

REPTON AREA MEETING

**AGENDA
AND
REPORTS**

Wednesday, 15th November 2006

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HIGH STREET,
WOODVILLE**

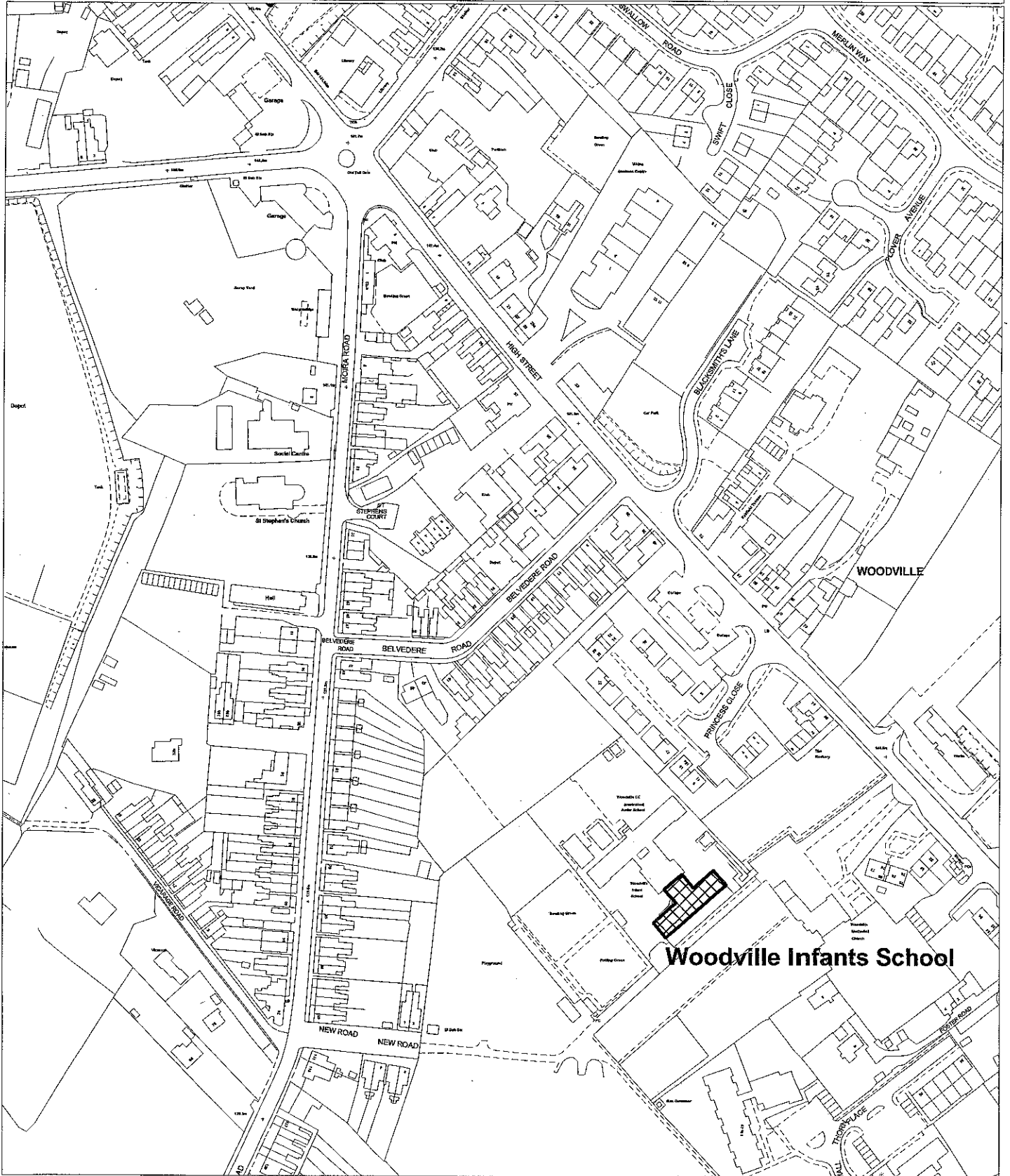
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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL:

Environmental and Development Services	Thursday, 16 th November 2006
Development Control	Tuesday, 21 st November 2006
Housing and Community Services	Thursday, 23 rd November 2006
Finance and Management	Thursday, 30 th November 2006
Community Scrutiny	Monday, 4 th December 2006 – 4.00 p.m.
Corporate Scrutiny	Monday, 11 th December 2006 – 4.30 p.m.
Development Control	Tuesday, 12 th December 2006
Overview	Monday, 18 th December 2006 – 4.00 p.m.
Environmental and Development Services (Special – Budget)	Tuesday, 9 th January 2007
Housing and Community Services (Special – Budget)	Thursday, 11 th January 2007
Etwell Leisure Centre (at John Port School, Etwell)	Monday, 15 th January 2007 – 5.00 p.m.
Development Control	Tuesday, 16 th January 2007
Finance and Management (Special – Budget)	Thursday, 18 th January 2007
COUNCIL	Thursday, 25 th January 2007
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

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

Title : REPTON AREA MEETING Woodville Infants School High Street



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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**REPTON AREA
MEETING**
(covering Bretby, Hartshorne,
Newton Solney, Repton, Willington
and Woodville)

Meeting to be held in the
on Wednesday 15, November 2006
at 7.00 p.m.

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

Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Taylor [Chair] and Councillors Bladen [Vice Chair], Bell,
Mrs. Hood, Jones, Venning and Mrs. Wheeler

County Councillors: Councillors Jones and Southerd.

District / County Councillor: Councillor Ford



BUSINESS

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 August 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 issue raised at the last Meeting.
6. Feedback – "Ideas into Action" .
7. Community Scrutiny Needs You
8. Public Question time and suggestions for future local discussion items.
9. Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 31 January 2007 at 7.00 p.m. at Newton Solney Village Hall

REPTON AREA MEETING

21st August 2006

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Taylor (Chair) and Councillors Bell, Bladen, Mrs. Hood, and Mrs Wheeler.

I. Reid (Deputy Chief Executive), G. Hague (Head of Planning Services), F. Powell (Democratic Services Officer) and D. Townsend (Helpdesk).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

County Councillor A. Jones and K. McIntyre (Democratic Services Officer).

Derbyshire Constabulary

Acting Sergeant Proudler.

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

D. Buchanan (Newton Solney Parish Council), S. Ellis (Newton Solney Parish Council), S.M.Evans (Repton Parish Council), R. Statham (Woodville Parish Council), P. Ricketts (Willington Parish Council), J. Short (Repton Parish Council), P. Court (Repton Parish Council), R. Paulson (Repton Parish Council).

Members of the Public

Mr. and Mrs Cownie, M. Shell, A. Atkin, N. Cumming, L. Woolsey, M. Groom, A. Mayger [Repton Neighbourhood Help Scheme], A. Gillespie, P. Pearson, G. Varty, A. Gifford, J. Orme, P. Faulkner, J. Skipper, C. Kitching, K. Vincent, B. Young, M. Chell, S. M. Smith, L. Ramsay [South Derbyshire CVS].

RA/1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

It was noted that Councillor Taylor had been appointed Chair of the Repton Area Meeting for the Municipal Year 2006/07 at the Annual Council Meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Isham, County/District Councillor Ford, County Councillor Southerd, D. Tysoe (County Secretary Derbyshire Country Council) Mr. Adams (Hartshorne Parish Council) and Mr. D. Roberts (Repton Parish Council).

RA/2. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

It was agreed that Councillor Bladen be appointed as the Vice-Chair of the Repton Area Meeting for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2006/07.

RA/3. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Area Meeting held on 10th May 2006 were received and noted.

RA/4. **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Former Willington Power Station Site

The Chairman advised the Meeting:

That the Council was aware of the concerns of local residents regarding a planning application in respect of the Former Willington Power Station site and wished to make the following statement to provide factual information on the current situation.

The application for the power station site was accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment [EIAs] and under Regulation 19 of the legislation covering EIAs consideration of the application has been halted pending the submission of further details on a specific aspect, mainly traffic/highway impacts.

The other large applications - Boulton Moor and Highfields Farm are in the same position. An application for Wragley Way is in the same position but the applicant there has appealed against non-determination. Whilst Regulation 19 precludes the Council determining the application it does not remove the applicant's right to appeal against non-determination and it will be up to the Secretary of State to determine if she required any additional information in order to enable her to determine the application.

It was hoped that the above statement was helpful. Planning matters were not within the remit of the Meeting and it was not appropriate that there should be any discussion on this matter.

At this point in the Meeting the Democratic Services Officer advised that in respect of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st February 2006 an amendment was required to page 4 in respect of the item relating to disabled access at Willington which should read that "twenty people used the station per day" and not ten as recorded in the Minutes.

The Area Meeting agreed to note this amendment to page 4 of the Minutes from 1st February 2006 in respect of disabled access at Willington Railway Station, which should read that "twenty people used the station per day".

RA/5. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

The Meeting considered a report on issues raised at the last Area Meeting on 10th May 2006.

Item 1 – Request for the Police to place a speed traffic camera in Main Street, Repton to monitor the speed of traffic in the area

The Meeting was advised that the Main Street in Repton had not been graded as of sufficient concern to place permanent cameras or request the

Derbyshire Safety Partnership camera vans to visit the site. The reason for this was that the site had to fit a specific criteria, the location did not at present have a poor accident/casualty history and the results of speed tests carried out did not allow enforcement by the local staff or road policing officers.

It was confirmed that this action would be undertaken when other calls on the Police service allowed time to do so.

Mr. Paulson advised the Meeting that there was concern at the speed of traffic travelling through Repton. He said that information on traffic speed released recently did indicate that there was a problem with speed of traffic travelling through Repton.

Mr. Buchanan expressed similar concerns in respect of the excessive speed of vehicles travelling through Newton Solney. He said that traffic calming measures were required in order to prevent serious injury or a fatality.

It was agreed:

- (1) That Officers from Derbyshire County Council and the Police be requested to investigate jointly the concerns expressed relating to the excessive speed of traffic travelling through Newton Solney and Repton.**
- (2) That following the joint investigation referred to above Officers from both Derbyshire County Council and the Police attend Meetings of both the Newton Solney Parish Council and the Repton Parish Council to discuss possible traffic calming measures to reduce traffic speed in both the Newton Solney and Repton areas.**

RA/6. **HOW WE DETERMINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS - PRESENTATION BY GILL HAGUE, HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICES, SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

The Meeting received a presentation from Gill Hague on how the District Council determined planning applications.

A copy of the Head of Planning's presentation was circulated to all Members of the public present at the Meeting.

The Meeting was advised that once a planning application was submitted and validated the time period started for the Government's target period for determining applications, eight weeks for most applications and thirteen weeks for major ones.

The presentation provided detailed information on the procedure for planning applications, particularly:

- The Consultation Process
- Determination of applications either by an Officer under a delegated power or by the Development Control Committee.
- Planning legislation and reasonableness in the decision making process for applications.

Residents then asked a series of questions in respect of the following matters:

- The details of Section 106 Agreements, what they are, how they are used and at what stage in the process funds are paid over to the relevant bodies.
- Does Repton still have a village boundary, has national guidance to the District Council changed this.
- The Planning Appeal process how this affects the submission of second planning applications.
- The reasons why parish councils' objections in respect of an application are not always considered sufficient for the District Council not to refuse an application.
- Are there Third Party Rights of Appeal against the decision to approve a planning application.

There then followed further detailed discussion on the presentation.

It was agreed that:

- (1) The Area Meeting note the presentation on the procedures followed by the District Council when determining planning applications.**
- (2) If any parish councils within the Repton Area Meeting area have questions on recent planning applications and the reasons for a particular decision they be requested to contact their local District Council Ward Members to arrange a meeting between Parish Councillors and Planning Officers to discuss the planning applications and receive information on the reasons for particular decisions.**

RA/7. **CONSULTATION – “GETTING YOUR IDEAS INTO ACTION”**

The Meeting received a brief presentation from the Deputy Chief Executive on the Council's Corporate Plan Consultation “Getting Your Ideas Into Action”. The Area Meeting was advised that the District Council had launched its new Corporate Plan and was keen to improve further its consultation arrangements with local people and communities.

The Deputy Chief Executive said that a leaflet had been produced which had been circulated to everyone present at the Meeting. He requested that the form be completed and returned to the Council by early October 2006. It was confirmed that ideas submitted would be considered by the Council as part of the budget considerations.

Mr. Paulson referred to the Council's newsletter and asked how much money had been spent in the various South Derbyshire villages, excluding Swadlincote during the last five years.

Mr. Gifford and Mr. Orme referred to proposals for gravel extraction at a site in Willington and asked whether local people had been consulted on this matter.

County Councillor Jones advised that the gravel extraction site was being considered as part of the consultation process on the County Council's Planning Waste Strategy and that the relevant Parish Councils had been consulted on the matter.

The Chair reminded the Meeting that the “Getting Your Ideas Into Action” was a consultation by the District Council and requested that everyone present complete the form and return it to the District Council so that their ideas and views could be taken into account as part of the budget considerations later in the year.

It was agreed that the consultation leaflet “Getting Your Ideas Into Action” be noted.

RA/8. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE LOCAL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Unclassified Findern/Willington Road

Mr. Orme advised that recently a newly arrived Willington family including a baby in a pushchair had decided to walk back to Willington along the unclassified Findern/Willington Road just west of the A50 flyover at Findern as far as the Derby/Crewe railway level crossing at Willington. He confirmed that there was no footpath for pedestrians along this length of road. The family found that in trying to negotiate a succession of bends on their walk they realised the potential danger because of the lack of footpath for pedestrians.

A passing Police Officer saw the family and rebuked them for being irresponsible in attempting the walk. Mr. Orme expressed his concern as the father was unaware of the danger.

Mr. Orme requested whether it would be possible for Derbyshire County Council to identify the unclassified Findern/Willington Road west of the A50 flyover at Findern as far as the Derby/Crewe railway level crossing at Willington as needing a footpath for pedestrians.

It was agreed that Derbyshire County Council be requested to investigate the unclassified Findern/Willington Road between just west of the A50 flyover at Findern as far as the Derby/Crewe railway level crossing at Willington to see if a footpath for pedestrians could be provided and that the County Council having investigated the matter reply to Mr. Orme direct.

Reports of Crime - Repton

Mr. Paulson advised the Meeting of the following incidents of criminality which had occurred recently in Repton:

- Damage to the telephone box adjacent to the bus shelter at the Cross, Repton.
- Damage to car wing mirrors in High Street, Repton.
- Youths driving up to and around stables at farm sites in Repton.
- Youths throwing stones at Brook House from land adjacent to the British Legion club, High Street, Repton.
- Attempted break in at property in Main Street, Repton.
- Vandalism at Mitre Field, Repton.
- Damage to car at Mitre Drive, Repton.
- Anti social activity allegations of drug taking and criminal damage in the area of The Den, Repton.

Mr. Paulson said that Repton Parish Council was very concerned at the growing number of incidents of criminal activity in Repton and asked that any one who witnessed such events contacts the Police immediately to report them.

It was agreed:

- (1) That it be noted that both the Police and the District Council's Safer Neighbourhood Partnership had been informed of the concerns of the Repton Parish Council in respect of the growing number of criminal incidents in Repton.**
- (2) That the following contact number of 0845 123 3333 for all non-emergency Police calls be made widely available for all Members of the public to use.**

Bulls Head Public House, Repton

A number of residents expressed concern regarding the general condition of the land adjacent to the Bulls Head Public House in Repton and the condition of the recycling facility at the same site.

It was agreed that the District Council's Recycling Officer be requested to contact the owner's of the Bulls Head Public House, Repton requesting that the recycling facilities at the Public House site be kept tidy and that the general condition of the adjacent land be kept in a clean manner.

Resurfacing Works, Monsom Lane, Repton

Residents expressed concern following the tarmac resurfacing work that had taken place in Monsom Lane, Repton and requested information on when the clearing up works would be completed, road markings reinstated and the site cleaned up. Concern was also expressed that a fire hydrant in Monsom Lane had been tarmaced over.

It was agreed that Derbyshire County Council investigate the concerns expressed by residents in respect of the resurfacing work at Monsom Lane, Repton and that a report on the clearing up works together with the reinstatement of road markings and the removal of the road closed notice be submitted to the next Area Meeting.

Toyota Roundabout, Willington – Road Traffic Accident

A Member of the public advised he had recently been involved in a road traffic accident at the Toyota Roundabout, Willington. The resident said that he was very concerned that although the Police had attended the accident they had appeared not to be interested. The resident requested that traffic lights be installed as a measure to try to alleviate some of the traffic problems and improve road safety at the Toyota Roundabout site.

It was agreed:

- (1) That the information provided by the resident in respect of the recent road traffic accident at the Toyota Roundabout, Willington be noted.**

- (2) **That Officers from the District Council be requested to contact the Highways Agency as the relevant Authority responsible for the highway network, requesting that they provide information on when the works in the area of the Toyota Roundabout, Willington would be completed and when an assessment as to their effectiveness would take place so that this information can be reported back to a future Area Meeting.**

Repton Road to Willington

A resident expressed concern about the poor quality of the surface dressing work on the Repton Road to Willington, as the tarmac was starting to show through the surface dressing.

It was agreed that Derbyshire County Council be requested to investigate the quality of road surface dressing on the Repton Road to Willington and that a report on this matter be submitted to the next Area Meeting.

Parking Issues in High Street, Woodville

Mrs. Smith advised the Meeting of a content of an email that she had recently forwarded to the Chair of the Area Meeting relating to parking issues in High Street, Woodville.

It was agreed that a copy of Mrs Smiths email be forwarded to Derbyshire County Council so that officers can reply in detail to the issues raised by Mrs. Smith in respect of parking problems in High Street, Woodville.

Alcohol Free Zones

Mr. Statham of Woodville Parish Council asked whether the District Council had considered the introduction of alcohol free zones within appropriate parks and open spaces in the district. The Deputy Chief Executive advised that since the matter had been raised last time there had not been any significant public support for this matter but the Council could of course look at the matter again.

It was agreed that the issue of the introduction of alcohol free zones in parks and open spaces in the district be investigated by the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership and that a reply on this matter be forwarded to Woodville Parish Council direct.

RA/9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Democratic Services Officer advised that the date of the next meeting was yet to be arranged but it was likely to be held in November 2006.

S. TAYLOR

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 8.50 p.m.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPTON AREA MEETING

(Covering Bretby, Hartshorne, Newton Solney,
Repton, Willington and Woodville)

15th November 2006

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the Repton Area Meeting held on 21st August 2006 at the Repton Village Hall, the following issue was raised. The issues listed below, together with progress made to date:-

ISSUES	PROGRESS	ACTIONED BY
<p><u>Traffic Calming Newton Solney/ Repton</u> Derbyshire County Council and the Police were requested to investigate jointly concerns relating to the excessive speed of traffic travelling through Newton Solney and Repton. The Police and Derbyshire County Council were requested to attend meetings at Newton Solney Parish Council and Repton Parish Council to discuss possible traffic calming measures.</p>	<p>The Police have provided a response to this request at the Safer Neighbourhood meeting held at Stenson Fields on 10th October 2006. Both Parish Councils have been requested to write to Derbyshire County Council Highways to pursue this issue.</p>	<p>Sergeant Andy Wright</p>
<p><u>Unclassified Findern/Willington Road</u> Following a request from a resident, the Area Meeting requested that Derbyshire County Council investigate the unclassified section of the Findern/Willington Road, between just west of the A50 flyover at Findern as far as the Derby/Crewe railway level crossing at Willington to see if a pedestrian footpath could be provided.</p>	<p>The request was forwarded to Derbyshire County Council who have replied to Mr. Orme direct. A copy of the County Council's response is attached as Appendix A..</p>	<p>Derbyshire County Council</p>

<p><u>Bulls Head Public House, Repton</u> It was agreed that the District Council investigate the condition of the recycling facilities at the Bulls Head, Public House, Repton to ensure that they are kept tidy and also to investigate the general condition of the adjacent land to ensure that it is kept in a clean manner.</p>	<p>The Council's Waste Manager visited the site in September 2006 and has advised that the Car Park had been tidied up and that the recycling centre at the same location was in a tidy condition</p>	<p>South Derbyshire District Council</p>
<p><u>Resurfacing Works, Monsom Lane, Repton</u> It was agreed that Derbyshire County Council investigate concerns of residents relating to the resurfacing works at Monsom Lane, Repton, particularly the reinstatement of the road markings, the clearing up works and when the road closed notice will be removed.</p>	<p>The complaint was passed to the County Council's contractors, the road was added to the routine sweeping list to be completed by 29th August 2006. The contractor agreed to investigate as required.</p>	<p>Derbyshire County Council</p>
<p><u>Repton Road to Willington</u> It was agreed following a resident's concern that the quality of the surface dressing on the Repton Road to Willington be investigated by Derbyshire County Council.</p>	<p>The site has been inspected, there are small areas showing loss of road chippings approximately 5%. Unfortunately, due to the time of year and other areas programmes, no remedial work will be carried out until next year. The site will be monitored over the winter.</p>	<p>Derbyshire County Council</p>
<p><u>Alcohol Free Zones</u> It was agreed that the introduction of alcohol free zones in parks and open spaces in South Derbyshire be investigated by the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership and a reply on this matter be forwarded to Woodville Parish Council direct.</p>	<p>The Safer South Derbyshire Partnership have advised that it is at present investigating the possibility of a alcohol free zone in Castle Gresley and this may become a pilot area. This information has been forwarded to Woodville Parish Council.</p>	<p>The Safer South Derbyshire Partnership</p>
<p><u>Toyota Roundabout, Willington</u> It was agreed that the Highways Agency as the relevant authority responsible for the highway network be requested to provide information on when the road works in the area of the Toyota Roundabout, Willington will be completed and when an assessment as to their effectiveness will take place.</p>	<p>The Highways Agency have advised that as part of the scheme's post completion process, two personal injury accident reviews will be undertaken at 1 and 3 years following completion as post completion Safety Audits. The Highways Agency have advised that given the time lag in records being available, the above two reviews will be completed in the summer of 2008 and 2010. The findings of those reviews (particularly the one in summer 2010) will determine whether a more detailed investigation is warranted.</p>	<p>The Highways Agency</p>

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Mr J Orme
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15 September 2006

Dear Mr Orme,

Willington Road Findern/Findern Road Willington

I refer to your recent letter submitted to the Repton Area Meeting.

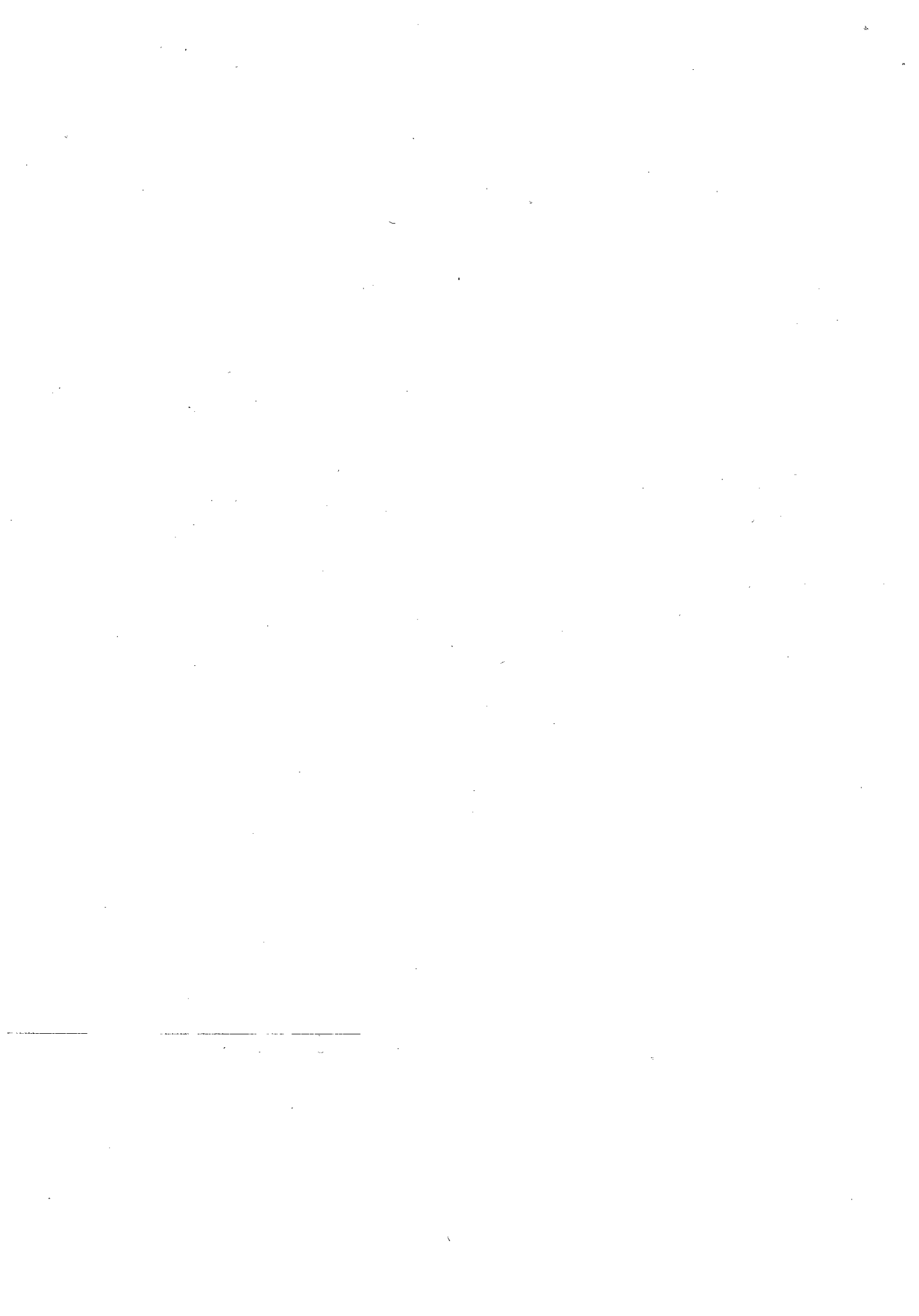
Your concerns were passed on to the Highways department for comment and following investigation into the issue the following reply has been received.

DCC Traffic Section is currently looking into the possibility of providing a short length of footway on Willington Road. This would be an extension to the footway that already exists on the south side of Findern (to the south of the A50) and would extend in a south westerly direction to link with the Potlocks Path, thus connecting to the canal towpath which then leads into Willington. Investigations are continuing on the possible provision of this footway.

Regarding the issue of warning signs on Findern Lane, to highlight to motorists that pedestrians may be in the carriageway, a site inspection has revealed that suitable signs are in place ("No footway for 550 yards") on Findern Lane for both directions on the south side of the level crossing. However to the north of the level crossing, on Willington Road, there are no similar signs present despite the lack of a footway. The Traffic Section will therefore look at rationalising the existing signage along the road in this area so that it better reflects the situation on the ground.

This reply will be reported back to the next area meeting.

Yours sincerely



South Derbyshire District Council
Ideas into Action
Report to Area Meetings

AGENDA ITEM: 6

What are we trying to do?

During consultation on our Corporate Plan, a number of responses indicated that, as well as commenting on issues put forward by the Council, they wanted an opportunity to put forward their own ideas. The Council responded with "Ideas into Action", a campaign that asked for ideas from individuals, Parish Councils, community groups – anybody! We wanted to make sure that we were responding to the views of communities about the issues that concerned them, whether they were big or small.

How did we go about it?

We launched the campaign at the Parish Forum meeting and it featured at all the Area Meetings in the summer. Ideas were submitted on short simple forms, our website or handwritten notes. The closing date for submission was 4 October but this deadline was extended for Parish Councils to fit in with their meeting schedule.

We received 64 ideas, which included:-

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

What have we done with the suggestions?

All suggestions have been acknowledged by letter and will receive a detailed response when we have decided the best course of action.

Where we can take action on a complaint straight away we are doing so and will inform the individual of what we are doing, when it will happen and a contact name of who is responsible.

Ideas for improving services across the district or developing local initiatives that will cost more money will be considered for the Budget later this year. Where there is no cost, we will review whether we can implement the suggestion sooner than that. In both cases, we will inform individuals of the outcome.

Where we are not responsible for the service, we have passed the suggestion on to the relevant body or partner. We try to ensure that the individual receives a satisfactory response to their idea.

What else are the suggestions telling us?

We have also analysed the suggestions to see whether there are common themes – and you will not be surprised to find that there are! We also want to

make sure that once we have responded to your concerns, we stay on top of things and the problem is not repeated. Top issues include

- 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

We will now put these issues at the top of our list to make further improvements to South Derbyshire and the services we deliver

So what will we do now?

We will respond to all individual ideas and suggestions and ensure that everybody who contacted us knows what action we will take.

We will use the list of "top issues" to tweak further improvements to our services and we'll let you know what we will do and when.

Thanks

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 it makes South Derbyshire a better place to live, work and visit. If it doesn't – tell us!

Ian Reid
Deputy Chief Executive
25 October 2006

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REPORT TO: REPTON AREA MEETING **AGENDA ITEM:** 7

DATE OF MEETING: 15 NOVEMBER 2006

REPORT FROM: CLLR RON LANE

Chair Of South Derbyshire District
Council's Community Scrutiny
Committee

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SCRUTINY NEEDS YOU!

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to tell you about the work of the District Council's Community Scrutiny Committee and to invite you to contribute or take part in any of our projects.

About the Committee

The Council has two Scrutiny Committees and an Overview Committee, which aim to improve the Council's performance by monitoring, questioning and making recommendations in the way that services are provided and decisions are taken.

A short guide to the work of all three committees is enclosed. This also contains information about committee membership, dates of meetings and contact details.

As you will see, the Community Scrutiny Committee focuses on community and environmental services, culture, leisure and the arts as well as housing, economic development and land use.

Progress in 2006

So far this year, the Committee has completed four important projects relating to:

- Housing Repairs and Maintenance Service
- Homelessness Service
- Waste Management Service
- Planning Application Service

The thrust of these reviews was to help your Council deliver better, more efficient and more effective Services to you the residents and to ensure continued best value for money spent on your behalf.

Future Projects

Over the period until May 2007, we will be working on the following projects:

- The future of our Post Offices
- How Health Services will be delivered by the new Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust
- Street Scene Review
- Cleaner Neighbourhoods

Post Offices

Post Offices seem to be at risk and face a variety of pressures including:

- Too few customers are using them
- Rises in running costs and loss of income from changes in the way benefits are paid, for example
- Retirements and resignations from sub post masters

The Committee are interested in what concerns you and what your views are.

You can have your say at any of the three public forums being held on :

Melbourne Village Hall	13 November (3pm to 6.pm)
Overseal Village Hall, Overseal	14 November (4.30 pm – 6 pm)
Hatton Centre, Hatton	15 November (3 pm-7 pm)

You can attend at any time on any of the days.

Or you can write to us using the reply paid forms/envelopes that are available at your meeting.

Health Services

Health Services are experiencing dramatic change, we are keen to establish contact with the new Primary Care Trust to find out how they will deliver services in South Derbyshire and what sort of services will be available.

If you have some points to make regarding what is needed or improvements in Health Services in your area, please let us know.

We will be working closely with our colleagues from Derbyshire County Council on these issues.

Street Scene

We are also working with county colleagues on a review of the 'street scene'.

This means a lot of things, but what is important to you in your street?

- ❖ Is it street lights?
- ❖ Clean and litter free streets?
- ❖ Provision of litter bins?

- ❖ Smooth and flat carriageways?
- ❖ Well-maintained pavements?
- ❖ Dropped curbs for prams and mobility vehicles?
- ❖ Trees or grassed areas on roadsides?

Or is there anything else that is important to you?

Why not tell us what your top three are.

How would you prefer to report problems, to the District Council or the County Council?

Should there be just one telephone number?

Cleaner Neighbourhoods

Your Council is considering it's response to the new 2005 Act giving us greater powers, which came into force in April 2006.

What is important to you?

- ❖ Shutting nuisance alleys?
- ❖ Selling cars on roadside?
- ❖ Removing vehicles with no tax disc?
- ❖ Removing abandoned vehicles?
- ❖ Litter control?
- ❖ Prevention of fly posting and leaflets.?
- ❖ Stopping and searching vehicles suspected of fly tipping?
- ❖ Removal of fly tipped waste by landowner?
- ❖ Dog control orders?
- ❖ Dog fouling provisions?
- ❖ Audible intruder alarm nuisance?
- ❖ Night time noise problems?
- ❖ Abandoned shopping trolleys?

Getting involved

If you would like to contribute or take part in any of our projects, then we will be pleased to include you where we can.

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