

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

LINTON

24<sup>th</sup> October 2013

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council Representatives**

Councillor Wheeler (Chairman) and Councillors Jones, Frost; Mrs Hall.

R. Ledger (Director of Housing and Environmental Services); S. Winfield (Safer South Derbyshire Partnership).

**Derbyshire County Council Representatives**

County Councillor Mrs Lauro.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

**Parish Council/Meeting Representatives**

S. Jackson, J. and O. Pallett, C Wright (Castle Gresley Parish Council), P. McGibbon and T. Stone (Netherseal Parish Council), A. Lees (Coton in the Elms Parish Council), M. Horne (Walton on Trent Parish Council), M. Patrick, S. Jones and C. Knight (Overseal Parish Council).

**Members of the Public**

None

LA/9. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from H. Wheeler MP

LA/10 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

LA/11. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The recent introduction of kerbside plastics collection has proved to be a flexible and efficient service. Under 100 complaints received from 44,000 properties. A vote of thanks was given from residents to the new system.

LA/12. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Linton Area Forum held on 24<sup>th</sup> July were noted.

LA/13. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

The Chairman reviewed those items raised at the last Meeting and the Forum Liaison Officer reported the progress made in each case.

**Digital Derbyshire** – A significant step forward was taken in August when DCC signed a £27.75m contract with BT to make fibre broadband available to a further 88,000 premises across the county; bringing superfast speeds to more than 95% of homes and businesses by 2016. The project aims to ensure all remaining premises will also see uplifts in speed and deliver a minimum of 2mbps to almost all homes and businesses.

BT has begun work on the ground with engineers surveying locations around the county and analysing the best way to roll-out the programme. There will be a phased approach to the roll-out, with the first areas predicted to be upgraded in 2014.

The role of Broadband Champions is being re-launched as Digital Champions (hand-out available detailing what the role will entail). There will be no requirement to attend regular meetings; there may only be one a year as most of the information will be contained on the new website.

A Broadband Champion stated that the roll-out map is quite unclear; he has been asked by a number of local residents when they will be getting improvements and he is unable to answer. Another resident noted that the map shows that Netherseal and Overseal are 'not yet in programme'.

**Cadley Hill roundabout** – some rutting was identified on the roundabout which was dealt with as an actionable defect. A further inspection was carried out by the area Maintenance Manager who has now issued instructions for some carriageway patching to be undertaken. This will be carried out in conjunction with some patching works on the A444 (near Toons). No dates have been determined but it will be before the end of the current financial year.

**Scotts bridleway** between Mount Road and Hillside Road, Linton - another bridleway sign been installed at the northern end.

LA/14. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

It was raised that a sign for Toons before Appleby Glade directs traffic left into the cul-de-sac instead of left at the roundabout. This needs moving onto the next lamppost.

**Forum Liaison Officer to action.**

It was raised that a footpath had been blocked off on the new housing development in Church Gresley. This complaint was forwarded to the Forum Liaison Officer and was promptly resolved.

It was asked if DCC was planning to charge £40 a year to empty brown wheelie bins. The Chairman stated this was Derby City Council and North West Leicestershire Council. There were no plans for DCC to implement these charges.

Resident thanked the Council for cutting back hedges at Coton Park, Linton and that speed signs were now visible but the chippings had been left all over the road.

**Director of Housing and Environmental Services to action.**

It was asked if Overseal School would continue to receive the money raised from the paper recycling at the Overseal bring site. Director of Housing and Environmental Services confirmed that the Council will review the effects of the new kerbside recycling on bring sites and a report will go to Council on whether to retain each individual site.

Reference was made to flooding outside the Cricketts Inn going across the road and making it dangerous for motorists. Some initial investigations were carried out which established that the highway drainage crosses under an adjacent field and into a brook. It is suspected that there is a broken pipe in the field which may be the cause of the flooding in the carriageway. DCC have recently written to the landowner, requesting permission to access their land to investigate the matter further.

**Forum Liaison Officer to update at next meeting.**

Resident raised that flooding in Appleby Glade occurs as there is only one drain and this gets blocked.

**Forum Liaison Officer to enquire if drain can be cleared out more regularly.**

It was raised that a JCB used to clear out gullies along the lanes from Cadley Hill roundabout towards Drakelow but this isn't being done any more.

**Forum Liaison Officer to make enquiries with Highways.**

LA/15. **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

None.

LA/16 **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

Director of Housing and Environmental Services thanked everyone for their patience with the new recycling collections.

The Local Plan Consultation will end on 15<sup>th</sup> November and can be accessed on the website. Leaflet was available at the meeting.

A Neighbourhood Planning Workshop is taking place for Parish Councillors in the Council Chamber on 12<sup>th</sup> November from 5.30 pm for a 6 pm start. Leaflet was available at the meeting.

Apple Day takes place on Friday and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October on Swadlincote Market Place.

The Council have a garden tree giveaway with 2 trees per household until 31<sup>st</sup> October, the trees will be issued in November.

LA/17 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting would be confirmed in due course.

R WHEELER

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 7.55 pm