

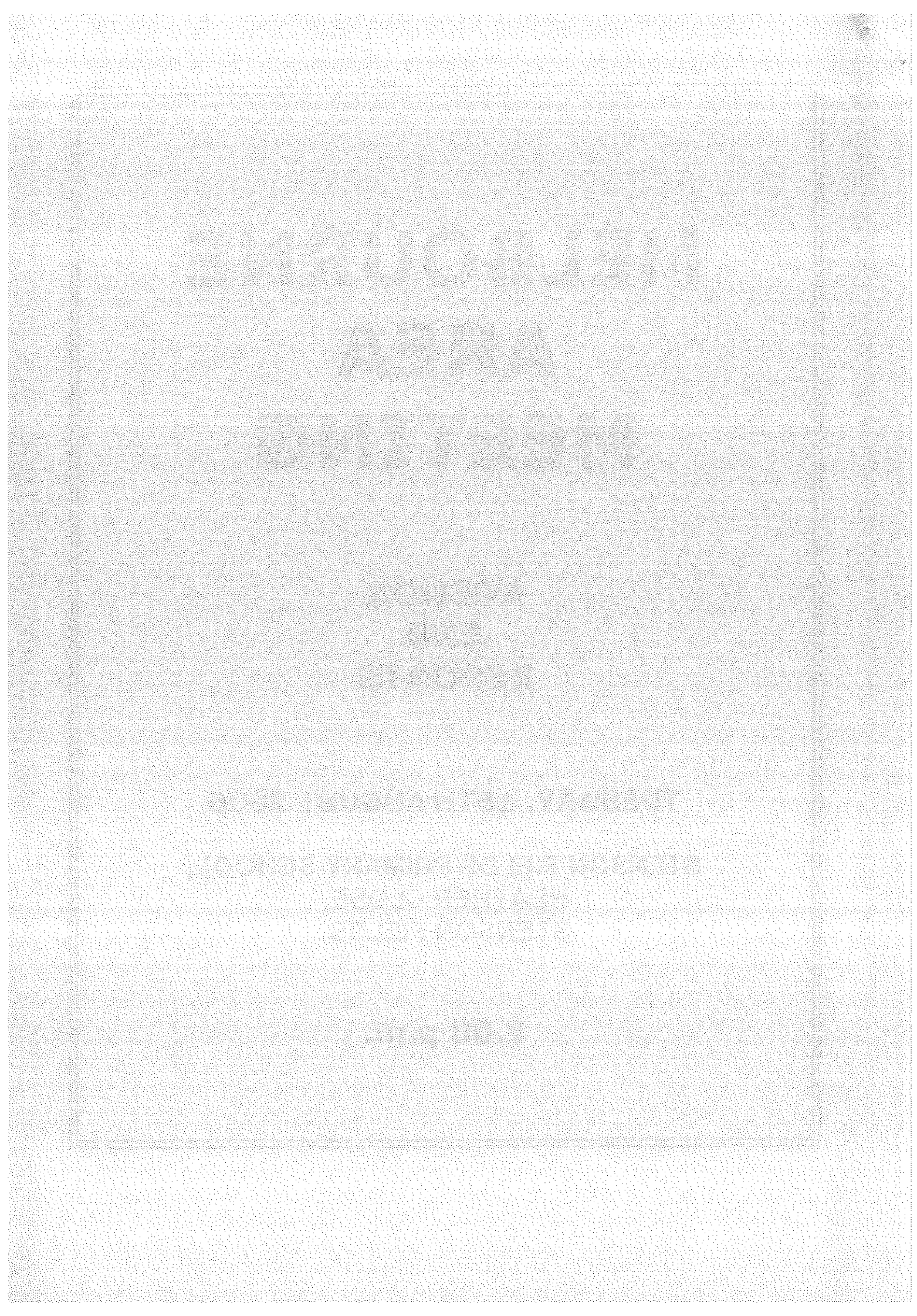
MELBOURNE AREA MEETING

**AGENDA
AND
REPORTS**

TUESDAY, 15TH AUGUST 2006

**STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL,
HEATHER CLOSE,
STENSON FIELDS.**

7.00 p.m.



FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

COUNCIL	Thursday, 17th August 2006
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday, 24th August 2006
Development Control	Tuesday, 29th August 2006
Housing & Community Services	Thursday, 31st August 2006
Finance & Management	Thursday, 7th September 2006
Community Scrutiny	Monday, 11th September 2006
Corporate Scrutiny	Monday, 18th September 2006
Development Control	Tuesday, 19th September 2006
Overview	Monday, 25th September 2006
COUNCIL	Thursday, 28 th September 2006
Etwall Leisure Centre	Monday, 2 nd October 2006
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday, 5th October 2006
Development Control	Tuesday, 10th October 2006
Housing & Community Services	Thursday, 12th October 2006
Finance & Management	Thursday, 19th October 2006
Community Scrutiny	Monday, 23rd October 2006
Corporate Scrutiny	Monday, 30th October 2006
Development Control	Tuesday, 31st October 2006
Overview	Monday, 6 th November 2006
COUNCIL	Thursday, 9 th November 2006
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday, 16th November 2006
Development Control	Tuesday, 21st November 2006
Housing & Community Services	Thursday, 23rd November 2006
Finance & Management	Thursday, 30th November 2006
Community Scrutiny	Monday, 4th December 2006
Corporate Scrutiny	Monday, 11th December 2006
Development Control	Tuesday, 12th December 2006
Overview	Monday, 18th December 2006



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Policy and Economic Regeneration

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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MELBOURNE AREA MEETING

(Covering Aston-on-Trent, Barrow-on-Trent, Calke, Elvaston, Foremark, Ingleby,
Melbourne, Shardlow & Great Wilne, Smisby, Stanton-by-Bridge,
Stenson Fields, Swarkestone, Ticknall, Twyford & Stenson and Weston-on-Trent)

**Meeting to be held at
Stenson Fields Primary School,
Heather Close,
Stenson Fields.
on Tuesday, 15th August 2006
at 7.00 p.m.**

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

Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Carroll (Chair) and Councillors Atkin, Bell, Bladen,
Harrison, Jones, Nalty, Pabla, Mrs. Renwick, Shepherd and Mrs.
Wheeler.

County Councillors: Councillors Ford, Harrison and Jones.



BUSINESS

1. To note the appointment of Councillor Carroll as Chair at the Annual Council Meeting.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Appointment of Vice Chair
4. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th May 2006 (copy herewith).
5. Chair's Announcements (if any).
6. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
7. Public Question time and suggestions for future local discussion items.
8. Date of Next Meeting.

Community Items

9. "How We Determine Planning Applications" – A presentation from Gill Hague, Head of Planning Services.
10. Consultation – "Getting Your Ideas Into Action"

MELBOURNE AREA MEETING9th May 2006**PRESENT:-****District Council Representatives**

Councillor Carroll (Chair), Councillor Shepherd (Vice Chair) and Councillors Atkin, Harrison, Jones, Pabla, Mrs. Renwick and Mrs. Wheeler.

I. Reid (Deputy Chief Executive), P. Spencer (Democratic Services) and B. Jones (Helpdesk).

County Council Representatives

Councillors Harrison and Jones.

J. Roberts (Democratic Services).

Derbyshire Constabulary

Sergeant Thandi.

Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service

Station Officer Alex Johnson.

Parish Council / Meeting Representatives

J. Green and F. Mitchell (Elvaston Parish Council), N. Hawksworth (Shardlow and Great Wilne Parish Council) and R. Wheat (Stanton by Bridge Parish Meeting).

Members of the Public

D. Bayliss, P. Dagley, C. Ford, J. Morrish, G. Pollard, R. Saxby, P. Waters and K. Whewell

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from C. Barker and D. Seed (Barrow-on-Trent Parish Council), M. Sharpe (Melbourne Parish Council), A. Mitchell (Shardlow Parish Council), P. Watson (Ingleby Parish Meeting), and Mr. D. Tysoe (Derbyshire County Council).

MA/24. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Melbourne Area Meeting held on 31st January 2006 were noted.

MA/25. REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

Under Minute No. MA/22, there had been a discussion about a potential scheme to fine residents who left their wheeled bins on the pavement overnight. In response to a resident's question, the Chair confirmed the Council had no plans to introduce such a scheme at this time. She reminded residents of the concerns raised at the last Meeting about alterations to Arriva bus services. An outline was given of the actions taken since that

time, but Arriva was not prepared to attend this public meeting. The Primary Care Trust had written in support of the Council's endeavours to re-instate this service. Councillor Harrison added that similar support had been provided by the Chellaston School and the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary. Arriva had offered to allow passengers to utilise a longer bus service to reach the desired destination, for the same fee, but this was not acceptable. It was considered that Arriva had no intention of changing its policy on this issue.

Following the requests made at the last Meeting, further information on the Council's budget and about flood alleviation works had been sent to the residents who had requested it. Mr. Roberts of Derbyshire County Council gave an update on the issues raised at the last Meeting, regarding footways in Ticknall and the production of leaflets and publications. He agreed to respond to Mr. Watson on the latter issue directly.

MA/26. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE LOCAL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Questions were initially invited on Policing matters. Councillor Harrison referred to the Safer Neighbourhood Police Meetings. There had been some confusion over the area in which Barrow-on-Trent was included and about the Beat Officer cover. It was requested that information be circulated to residents to clarify these issues and to give dates of future Meetings. Sergeant Thandi confirmed that there was a new Beat Officer for this area, PC M. Simms. She had received a letter from Barrow-on-Trent Parish Council and would respond to this. Councillor Harrison also reported on a serious incident involving youths and he praised the Police for the action taken to respond to it. The Chair thanked Sergeant Thandi for her attendance.

A request was made for an additional crossing over the River Trent to relieve traffic volumes on the Swarkestone Bridge. Councillor Harrison explained that when the District Council discussed the Local Transport Plan, he had raised this issue. A further route could be provided from the A50 trunk road to the Nottingham East Midlands Airport, bypassing Melbourne and Kings Newton. However, such a route would impact on Weston-on-Trent and be very costly to provide. Councillor Carroll was mindful that the weight limits along the Swarkestone Bridge were sometimes abused, but there were access rights to a number of properties in this area. A resident clarified that there were concerns about the volume of traffic and a serious traffic accident would cause significant delays. **Mr. Roberts advised that this issue had been discussed over a number of years. He offered to refer this matter back to the County Council and to submit a report to the next Meeting.**

Problems were being experienced in Shardlow with 'for sale' signs being placed on public property. Residents were mindful that this was a conservation area and such signage should be displayed at the property being sold. The Parish Council had been trying to get the estate agents concerned to co-operate. It was considering introducing a byelaw and questioned the likely level of support from the District and County Councils to this proposal. It was felt that such a byelaw was not needed as legislation was already in place to deal with fly posting. Ian Reid, the Council's Deputy Chief Executive gave further advice about highway law. **County Councillor Harrison offered to pursue this issue and to provide a report to the next Meeting.** Mr. Ford explained that similar problems were experienced in Aston-on-Trent, where there had been seven signs in one location. The signs in question had

been removed through vandalism, but it was noted that they were not in close proximity to the development. Mrs. Green of Elvaston Parish explained that such signage had been attached to the Parish Notice Board, but this had been removed following discussions. Mr. Waters had previously taken advice on this issue. He confirmed that it was classed as fly posting and explained how he had dealt with the signage.

A complaint was made about the condition of Long Horse Bridge over the River Trent, near to Sawley. Reinstatement works were required by Derbyshire County Council as this bridge had been in a poor condition for many years. County Councillor Harrison confirmed that he had been trying for over three years to get the bridge restored. The improvement works would cost in excess of one million pounds and some responsibility rested with British Waterways. Further delays had been experienced because of the rights of a local angling club. **Derbyshire County Council was asked to pursue this matter and to provide a report to the next Meeting.**

A resident thanked the Council over the sensitive grass cutting arrangements, to avoid damaging spring flowers.

Mr Bayliss explained the concerns of residents due to of a lack of footway provision in Swarkestone. He quoted a number of specific examples and the previous promises to provide footways within the Village. **County Councillor Harrison offered to pursue this matter.** County Councillor Jones thought that a scheme might have been included within the County Council's Capital Programme, but there had been some budget cut backs.

Mr. Ford advised that signage was still in place for the former Aston Hall Hospital and it was requested that this be removed. The County Council were asked to undertake this.

MA/27. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date and venue of the next Melbourne Area Meeting would be confirmed in due course. It was hoped to use the Stenson Fields Primary School as the venue for the next Meeting.

MA/28. PRESENTATION BY DERBYSHIRE FIRE SERVICE

The Chair introduced Alex Johnson of the Derbyshire Fire Service. She gave an outline of the services provided through a Powerpoint and video presentation. She explained the cost of delivering the Fire Service and the pride of its Officers in delivering the service. The Fire Service was seeking to change its approach, as the majority of its work was currently reactive. It was hoped to provide a more proactive, preventative service. She spoke of the consultation arrangements to date and outlined the various plans and strategies which cascaded from an area strategy, to a community safety plan and ultimately to individual Fire Station plans. She then referred to community fire safety and home risk assessment, as the majority of problems occurred in domestic properties.

Ms. Johnson touched on the educational visits undertaken and particularly the fire safe counselling, for which Derbyshire was the national leader on this initiative. Other areas of work were to educate young offenders on fire safety

issues and to give talks to community groups. Where a fire occurred, the Service would now contact residents in the vicinity, in the hope of avoiding similar problems. Maps were displayed showing the location of fire incidents in the whole Derby South area and those within the Melbourne Area Division.

The Officer published the free home risk assessment service. Anyone wishing to arrange an assessment could contact the Fire Service on (01332) 345440. Publicity leaflets were displayed and residents were encouraged to take a copy.

The Officer explained the endeavours to increase the number of smoke alarms installed in properties throughout the area. She also referred to joint work with other sectors, particularly for vulnerable people.

County Councillor Harrison sought further information about the specialist units that the Fire and Rescue Service had established. The Officer gave an outline of the capacity to respond to major incidents, to deal with flooding and decontamination problems. There was a regional support approach, to work with neighbouring fire services. She also spoke about the national risk analysis undertaken and felt confident that the Fire Service could respond to any major incident. A particular example was the major fire at an oil refinery earlier in the year, in which the Derbyshire Fire Service had been involved. There was now an integrated approach to ensure that the equipment of each Fire Service was compatible, to deal with incidents more effectively.

In response to a question from Councillor Atkin, the Officer explained the Fire Service statistics available via the internet and she was happy to supply tailored statistics to any person wishing to receive them. Mr. Waters questioned whether the Fire Service was still responsible for the issue of Fire Certificates. Ms. Johnson explained changes to the legislation and revised arrangements that would come into force in October of this year. Mr. Waters felt that this was a retrograde step, because of the loss of local knowledge. The Officer confirmed how the Fire Service would be involved in the future, being consulted on building control issues and having inspection and enforcement powers through the Fire Safety Order. She felt this would ensure commercial property was safer through the Service's enforcement role.

Mr. Ford questioned how the Fire Service could justify the cost of fully trained Officers being involved in the supply of smoke detectors. He felt that this could be undertaken by other people. It was explained that Fire Fighters' salaries would need to be paid whether they were based at the Fire Station or undertaking this more proactive role. The Chair agreed that this was making better use of the Officers' time and was a cost effective way of reducing the number of fires.

It was questioned whether the Long Eaton Fire Station in the adjacent borough of Erewash was being downgraded to a retained fire station. The Officer was not aware of this proposal at the present time. Councillor Harrison referred to proposals for an East Midlands Call Centre for the Fire Service, based at Castle Donington in Leicestershire. There had been concerns that this would impact on the ability of Fire Fighters to locate incidents. The Officer confirmed that the new call centre would become operational in 2007/08. She assured residents that through the technology available, the call centre would be able to pinpoint the location of any incident.

A resident was concerned that constricted roads, particularly with on-street parking would prevent the Fire Service from reaching certain locations. The Officer explained the various methods which could be used to ensure they accessed any incident.

Mr. Mitchell explained the water supply arrangements in Ambaston and that periodic water pressure checks were undertaken, to ensure there was a supply in times of emergency. It appeared that such inspections were no longer taking place. Ms. Johnson explained that the Fire Service now had a specialist team and it should undertake an inspection at least annually. Each fire engine had a sufficient capacity to deal, for example with a typical house fire. Alternatively, the service had water tankers where a larger supply was required. She requested that the resident contact the Fire Service, so that this issue could be investigated.

County Councillor Jones asked about the proportion of properties within the area that were already fitted with smoke alarms. It had previously been estimated that up to 70% of properties were fitted with a smoke detector, but there were concerns that some residents did not maintain the batteries within them. The Chair thanked Alex Johnson for the informative presentation, which was applauded by those present.

J. D. CARROLL

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 8.20 p.m.

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MELBOURNE AREA MEETING

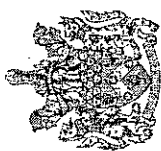
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Tuesday, 15th August 2006

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the Area Meeting held on Tuesday, 9th May 2006, at Shardlow Village Hall, the following issues were raised and details are given below of the progress made to date:-

ISSUES	PROGRESS	ACTIONED BY
Request for additional crossing over The River Trent to reduce traffic volumes on the Swarkestone Bridge.	A report will be provided at the Meeting.	Derbyshire County Council
'For sale' signs placed on public property.	A report will be provided at the Meeting.	Derbyshire County Council and County Councillor J. Harrison
Condition of Long Horse Bridge.	A report will be provided at the Meeting.	Derbyshire County Council and County Councillor J. Harrison
Lack of footway in Swarkestone.	A report will be provided at the Meeting.	Derbyshire County Council and County Councillor J. Harrison
Removal of sign for former Aston Hall hospital.	A report will be provided at the Meeting.	Derbyshire County Council



South Derbyshire District Council

Getting your ideas into action!



With the help of people living and working in South Derbyshire the District Council has decided to concentrate on making the District:

Cleaner
Greener
Safer
Healthier
Better

The people who live in our towns and villages know the best ways to do this.

We want to hear what you think would help make your area cleaner, greener, safer and healthier. It might be more of something we already do, or you might have an idea for something completely new.

Briefly describe your idea:

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Who do you think could do it?

.....
 (e.g. District Council, a community group in your area, the Parish Council etc.)

If you are willing to discuss the idea with us, please provide contact details for yourself or a member of your group:

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