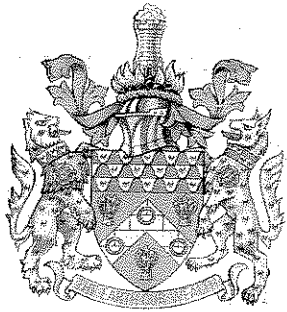


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Thursday 6th November
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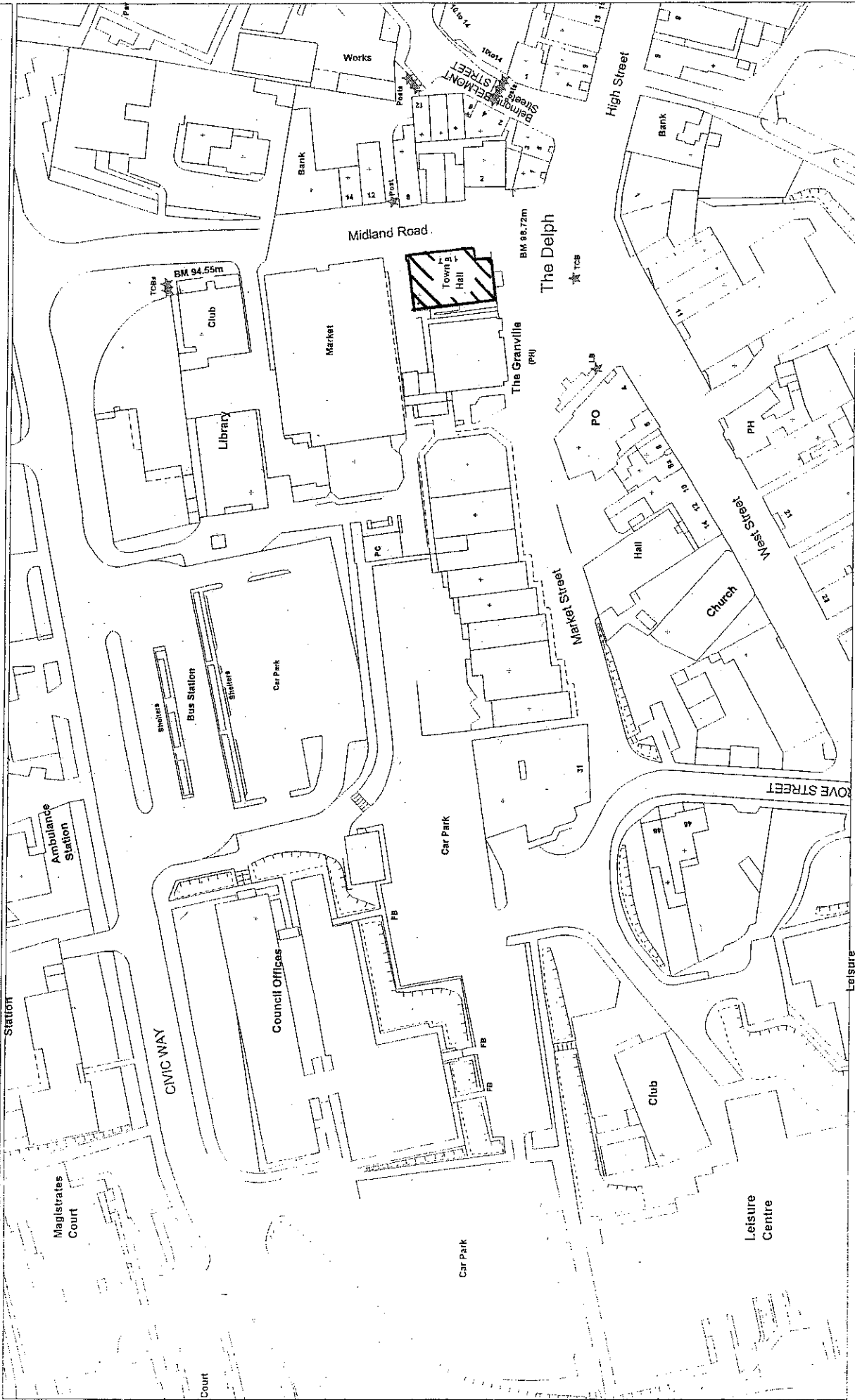
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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

Meeting	Date of Meeting
COUNCIL	Thursday 13 th November 2008
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 20 th November 2008
Development Control	Tuesday 25 th November 2008
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 27 th November 2008
Finance & Management	Thursday 4 th December 2008
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 10 th December 2008
Development Control	Tuesday 16 th December 2008
Audit Sub	Wednesday 17 th December 2008 at 4.00 p.m.

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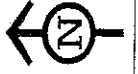
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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM SWADLINCOTE

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Meeting to be held at
The Town Hall
The Delph
Swadlincote
on Thursday 6th November 2008
at 7.00 p.m.

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

Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Taylor (Chairman) and Councillors Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Lane, Lane, Rhind, Southerd and Tilley (Vice-Chairman).

County Councillors: Councillor Mrs. Lauro and Councillor Southerd.

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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 4th June 2008 (copy attached).
6. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
7. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
8. County Council issues – “Tell us about your priorities”.
9. District Council issues.
10. Environmental Forum for South Derbyshire.
11. Dates of Future Meetings:

28th January 2009 at St George & St Mary's Parish Rooms
31st March 2009 at The Town Hall



SWADLINCOTE AREA MEETING

4th June 2008

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Taylor (Chairman) and Councillors Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Lane, Lane, Rhind and Tilley.

M. Aflat (Director of Community Services), D. Townsend (Democratic Services) and B. Jones (Helpdesk).

Derbyshire County Council Representative

Councillor Mrs. Lauro.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

Derbyshire Constabulary

Sergeant Wright.

Members of the Public

M. Brotherhood, J. Grew, T. Harvey, C. Horridge, K. Hough, M. Hudson, S. Jackson, W. Jackson, Mr. & Mrs. Key, J. Pallett, J. Pitcher, A. Pitcher, D. Ryder, S. Saddal, A. C. Sheriff J. Williamson and C. Wright.

SA/1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

It was noted that Councillor Taylor had been appointed Chairman of the Swadlincote Area Meeting at the Annual Council Meeting held on 22nd May 2008.

SA/2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Southerd, M. Lunn and S. Horridge.

SA/3. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was agreed that Councillor Tilley be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Swadlincote Area Meeting for the ensuing year.

SA/4. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Swadlincote Area Meeting held on 30th January 2008 were noted.

SA/5. **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 noise emitting from motorbikes/mopeds, Sergeant Wright gave a further update. He advised the Meeting that noise issues were dealt with by Road Traffic Police, who were pro-active in this matter. He added that, in the previous three weeks, seven illegal bikes had been seized. In addition, the police were following leads provided by members of the public, on other illegal activities. He encouraged residents to continue to report incidents, as the police were taking this issue very seriously.

With regard to litter issues in Swadlincote, several instances were given where litter was still a problem. These were detailed as:-

- Pot Bank Passage – it was reported that smokers were continuing to cause problems in this area (behind Ashley Adams).
- Outside Mario's café - smokers were again causing unnecessary litter.
- At the recycling point at Castle Gresley, there was an ongoing problem of fly tipping.
- At the recycling point at Sainsbury's, Swadlincote, it was noted that again fly tipping was taking place.

It was also noted that residents had attempted to report that the recycling receptacles were full. However, when trying to contact the District Council, the only response was from an answering machine.

The Director of Community Services replied that the recycling of waste within the District had increased, which was considered a great success. However, it was accepted that the recycling containers did become full at certain times.

The Director of Community Services agreed to forward all issues detailed above to the District Council's Waste and Cleansing Manager and a response would be provided to the next Meeting.

The Director of Community Services gave an update on the Swadlincote regeneration route and advised that phase 1 of this route, connecting the A511 at Butt Lane to Occupation Lane was currently under construction and expected to be completed shortly.

Initial feasibility work on the possible alignment of phase 2, connecting Occupation Lane to Woodhouse Street/Swadlincote Road, was being undertaken by the Scott Wilson Consultancy on behalf of Derbyshire County Council. This included the investigation of ground conditions, identification of environmental constraints, the establishment of design criteria and the preparation of cost estimates.

Public consultation on the main issues and options was undertaken in the spring of 2007, Atkins Consultancy would shortly suggest a more detailed, preferred option to the Council, having considered the outcome of the consultation and undertaken a review of land use and technical constraints in the area.

The District Council and the County Council would review the advice received. It was expected that the work necessary to progress the funding and construction of the regeneration route would be identified in more detail and incorporated into the next stages of public consultation.

A discussion ensued, and residents commented that many large vehicles were currently using the route as a shortcut between the M1 and M6. It was asked if this was being monitored by the County Council. Members assured

those residents present that this issue would be raised at the inaugural meeting of the Highways Forum, to be held in June 2008.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to report back to the next Meeting on the monitoring of traffic in this area.

SA/6. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE LOCAL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A resident asked if the District Council had plans to plant containers in Swadlincote with floral displays.

It was agreed that a response be provided at the next Meeting.

It was reported that a resident had nearly been hit on numerous occasions by cars driving too fast in the Morrisons car park. It was believed that this was exacerbated by the dangerous lay out of the car park, as it had four separate entrances.

The Director of Community Services responded that the District Council would write to Morrisons advising them of this concern.

It was reported that travellers had been moved from an illegal encampment adjacent to Penkridge Road, Church Gresley. However, the gates had only been re-secured as prior to the encampment. Councillor Rhind reported that the District Council was aware of this problem, and was looking for alternative ways of securing this site.

The Director of Community Services agreed to look into this issue and report back to the next Meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding the litter that was left behind when travellers vacated a site. It was confirmed that travellers would be fined if sufficient evidence had been gathered.

It was reported that there were problems with rats at The Glade, which, residents believed, were being disturbed as construction was taking place on an adjacent site. The Director of Community Services responded that current legislation required landowners to keep their property clear of rats, mice and vermin and it should be reported to the District Council if the problem persisted.

A resident asked for an update on a site, which was previously a newsagents shop on Alexandra Road. The Director of Community Services responded that the District Council was currently looking at this site in an attempt to resolve the issues.

It was agreed that the Director of Community Services make further investigation as to whether this site could be classed as an untidy site, and the property boarded up.

A site at Wood Street, Church Gresley adjacent to the St Johns Ambulance Brigade building was considered to be an untidy area. It was reported that the fence had been broken, and fly tipping had taken place.

The Director of Community Services responded that the District Council would look into this and to report back to the next Meeting.

It was reported that a footpath adjacent to Alexandra Road and Stanhope Road was in a very untidy state. A fence had been knocked down and the area subject to fly tipping.

The Director of Community Services agreed to look into this and report back to the next Meeting.

A resident reported that some time ago, they had been asked to cut back hedges adjacent to the footpath between the Town Centre and Cleveland Close, as the area was due to be resurfaced. No further action had been taken.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to follow this up with the County Council and would provide a response to the next Meeting.

It was asked if there were plans to provide a small theatre in Swadlincote. The Director of Community Services responded that the District Council had been looking into this, and West Street Chapel had been considered. However, this proposal had fallen through. He added that an alternative site was currently under consideration.

It was asked if plans for a golf course in Swadlincote were progressing. The Chairman responded that negotiations were ongoing.

A representative from Swadlincote Angling Association advised the Meeting that they currently had over 300 members. However, they were having difficulty parking adjacent to Swadlincote pond, as there was only room for approximately 5 cars. He asked if the District Council could help in resolving this problem.

The Director of Community Services responded that the District Council would look into this to see if a solution could be found.

SA/7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date and venue of the next Swadlincote Area Meeting would be confirmed in due course.

S. TAYLOR

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 7.55 p.m.

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6th November 2008

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last meeting held on 4th June 2008 at Sharpe's Pottery Visitor Centre, West Street, Swadlincote, a number of issues were raised. These issues are listed below, together with progress made:-

1. LITTER ISSUES.

In response to points made at the last Area Meeting, the Neighbourhood Wardens have been requested to increase patrols in the area of Pot Bank Passage and outside Mario's Cafe.

Fly-tipping at the Recycling Centres is still an issue, due to residents who don't break down cardboard to enable it to be inserted into the banks, and also those who leave general household rubbish at the site. In the previous year, the majority of Fixed Penalty Notices were issued for recycling bank offences. The Recycling Centres continue to be checked every day.

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2. TRAFFIC ISSUES

1. TRAFFIC MONITORING

Derbyshire County Council's Traffic & Safety Section conducted a 4-way traffic count on the A511 Burton Road, at its junctions with Sandcliffe Road and Midway Road, in April 2008. The purpose of the survey was to ascertain the pedestrian to traffic ratio as part of investigations into proposed traffic signals at this junction.

DCC have not conducted any further surveys here and currently do not propose to prohibit HGV access.

2. ROAD CONDITION AT COPPICE SIDE, SWADLINCOTE

A proposal was submitted for Coppice Side to be resurfaced during this financial year (2008/09). Unfortunately funding was not approved and the proposal will now roll forward to the next financial year with a high priority status. DCC cannot confirm at this time whether the proposal will be approved, as it will be competing for funding with similar schemes.

No other maintenance work is considered necessary at this location.

3. IMPACT OF PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY

Concerns were raised regarding the impact of heavy goods vehicles – being used in connection with developments off the highway – on the actual highways. It was stated that there were a number of such developments throughout Swadlincote and that vehicles were leaving mud on the road surface and also causing potholes/breaking up of the carriageway (most notably at the top of Civic Way).

Derbyshire County Council can confirm that developments were regularly monitored by inspection – this included monitoring of any consequent impact upon the highway. If mud is detected on the road surface as a result of an inspection then appropriate action is taken under S148 of the Highways Act.

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3. CONTAINER PLANTING IN SWADLINCOTE.

The current planters are at a height that allows easy access. In the past, they have been vandalised, discarded and stolen. This situation will however be re-considered along with longer-term plans for Swadlincote Town Centre.

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4. TRAVELLERS – PENKRIDGE ROAD, CHURCH GRESLEY.

It is understood that the area of encroachment was a narrow lane with two lockable barriers, one at the Penkridge Road end, and another at the Main Street exit of the lane. This lane is intended as emergency vehicle access and egress in the event of an incident on the Thorpe Downs estate. From this perspective there is a limit to what can be done to make this area secure. The Penkridge Road barrier is secured with a tensile steel chain and security lock and the bottom barrier has been repaired and locked, making it secure.

It is considered that as this lane is intended to provide access, security arrangements are as good as is practicable.

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5. NEWSAGENT ALEXANDER ROAD/ HASTINGS ROAD.

Work has begun to clear the site, and is being monitored.

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6. WOOD STREET.

It has been requested that the fence adjacent to this property is removed, and the site is subject to ongoing monitoring.

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7. FOOTPATH ADJACENT TO ALEXANDRA RD AND STANHOPE RD.

The fence in this area has been replaced, and there are no further rights of way issues.

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8. FOOTPATH BETWEEN TOWN CENTRE AND CLEVELAND CLOSE.

DCC Rights of Way Officers have liaised with officers at SDDC and have reported as follows:

The footpaths leading from Swadlincote town centre through to Cleveland Close have been inspected for deficiencies. Footpath No. 35 has been inspected and no defects requiring intervention were identified. The path has a good tarmac surface although there is a narrow channel of faded tarmac running partly down one side, but this is only very slight and is not considered a hazard to wheelchair users.

However, this footpath (No. 35) does link up to the Bank Passage and Alexandra Passage footpaths (Nos. 33 & 34) and Officers believe that the complaint may refer to the condition of the former. Bank Passage (33) does have a number of depressions where infill tarmac has sunk over the years following access to service pipes, etc. The SDDC officer has been in discussions with DCC's Area Care Manager – as the two passages are both 'definitive' and 'highway routes' – with a view to a solution being sought jointly.

In summary, the condition of Bank Passage is something that both SDDC and DCC are aware of and the matter will be followed up accordingly.

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9. SWADLINCOTE POND.

There is currently no designated area at Midway fishponds for car parking because access and egress onto the highway is dangerous. This area has been given further consideration, however, it would be very difficult to provide any sort of formal parking without damaging the amenity value of the site. There is, however, considerable and relatively safe off road parking alongside Eureka Park.

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