

LINTON AREA MEETING

**AGENDA
AND
REPORTS**

THURSDAY, 1ST AUGUST 2002

**Walton-on-Trent Village Hall,
Main Street,
Walton-on-Trent**

7.00 p.m.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
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DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

LINTON AREA MEETING

(Covering Castle Gresley, Cauldwell, Coton-in-the-Elms, Linton, Lullington, Netherseal, Overseal, Rosliston and Walton-on-Trent)

**Meeting to be held at
Walton-on-Trent Village Hall,
Main Street,
Walton-on-Trent
on Thursday, 1st August 2002
at 7.00 p.m.**

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

Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Lauro (Chair) and Councillors Douglas, Knight, Shaw and Southern.

County Councillor: Councillor Mrs. Lauro.



BUSINESS

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Appointment of Vice-Chair.
3. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th May 2002 (copy herewith).
4. Chair's Announcements (if any).
5. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
6. Public Question time and suggestions for future local discussion items.
7. Date of Next Meeting.

Community Items

8. Divisional Policing Changes – A Twelve Month Update.
9. Consultation on Council's Budget.

LINTON AREA MEETING

9th May 2002

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Southern (Chair) and Councillors Knight, Lauro and Shaw.
F. B. McArdle (Chief Executive), J. Birkett (Planning Services Manager),
D. Cook (Members' Services Officer) and B. Jones (Helpdesk).

County Council Representative

Councillor Mrs. Lauro (Vice-Chair) (arrived at 8.00p.m.)

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

P. Ellis (Linton Parish Council), J. Blythe (Linton Parish Council),
Dr. T. Elson (Walton-on-Trent Parish Council), B. Matkin (Rosliston
Parish Council), C. Tagg (Netherseal Parish Council).

Members of the Public

R. Bull, L. Culpan, S. Elson, T. Nicklin (Netherseal Parish Council),
V. Taylor (Walton-on-Trent Parish Council), P. Seeley (Linton Parish
Council).

APOLOGY

An apology for absence from the Meeting was received from Mr. B. Laxton
(Castle Gresley Parish Council).

LA/24. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th January 2002 were noted.

LA/25. **CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair asked those present to give consideration to any items which they
would wish to see on future agendas for the Linton Area Meetings.

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

V. Taylor expressed concern about the traffic problems experienced at Bailey
Bridge in Walton and the need to stop heavy vehicles travelling through the
village. She asked for a vehicle count to be undertaken as the traffic had
increased over recent months. She was concerned that the opening of the
Argos Distribution Centre would escalate the problem further and expressed
concern regarding a lack of action taken to date. (This matter was again
raised with the County Councillor on her arrival.)

Mr. P. Ellis sought further information on the travellers at Cauldwell Road,
Linton as the three months date had now expired. J. Birkett advised that it
was unlikely that information would be available in the near future. Mr. Ellis
expressed concern that a rumour of a planning application for a house on
that site had been granted had circulated in the village and Mr. Birkett
confirmed that no decision had been taken in this regard and he was

uncertain as to whether an application had been received for that particular site.

Mr. B. King advised that vehicles were currently using a public right of way to access Vicarage Walk at Catton Lane, Rosliston. It was agreed to ask the Council's Footpaths Officer to investigate this matter and take any necessary action.

Mr. Culpan expressed concern that the tenant of No. 69 Bells End Road, Walton, following work to his Council house had had to ring the Council on several occasions regarding different matters and had been directed to Harvey and Clark when actually the work was being carried out by Trent Force. Mr. Culpan also advised that the Council's Engineering Technician had agreed to a site visit with him at the end of February 2002 but had failed to contact him again, as promised, regarding this matter. It was agreed to action this matter on Mr. Culpan's behalf.

Mr. T. Nicklin asked what the current planning state was for a recreational field at Netherseal and whether this field was contained for developed within the Local Plan. F. McArdle confirmed that matters of this type were under consideration during the Local Plan review.

Mr. T. Elson advised that the Council had recently undertaken work on his flat in Walton and had done an excellent job. In response to the comments made regarding works to Council properties within Walton-on-Trent the Chair advised that he would himself undertake a visit to such properties to inspect them in order to ascertain whether work had been carried out satisfactorily.

Councillor G. Knight talked about the problems experienced with the elder generation of young people in the village of Overseal and the problems experienced with such gangs of youths moving from village to village. He thought it would be useful for the Meeting to receive a presentation on examples of good practice of youth work undertaken around the Country to a future Meeting. F. McArdle referred to the Crime and Disorder Partnership and their "Roadshow" idea. This partnership looked at statistics and crime prevention measures for certain areas. It was agreed that at a future Meeting a "snapshot" of the work carried out by the Crime and Disorder Partnership could be received.

V. Taylor reported that a leaflet which had been distributed by the Council (with the Council Tax bills) referring to low cost housing which would be "affordable" was very confusing. J. Birkett apologised that jargon had been used within this leaflet and outlined to the Meeting what was meant by "affordable housing" and a general discussion took place on this matter.

A resident of Greenfield Drive, Linton expressed concern that the refuse collectors were dropping litter in that area when collecting wheeled bins. It was agreed to report this matter to the Direct Services Organisation Manager.

Mr. C. Tagg talked about the consultation timescales for planning consultative documents and asked if the consultation period of six weeks could be extended to eight weeks. J. Birkett advised that it was Government guidance which suggested a consultation period of six weeks and the Council complied with this guidance. He confirmed that Parish Councils could always ask for an extension to the consultation time on supplementary

planning guidance documents. Mr. Tagg also expressed concern that with regard to the consultation exercise on the Local Plan, the Parish Council had been given ten days to respond to the document but an advertisement in the local press had given members of the public three weeks to respond to the same document.

Councillor C. Shaw advised that additional street lighting was required in the village of Lullington and it was suggested that the County Council could be pursued regarding this matter. Councillor Shaw also reported a problem with recent vehicle thefts in the village of Lullington.

Mr. T. Nicklin advised that Netherseal Parish Council had asked for a grass cutting specification and schedule last year which they had received in September. Even though they had requested one this year the Parish Council still had not received it and accordingly it was agreed to pursue this matter on the Parish Council's behalf.

A resident queried who was generally responsible for hedge cutting where such hedges were causing a problem. Mr. McArdle advised that if the hedge was causing an obstruction then the District Council and the Parish Council had powers to deal with this matter. The clerk to the Parish Council would have a schedule attached to the Local Government Act which would outline the powers of the Parish Council in this regard. However, powers did not exist to undertake action if the problem with the hedge was only concerning its appearance.

LA/27. **DELEGATION AGREEMENT – DEVELOPMENT CONTROL**

A copy of the Delegation Agreement was circulated to all of those present. J. Birkett outlined that the Agreement had been in place since about 1974 in various forms and was reviewed on a two yearly basis. Representatives of Netherseal Parish Council took the opportunity to ask various questions on the Delegation Agreement which were duly answered. They queried what safeguards were in place when officers were dealing with planning applications and such applications were not being submitted to Committee. J. Birkett confirmed that if a planning application did not conform to supplementary planning guidance it would be submitted to the Development Control Committee for consideration or would be refused. Representatives of the Parish Council asked how officers would determine if a property design was good/poor/attractive and J. Birkett confirmed that this matter was and always had been the judgement of the planning officer or Members of the Development Control Committee. Officers would try to make an assessment of the character of buildings in South Derbyshire and he talked about the general characteristics of most houses within the District. Mr. Birkett suggested that if the Parish Council was concerned regarding a planning application and did not think that the application would be submitted to the Committee for consideration, then the Parish Council should consult with their Local Ward Member who could lobby for the application to be submitted to the Development Control Committee for determination.

With regard to a Parish Council making an objection to a planning application it was queried how much 'weight' such an objection would carry and J. Birkett confirmed that this would depend on whether the planning application conformed to supplementary planning guidance. However, J. Birkett confirmed that Parish Council objections were never disregarded. Also, if there was a level of controversy in overruling the Parish Council

objection then the application would be submitted to the Development Control Committee for consideration. Mr. Birkett confirmed that if a Parish Council supported a particular planning application it was important that they advised the Council accordingly.

LA/28. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (CONTINUED)**

At this point in the Meeting County Councillor Mrs. Lauro arrived and those present took the opportunity to raise matters concerning Derbyshire County Council with her. With regard to the previous discussion concerning Bailey Bridge, Mrs. Lauro confirmed that a traffic count had already been requested. A general discussion took place with regard to the Bailey Bridge being a gateway into South Derbyshire and the need for the District and County Council to get together to look at lobbying for a better river crossing in this area. Mr. McArdle confirmed that dialogue was taking place between different bodies in this regard and representations on this matter had already been made via regional planning mechanisms. It was reported that the road at the end of the Bridge which fell in the County of Staffordshire was in a poor state and Mrs. Lauro confirmed that she had already asked John Waite of the County Council to action this matter with the appropriate authority.

Concern was expressed regarding the poor state of the Mount Pleasant Lane in Netherseal. The County Council had previously advised that no action was to be taken on this particular road because the road was maintained to the standard of the area. The Parish Council were however concerned that the standard was low and expressed disappointment at the general deterioration of roads, particularly minor roads. Mrs. Lauro referred to a backlog of maintenance work required on roads due to finance not being available in the past but agreed to pursue this matter.

Mrs. G. Edwards of Overseal Parish Council advised that she had recently reported a dangerous kerb stone to Derbyshire County Council and the matter had been dealt within 20 minutes. The District Council had also actioned an asbestos problem and a problem with play equipment within a very short period of time.

Mr. J. Blythe of Linton Parish Council referred a "worn-out" manhole outside the Linton Post Office. The Parish Council was unaware of who owned the manhole and whose responsibility it was to repair. It was agreed to pursue this matter and respond to Mr. Blythe.

A resident of Linton advised that the road from Catton to Rosliston (just before reaching the Brook) was suffering from bad subsidence and accordingly Mrs. Lauro agreed to pursue this matter and ask for any necessary action to be taken.

With regard to issues raised at the last Meeting Councillor Mrs. Lauro advised that the weight limit concerns for the village of Walton-on-Trent were being actioned by John Waite of Derbyshire County Council who was to respond directly to the Parish Council and also provide a weight limit sign at the appropriate place within the village.

Mrs. Lauro also reported that road resurfacing work to Main Street, Linton would commence in August 2002 (although not all of the road would be resurfaced). Mrs. Lauro agreed to check with officers of the County Council

whether resurfacing work at Dag Lane, Lullington was a priority and ask for a possible site meeting to look at the problems in this area.

LA/29. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next Meeting would be held on Thursday, 1st August 2002 at Walton-on-Trent Village Hall.

R.W. SOUTHERN

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 8.35 p.m.

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Thursday, 1st August 2002

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last meeting of this Committee held on 9th May 2002 at Overseal Village Hall, a number of issues were raised. These issues are listed below, together with progress made to date:-

ISSUES	PROGRESS	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER
1. Traffic problems at Bailey Bridge, Walton – request for vehicle count to be undertaken.	Report to be submitted to the Meeting.	County Councillor Mrs. Lauro
2. Vehicles using a PROW to access Vicarage Walk, Catton Lane, Rosliston	Officers have investigated complaint but found no obvious breach of control. Officers to be notified of any further problems.	Tony Burdett (Development Control Officer) Tel: 595746 Rafe Shirley (Senior Enforcement Officer) Tel: 595750
3. Presentation on work of Crime and Disorder Partnership.	Presentation to be made to a future Meeting.	Stuart Batchelor (Community & Leisure Development Manager) Tel: 595820
4. Refuse Collectors dropping litter in Greenfield Drive, Linton.	DSO Manager advised.	Paul Evans (DSO Manager) Tel: 595764
5. Poor state of Mount Pleasant Lane, Repton.	Report to be submitted to the Meeting.	County Councillor Mrs. Lauro
6. "Worn out" manhole outside Linton Post Office.	Council's Technical Services Manager written to Severn Trent re this manhole.	John Hansed (Technical Services Manager) Tel: 595770
7. Catton to Rosliston road suffering from bad subsidence.	Report to be submitted to the Meeting.	County Councillor Mrs. Lauro
8. Dag Lane, Lullington – request for resurfacing.	Report to be submitted to the Meeting.	County Councillor Mrs. Lauro