

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

ETWALL

10th March 2010

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Lemmon (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Plenderleith (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Hood and Mrs. Patten.

M. Alflat (Director of Community Services), P. Spencer (Democratic Services) and K. Ward (Helpdesk).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Mrs. Patten.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

B. Cowley and C. Gerrard (Egginton Parish Council), K. Cresswell, D. Muller, B. Payton and I. Smith (Etwall Parish Council), L. Nash (Findern Parish Council), T. Beresford (Foston and Scropton Parish Council) and G. Banton, L. Kolkman and B. Walton-Knight (Hilton Parish Council).

Members of the Public

S. Avery, F. Baston, K. Baston, H. Hague, F. Hood, A. Mitchell, B. Penlington, G. Wale and T. Wherly.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District and County Councillor Ford, District Councillors Bale and Roberts, Mr. Penny (Egginton Parish Council), N. Ireland (Etwall Parish Council), J. Bates (Hilton Parish Council), J. Clarke and R. Mathews.

EA/24. **POLICE ISSUES**

Sergeant Sutherland gave an update on crime statistics for the period November 2009 to January 2010. Overall, there had been a slight reduction in crime levels and a breakdown was provided on specific areas. There had been a slight increase in the level of reported anti-social behaviour. A question was submitted about the need for the police to be represented at both this Area Forum and the corresponding Safer Neighbourhood Meeting. This issue had been raised previously and it was noted that the Area Forum was a three-way partnership involving the District and County Councils and the

Constabulary. It was also noted that the meetings had been close together this time.

EA/25. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman provided further information on Liberation Day, which would take place at the Bretby Conference Centre on 20th May 2010. The registration line would remain open until 6th April 2010. This year, priority was being given to people who had not attended before, which should help residents in rural areas to get the much sought after places. It was noted that residents had to be aged sixty-five or over to attend. To request a place, residents should ring the registration line 01283 595795 to book their place. Full details were available via the District Council's website.

EA/26. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Etwall Area Forum held on 3rd February 2010 were noted, subject to adding the attendance of Councillor Mrs. Wheeler at the last Meeting and recording the apologies submitted by Mr. Bates and Mr. Banton.

EA/27. **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.

EA/28. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

A resident reported the parking problems being experienced in the centre of Etwall. This had been exacerbated recently with the closure of a car park adjacent to a public house. The Chairman of Etwall Parish Council responded, confirming the problem and there was a discussion on a number of related issues. It was noted that the Constabulary's beat officer had been asked to monitor the situation. There was discussion about the John Port School, specifically ensuring adequate parking provision within the School complex for both staff and students and the fact that this was at times, impacting on parking at the new leisure centre. A local District Councillor, who was also a School Governor, offered to raise the concerns at a Governor's meeting, taking place later in the evening. The problems were further exacerbated by development works at the School. It was questioned whether the bus park at the edge of the complex could be used during the day, to provide some additional short-stay car parking. There were also safety concerns related to pupils crossing the main road in Etwall, where they were not using the pedestrian crossing correctly.

It was agreed that the above issues be referred to the John Port School Governor's Meeting and the local District Councillor would report back to the next Area Forum. The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to pursue the suggestion about creating additional short-stay parking during the day in the School's bus parking area.

A comment was made about the lack of bus services between Willington and Etwall. A presentation was given at the previous meeting by Community

Transport and the availability of the Council for Voluntary Services Social Car Scheme had also been raised. Reference was then made to the Joint Highway Forum hosted by the District Council. It was noted that a meeting had not taken place recently and the reasons for this were explained.

In Findern, a request was made for large 40 mph speed limit signs at the entrance to the Village from the A38 trunk road. **It was agreed that the Forum Liaison Officer would pursue this matter and provide a report to the next Area Forum.**

It was reported that the Findern Methodist Chapel had recently been refurbished. There remained a short stretch of road between the Chapel and Commonpiece Lane, which had a rough surface and got waterlogged, causing difficulty for those accessing the Chapel. **The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to pursue this matter and would provide a report to the next Area Forum.**

There was also discussion about the poor condition of roads in various parts of South Derbyshire, resulting from the adverse winter weather. With regard to Egginton Road in Etwall, it was confirmed this area had been inspected and it was hoped to improve the road surface early in the new financial year. In Egginton, Ashgrove Lane was a particular problem. It was being considered for surface dressing works within the 2011/12 financial year. It was noted that many other roads in Egginton had potholes and the temporary repairs did not provide an effective solution.

EA/29. **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES – BIG CHOICES – WASTE CONSULTATION**

The Forum Liaison Officer publicised a joint consultation by Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council on plans for waste management over the next twenty years. This consultation ended on 9th April 2010 and residents' views were sought to shape the formation of a draft plan, on which further consultation would take place. A copy of the report was available via the County Council's website or by phoning Call Derbyshire.

It was noted that the District Council would also consider this document. A resident asked whether feedback to a previous consultation on a specific site would be taken into account. It was noted that the Big Choices Consultation was not site specific at this stage, but residents were encouraged to make their views known, as ultimately, site provision would need to be considered.

Arising from this report, a resident asked questions about charging based on the amount of waste collected and the arrangements for the disposal or recycling of batteries, fluorescent tubes and low energy light bulbs. It was confirmed that the District Council had no plans to introduce a charging regime based on the weight of waste collected. South Derbyshire sought to provide a choice, to educate and to encourage recycling. Confirmation was provided on the options available for disposing of batteries correctly and a specific initiative discussed was the Government funded scheme where shops would collect batteries for recycling. A further question concerned how waste that could not be recycled would be disposed of in the future and whether this would be a choice between landfill or incineration.

It was agreed that a presentation be made to the next Area Forum on recycling in South Derbyshire.

EA/30. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Details of the dates and venues for future Area Forum meetings would be circulated to residents in due course.

J. LEMMON

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 7:50 p.m.