009
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 23 rd April 2009
Finance & Management	Thursday 30 th April 2009
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 6 th May 2009
Development Control	Tuesday 12 th May 2009
ANNUAL COUNCIL	Thursday 21 st May 2009
CIVIC COUNCIL, Town Hall, The Delph, Swadlincote	Thursday 28 th May 2009

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**Meeting to be held at
Ticknall Village Hall,
Ingleby Lane, Ticknall
on Wednesday 15th April 2009
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, Bladen, Mrs. Coyle, Hewlett, Murray, Pabla, Shepherd, Stanton and Mrs. Wheeler.

County Councillors: Councillors Ford and Harrison.

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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 9th February 2009.
6. Report back on issues raised by residents.
7. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
8. County Council issues.
9. District Council issues: Update on Vision and Priorities 2009/14.
10. Date of Next Meeting.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

MELBOURNE

9th February 2009

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Harrison (Chairman) and Councillors Atkin, Mrs. Coyle, Hewlett, Shepherd, Stanton and Mrs. Wheeler.

J. Jones (Director of Corporate Services), P. Spencer (Democratic Services), and K. Ward (Helpdesk).

County Council Representatives

Councillor Harrison.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

Derbyshire Constabulary

Sergeant A. Wright.

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

K. Atkin (Barrow-on-Trent Parish Council) and C. Fellows (Stenson Fields Parish Council).

Members of the Public

D. Bayliss, D. Bellis, C. Ford, A. Madeley, G. Pollard and K. Whewell.

MA/23. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

It was noted that the Chairman, Councillor Harrison was due to arrive shortly. In his absence, it was agreed that Councillor Mrs. Wheeler Chair the Meeting, in the interim.

MA/24. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from M. Todd M.P., County Councillor A. Jones, District Councillors Murray, Pabla and Watson, F. Mitchell (Elvaston Parish Council), D. Smith (Melbourne Parish Council) and C. Brooks (Derbyshire Library Service).

MA/25. **POLICE ISSUES**

Sergeant A. Wright provided an update on policing issues and reminded those present of the Safer Neighbourhood Meetings. He explained that crime statistics were now available via the Derbyshire Police and District Council websites. He sought feedback from residents on the value of these statistics. He referred to the continuing reductions in crime levels and in South Derbyshire the crime statistics were below the County average. Other issues raised were the availability of graffiti removal kits, test purchase operations to

respond to concerns about young people purchasing and consuming alcohol and the links to anti-social behaviour. An update was also given on the Speedwatch scheme. In response to a question, further details were provided on how residents could access the crime statistics from the Derbyshire Police website.

MA/26. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Residents were reminded of literature that had been circulated on the Local Development Framework Core Strategy.

Note: At 7.10 p.m. Councillor Harrison joined the Meeting and assumed the Chair.

MA/27. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Melbourne Area Meeting held on 30th October 2008 were noted.

MA/28. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

Information had been circulated with the agenda to provide an update on the issues raised at the last Meeting. A resident asked how the parish of Swarkestone could become involved in the Speedwatch initiative, as it did not have a parish council. It was suggested that Swarkestone residents liaise with the adjacent Barrow-on-Trent Parish Council, with a view to extending their scheme to cover Swarkestone. At the last Meeting, concerns had been reported about the condition of a footpath in Weston Road, Aston-on-Trent. It was noted that some repair works had taken place, but these were considered insufficient and a problem remained. The Chairman requested further information from the resident in question, so that he could pursue this at Derbyshire County Council. Complaints had been submitted about dog waste being thrown in the Stenson Fields area. A parish councillor explained that the problem occurred when the dog waste bin had been emptied and not re-secured properly. The Parish Council would continue to monitor this problem, but it was requested that the District Council ensure that the bin was locked properly, once it had been emptied. **It was agreed to refer this issue to the Council's Direct Services Manager.**

MA/29. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

An Elvaston resident explained the highway maintenance difficulties at the District Boundary with Erewash. This was at the Derwent Bridge on the B5010. The construction of a cycleway and bridleway had reduced the road to a single carriageway, controlled by traffic lights. Road sweepers were currently unable to clean this section of highway, as it would cause congestion. Over the years, this had resulted in the accumulation of detritus and fallen leaves. The resident was thanked for raising this issue. **It was agreed that Derbyshire County Council investigate this problem and provide a report back to the next Meeting.**

There was a discussion about the District Council's recycling calendar and there had been some confusion over the Christmas period. It was requested that a clearer, simpler calendar be provided to help residents participate in

the scheme. A comparison was made to arrangements in the City of Derby and that authority produced a calendar specifically for the Christmas period. **These comments were taken on board and would be referred to the appropriate officers at the District Council.**

Reference was made to the closure of the A514 at Ticknall for major road works. There was recognition of the efforts of Ticknall Parish Council and particularly its Chairman, Mr. Green to keep residents and others informed during this period of disruption. The Chairman gave an update on the works. A local District Councillor advised that the Royal Mail had sealed two of the Village's three post boxes. This was a cause of concern and there were no apparent reasons why this should be done, as vehicular access was still possible to the post boxes in question. **It was requested that Derbyshire County Council make representations on this issue.**

Reference was then made to the recent bad weather, which had impacted on the refuse collection service. Residents were advised to leave their wheeled bins out, as they would be collected as soon as was possible after such periods of bad weather. It was questioned why the District Council did not collect plastic materials for recycling. An explanation was provided on the costs associated with plastic recycling, the low resale value of plastics and the likely impact on the Council tax if such a service was introduced. Residents were reminded that plastics could be taken to recycling centres throughout South Derbyshire. Related to this, there was a discussion about the location of such recycling centres and a perceived need for publicity.

MA/30. COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES

The Area Forum was due to have received a presentation from the Derbyshire Libraries Service. However, due to the anticipated adverse weather, the Officer had submitted apologies. **It was requested that this presentation be submitted to the next Area Forum.**

Paul Jameson publicised the Trusted Trader Scheme. An initiative with Social Services to respond to concerns about certain service providers had led to the compilation of a database of different skilled trades people. Those involved in the scheme had been through rigorous checks and a leaflet and card were available to provide further details on how to access this service. A resident applauded this initiative and made a comparison to the scheme in the City of Derby. This went a step further by providing details of how to identify "rogue traders". Residents wishing to find out further information about the Trusted Trader scheme could ring 'Call Derbyshire' on 08456 058058.

An update was sought about the replacement of weight limit enforcement cameras on the Swarkestone Bridge. The Chairman provided further background information. **It was requested that Officers give a further update at the next Meeting.** Related to this, there was discussion about the problems caused by heavy commercial traffic travelling through this part of the District and the previous endeavours to secure advanced warning signage from the A50 trunk road. A local District Councillor was compiling photographic evidence of similar signage elsewhere in the Country, with a view to lobbying on this issue. **A further report would be provided at the next Meeting.**

A Swarkestone resident submitted a letter from 2004 from the then Cabinet Member at Derbyshire County Council. This related to providing a footway from Woodshop Lane to the A514, but this scheme had never been undertaken. **It was agreed that this matter be investigated by Derbyshire County Council and a response submitted to the next Meeting.**

MA/31. **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES – PROGRESS ON COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

The Area Forum received a presentation from the Director of Corporate Services on the Council's priorities and budget for the period 2009/14. Initially, this covered the new Corporate Plan, explaining why it was being reviewed. Details were provided of the evidence base, the consultation undertaken and the top priorities identified.

The Director then referred to the budget for 2009/14, explaining the District Council's proportion of the Council Tax and the services, which it provided. This included the 2009/10 Draft Budget Plan, issues for the next five years, including a review of priorities and the fact that the Council was now debt free.

In response to questions, a definition was provided of affordable housing and clarification was provided about the Local Development Framework consultation. The Chairman referred to the County Council's consultation that had taken place at the previous round of Area Forums. There was some apparent mixing of District and County Council priorities highlighted in the feedback from this consultation exercise.

MA/32. **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman read correspondence circulated by the County Council's Cabinet Member for Environmental Services. This related to planned improvements to the M1 motorway in Derbyshire and specifically the use of the hard shoulder and creation of emergency refuge areas. Further information on this initiative could be accessed via the link <http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/roads/network/policy/motorways>.

The Area Forum noted with sadness the death of Councillor Pabla's wife and it was agreed to send a letter of condolence to Councillor Pabla. His fellow Ward Councillor commented on the moving service held the previous week.

At the last Meeting, concerns had been raised about the condition of a footpath in Main Street, Weston-on-Trent, leading out of the Village towards the Church. **It was agreed that this resident approach the Democratic Services Officer after the Meeting, to be put in touch with the Council's Public Rights of Way officer.**

J. HARRISON

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8:15 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

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REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last Melbourne Area Meeting held on 9th February 2009, at the Stenson Fields Primary School, the following issues were raised. The issues are listed below, together with progress made to date:-

Derbyshire County Council Issues

1. Weston Road, Aston-on-Trent: Footway Deterioration

A resident referred to this matter, which was raised at the last forum, and expressed disappointment at the work carried out by DCC. Patching work – of approximately 1 metre square – has been carried out outside no. 96 but the resident felt that the remaining stretch of footway concerned (from the Village Hall to the junction with Valerie Road) was in an unacceptable condition and required remedial work.

This matter was referred to the Area Maintenance Manager who has responded as follows: Footways are repaired depending on condition and the risk to users; the sub-area team have already inspected this particular footway and have made an assessment that no further work is required at present and therefore it is not intended to pursue the matter further.

2. Trusted Trader Scheme

The DCC Liaison Officer informed the Forum of the newly launched Trusted Trader Scheme, giving details on its background and how to access/join the scheme. A resident stated that he had recently seen some posters in the Eagle Centre market, which gave advice on how to spot a rogue trader. It was suggested that it would be useful if such advice could be added to the Trusted Trader website, adverts, leaflets, etc. The Liaison Officer advised that he would pass this suggestion to the scheme's Development Officer.

This suggestion was passed to the Development Officer for the Trusted Trader Scheme – who has been in touch with Derby City Trading Standards. Unfortunately, they have not been able to shed any light on the poster referred to. However, the suggestion is a really good idea and one that can be incorporated on the Trusted Trader web site pages. We have access to some

advice published by Consumer Direct (East Midlands), which we can add to our links on our consumer advice pages in the meantime (to this we could add contact details for Trusted Trader).

Briefly, the advice offered by Consumer Direct is as follows:

DO:

- Ask friends, relatives or neighbours if they can recommend a trader who has carried out work for them.
- Get the relevant trade associations to give you a list of members in your area.
- Shop around and ask for at least three written quotes before choosing a trader.
- Ask the trader for a written quote (this is a firm price rather than an estimate).
- Get a firm date for starting and finishing the job.
- Get details of the work to be carried out/contract in writing. Remember to ask for and keep a record of the trader's name, address and telephone number.

DON'T:

- Don't be pressurised into having work done on the spot by someone who knocks on your door.
- Don't pay the total amount up front and try to avoid paying large deposits. If you decide to pay in stages – pay only for work that has been done. Don't make the final payment until you are completely satisfied with the job.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

3. A514 Swarkestone Bridge: Weight Restriction Enforcement

A local ward councillor referred to cameras that were previously stationed on the bridge, which were used to carry out enforcement of the weight restriction. These cameras had been vandalised, and therefore removed, but DCC was investigating the feasibility of providing vandal-proof cameras. It was asked if DCC could confirm whether there has been any progress on the plans to provide these reinforced cameras here, or whether there are any plans for further enforcement to be carried out in the near future?

DCC Trading Standards Officers have confirmed that an enforcement camera was initially erected and trialled at the Crewe & Harpur end of the Causeway. Some trial images were received from this camera, but the camera unit was then attacked with a hammer and damaged before any progress could be made at the Stanton-by-Bridge end of the Causeway. This was followed by the theft of the solar panel off the top of the pole at the Crewe & Harpur end and the demolition, in an accident, of the pole erected at the Stanton end where the camera was to be mounted. It was considered therefore that this system, originally considered as suitable, was too prone to vandalism and alternatives were then sought. However, there were very few alternative systems available and those few that we found were far more expensive than the original amount budgeted for.

It has consequently been decided that we would continue to monitor the restriction using officers in situ, from time to time, and by responding to complaints from residents by contacting companies whose vehicles are reportedly breaching the restriction. We have in mind to take a report to Elected Members about this matter, and other aspects of weight restriction enforcement, seeking options for the future. If so we would welcome input into that discussion.

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