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Wednesday
10th November 2010

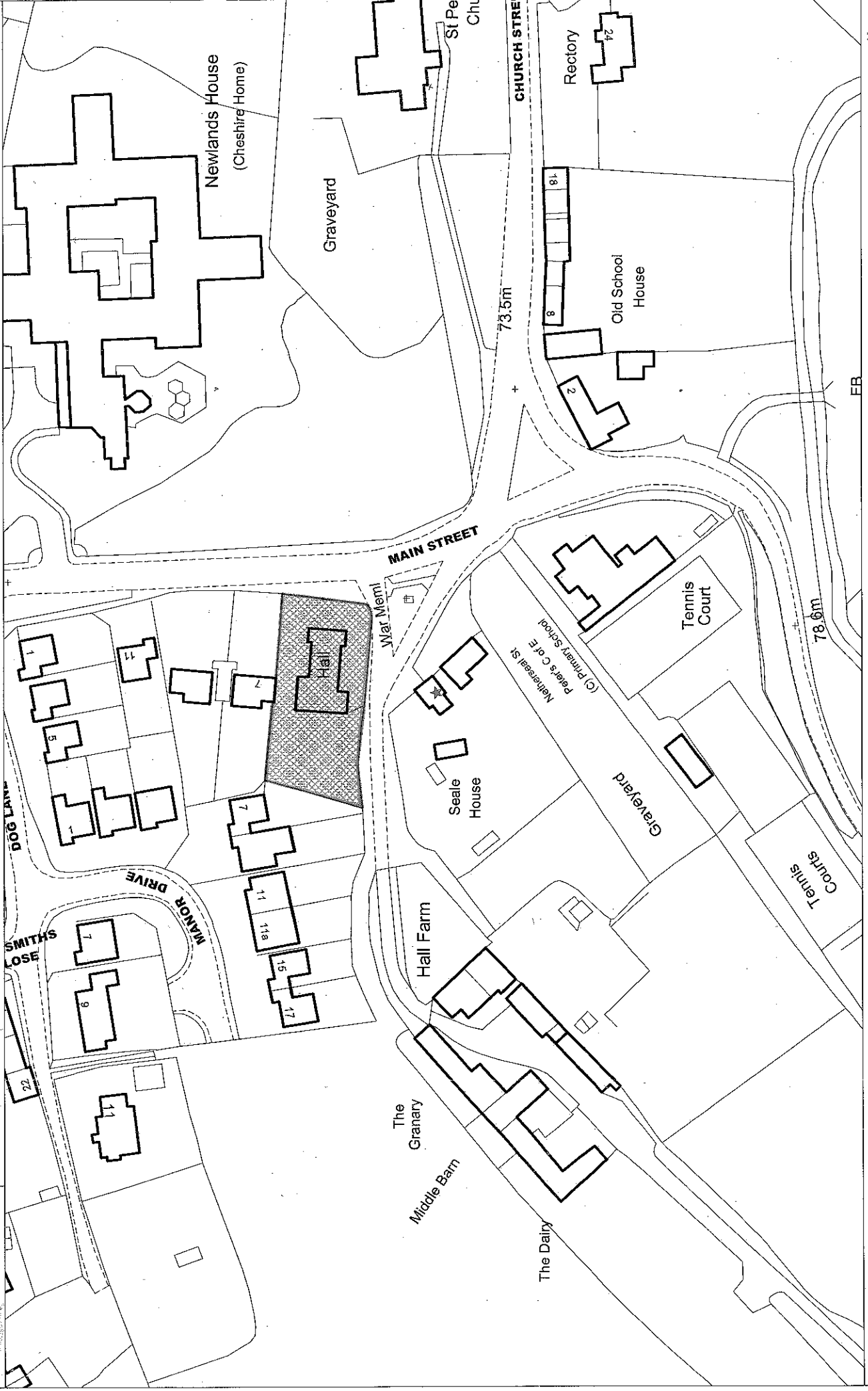
Netherseal Village Hall
Main Street
Netherseal
DE12 8BZ

7.00pm

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

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

Repton Area Forum at 7.00 p.m. Newton Solney Village Hall, Newton Solney. DE15 0SJ	Monday, 1st November 2010
Planning Committee	Tuesday, 2nd November 2010
Newhall Area Forum at 7.00 p.m. Old Post Centre, High Street, Newhall. DE11 0HX	Wednesday, 3rd November 2010
Finance and Management Committee	Thursday, 2nd November 2010
Melbourne Area Forum at 7.00 p.m. Melbourne Leisure Centre, High Street, Melbourne. DE73 8GF	Tuesday, 9th November 2010
Linton Area Forum at 7.00 p.m. Netherseal Village Hall, Main Street, Netherseal. DE12 8BZ	Wednesday, 10th November 2010
COUNCIL	Thursday, 11th November 2010
Swadlincote Area Forum at 7.00 p.m. Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote. DE11 0AH	Wednesday, 17th November 2010
Environmental and Development Services Committee	Thursday, 18th November 2010
Planning Committee	Tuesday, 23rd November 2010
Housing and Community Services Committee	Thursday, 25th November 2010
Finance and Management Committee	Thursday, 2nd December 2010
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Wednesday, 8th December 2010
Planning Committee	Tuesday, 14th December 2010
Audit Sub-Committee at 4.00 p.m.	Wednesday, 15th December 2010
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Environmental and Development Services Committee (Special – Budget)	Tuesday, 4th January 2011
Housing and Community Services Committee (Special-Budget)	Thursday, 6th January 2011
Standards Committee	Tuesday, 11th January 2011
Finance and Management Committee (Special – Budget)	Thursday, 13th January 2011
Etwall Leisure Centre Joint Management Committee at 5.00 p.m.	Monday, 17th January 2011
Planning Committee	Tuesday, 18th January 2011
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Wednesday, 19th January 2011
COUNCIL	Thursday, 20th January 2011

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM LINTON

(Covering Castle Gresley, Cauldwell, Coton-in-the-Elms, Drakelow, Linton, Lullington, Netherseal, Overseal, Rosliston and Woodville)

**Meeting to be held at
Netherseal Village Hall,
Main Street, Netherseal. DE12 8BZ**

**On Wednesday, 10th November 2010
at 7.00 p.m.**

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

Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Wheeler (Chairman), Councillor Jones (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Grant and Timms.

County Councillors: Councillors Jones and Lacey.

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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 14th July 2010 (copy attached).
6. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
7. Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service – Service Plan Consultation.
8. Census – Presentation.
9. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
10. County Council issues - Childrens Centre - Presentation
11. District Council issues.
12. Date of next Meeting.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

LINTON

14th July 2010

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Wheeler (Chairman) and Councillors Grant and Jones.

J. Jones (Director of Corporate Services), P. Spencer (Democratic Services) and C. Lukaszewicz (Helpdesk).

Derbyshire County Council Representative

Councillor Jones.

G. Duckworth (Democratic Services).

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

J. Pallett (Castle Gresley Parish Council), D. Eaton (Cauldwell Parish Meeting), K. Bradford (Coton-in-the-Elms Parish Council), J. Powell (Linton Parish Council), B. Matkin and W. Marbrow (Rosliston Parish Council) and Dr. T. Elson (Walton-on-Trent Parish Council).

Derbyshire Constabulary Representative

Sergeant A. Sutherland.

Members of the Public

C. Massey, O. Pallett and W. Taylor.

LA/1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from H. Wheeler M.P., District Councillor Timms, County Councillor Lacey, S. Jackson and C. Wright (Castle Gresley Parish Council), V. Taylor (Walton-on-Trent Parish Council), M. Horne, K. Lauro and representatives of the Council for Voluntary Services.

LA/2. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was agreed that Councillor Jones be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Linton Area Forum for the ensuing year.

LA/3. **POLICE ISSUES**

Sergeant Sutherland gave an update on crime statistics for the South Area, for the period March to May 2010. Overall there had been 10% reduction when compared to the comparable figures for the previous year. This was the

lowest crime area in South Derbyshire and the Officer gave specific reports on burglary, robbery, vehicle crime, violent crime and anti-social behaviour. He publicised a police initiative "Have your say" which would be held at Sainsbury's supermarket in Swadlincote on 14th August 2010, and was an opportunity for people to raise concerns on policing. Questions were invited, and concerns were reported about individuals speeding along Harbin Road in Walton-on-Trent. Questions were raised about enforcement activity on the Bailey Bridge in Walton-on-Trent and the Chairman referred residents to the additional information circulated just prior to the Meeting by Derbyshire County Council's Trading Standards department. Sergeant Sutherland spoke about the traffic police monitoring of this area, the number of cautions and Fixed Penalty Notices issued. A request was made for ongoing monitoring of this area. Further points were raised about the number of breaches of the weight restrictions identified through this exercise and the problems caused by large vehicles travelling through this area, which had a 7.5 tonne weight limit.

A resident displayed a charity collection bag, which appeared to be raising funds for the Air Ambulance. These had been delivered to properties in Coton-in-the-Elms and a number of other local villages. Residents were concerned that these were not legitimate collections for the Charity and had reported the matter to Crimestoppers. Sergeant Sutherland agreed to pursue this and would seek to provide a police presence in the village when collections were due to take place.

Gratitude was expressed for the action undertaken by the County Council and the Constabulary to enforce weight restrictions at the Bailey Bridge in Walton-on-Trent.

In the Cauldwell area, concerns were reported about the speed of traffic along rural lanes. It was noted that many of these roads were derestricted which made enforcement difficult. However, the matter would be referred to local police officers to monitor dangerous driving.

LA/4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reported on a public Meeting held just over two-weeks ago, to address concerns about illegal traveller encampments. A number of authorities had been represented and clear information had been given to residents on the powers available and responsibilities for local authorities. It was reported that the Forestry Centre had received a 'Green Flag' award and congratulations were recorded to those involved. The Chairman also reported on Rosliston in Bloom, for which judging would take place this Friday and he wished all involved every success.

LA/5. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Linton Area Forum held on 15th March 2010 were noted.

LA/6. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

A report had been circulated with the Agenda, which gave an update on the issues raised at the previous Meeting.

LA/7. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

Further to Minute No. LA/31, there was discussion about Hillside Road in Linton and correspondence from Derbyshire County Council. It was proposed to erect signage warning of children crossing the road at this point, but there was still a problem with speeding traffic in the area.

A resident referred to the former Band Room in Coton-in-the-Elms. This property had now been empty for approximately 10 years and there had been no updates on redevelopment for some time. Concerns were raised as the premises were becoming derelict, there was a need for periodic maintenance and disappointment at the lack of response.

It was agreed that Officers from the District Council would request the Clean Team to visit and tidy this area. An update would be sought and this would be provided to local Ward Councillors and the Coton-in-the-Elms Parish Clerk.

Further to the concerns raised at previous Area Forum Meetings, about the A444 junction with Acresford Lane, an update was given. A Meeting had taken place with the County Highways section and relevant Cabinet Member. It was hoped that proposals would shortly come forward to address the concerns about signage and improving street lining in this area. It was noted that this was a cross-border issue, also affecting the adjacent area of North West Leicestershire.

LA/8. **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

Information was provided on the work of the District Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Examples were given of recent review areas and the public's input was sought to shape the Committee's work programme. Specific reference was made to the review work on broadband and the lobbying that had taken place. Further information was available via the Council's website or through contacting officers at the District Council.

Concerns were reported about a strong sewage smell in areas of Rosliston, particularly near the Bull's Head Public House. The Chairman agreed to pursue this matter after the meeting with the resident concerned.

A resident commented that there had been no meeting of the multi-agency Highway Forum. The reasons for this were explained. It was requested that contact be made with Derbyshire County Council, to seek the recommencement of Highway Forum Meetings.

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

The date of the next Linton Area Forum would be confirmed in due course.

R. WHEELER

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 7.45 p.m.

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REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last Linton Area Forum held on 14th July 2010, at the Rosliston and Cauldwell Village Hall, the following issue was raised. The issue is listed below, together with progress made to date:-

South Derbyshire District Council Issues
Former Band Room, Coton in the Elms

There was discussion about the poor condition of the former Band Room in Coton-in-the-Elms. It was agreed that Officers from the District Council would request a Clean Team to visit and tidy this area. An update was provided to the local Ward Councillors and the Coton-in-the-Elms Parish Clerk.