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Neighbourhoods



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Derbyshire**
District Council

teamwork

Keeping our Community Safe

Safer South Derbyshire Partnership

DERBYSHIRE
County Council
Improving life for local people

**Safer Neighbourhood
Area 4 - Central
(6.15pm - 7.15pm)**

**Interval with light
refreshments 7.15pm - 7.30pm**

and

**Swadlincote Area Forum
(7.30pm - 8.30pm)**

**Thursday,
November 12
2015**

**Church Gresley
Methodist Church
York Road
DE11 9QQ**

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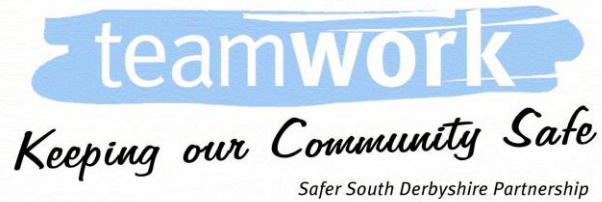


South Derbyshire District Council

Church Gresley Methodist Church



Committee	Date
Planning	Tuesday 17.11.15
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 19.11.15
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 26.11.15
Finance & Management	Thursday 03.12.15
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 09.12.15
Planning	Tuesday 15.12.15
Audit Sub	Wednesday 16.12.15
Committee	Date
Environmental & Development Services (Special - Budget)	Thursday 07.01.16
Etwall JMC	Monday 11.01.16
Housing & Community Services (Special – Budget)	Tuesday 12.01.16
Finance & Management (Special – Budget)	Thursday 14.01.16
Planning	Tuesday 19.01.16
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 20.01.16
COUNCIL	Thursday 21.01.16
Finance & Management (Special - NNDR)	Monday 25.01.16
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 28.01.16
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 04.02.16
Planning	Tuesday 09.02.16
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 10.02.16
Audit Sub	Wednesday 17.02.16
Finance & Management	Thursday 18.02.16
COUNCIL	Monday 29.02.16
Planning	Tuesday 01.03.16
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 03.03.16
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 10.03.16
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Planning	Tuesday 22.03.16
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ANNUAL COUNCIL	Thursday 19.05.16
CIVIC COUNCIL	Thursday 26.05.16



AGENDA

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP - AREA 4

Thursday, November 12, 2015
at Church Gresley Methodist Church

(Light refreshments will be served between 7.15pm and 7.30pm)

1. Chair's introduction. Apologies.
2. Minutes of last meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions.
3. Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's overview /priorities update.
4. Partnership update / funding / new project ideas.
5. Local issues – open forum (20 minutes).
6. Agreed Priorities.
7. Date of next meeting.

Meeting close (7.15pm)

AREA 4 - CENTRAL SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Present	Date of Meeting	Venue
Cllr Mulgrew (Chairman); P Marriott (SSDP); Sgt. Summers; PCSO Walker; PCSO Badham-Spalding; Cllr Atkin; Cllr Mrs Chilton; Cllr Coe; Cllr Mrs Coe; Cllr Dunn; Cllr Mrs Farrington; Cllr Rhind; Cllr Swann; Cllr Taylor; Cllr Tilly G Attwood; R Attwood; R Beard; H Bancroft; G Barnett; G Barratt; J Barratt; R Beard; J Bierley; M Blockley; S Blockley; L Brooks; R Causer; C Eaglesfield; P Eaglesfield; Z Elliott; M Gee; P Goldby; M Gipult; S Hanslow; L Harper; S Hyde; A Jones; D King; N Lees; J Moore; A Musgrave; J Pass; J Peach; A Robey; L Sargent; J Seaton; D Sharpe; D Shutterworth; T Southerd; D Smith; B Stuart; J Tan; M Tomlinson; E Thompson; J Whittaker; J Whittaker; S Wyatt; M Varley Also present: Mandy McKeon (Clerk)	Tuesday 30 June 2015 at 6.15 pm	Woodville Methodist Church

1	Chair's Introduction, Apologies	Action																																								
	Cllr Mulgrew welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made from the panel Apologies were received from Cllr Heath; Cllr Southerd; N Cannon; S Gailey; M Mycott																																									
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Drug offences	3	5	Down
All crime (incl. misc.)	189	172	Up by 17
ASB	193	222	Down

Update on priorities

There were two priorities highlighted from the last meeting (1) general anti-social behaviour (2) traffic offences such as speeding, parking and weight restrictions.

Anti-social behaviour has been a big issue in the Town Centre and as a result of which we have brought in police officers and PCSOs from other areas to help tackle this. Section 34 Dispersal Orders have been put in place and to a large degree it has settled down. Main areas of concern have been outside McDonalds; on Eureka Park; Morrison's' car park and on the Skate Park and everything is being done to police these areas.

PC Spalding reported there had been an increase in nuisance bikes around the area due to the warm weather. Main message from him was if you see them, ring them in and if you have registration numbers – great. Also, at the bottom of Sage Drive area is an access which should be used for emergency vehicles only but is being used as a cut-through to Tollgate Island. Please report if this is being used as a cut-through.

PC Walker reported on anti-social behaviour around Gresley Memorial Hall with a large number of calls where children have been hanging around a derelict building. PC Walker has been in touch with the Council and over the last few days calls have reduced and there have been no further issues. There has been damage on Gresley Park over a number of weekends. The Park Warden and gardeners have planted new saplings which have been damaged. Police have liaised with the Council and cameras have been installed to try to identify offenders and there have been no recent calls of damage.

PC Walker said there have been anti-social behaviour issues at Morrisons car park, where there have been reports of young persons in parked cars playing loud music. They have been asked to consider the houses nearby and to lower the volume and/or move on from the area.

PC Walker said there have reports regarding parking around schools. Police will attend as and when to be proactive but cannot always be there.

Sgt Summers discussed speeding and weight restrictions on Coppice Side. PC Kelly has done speed checks around the area and speeding does not seem to be a major issue. From a recent survey that last 30 minutes, the highest speed recorded was 34 miles per hour. The issue is the weight restriction, there is a restriction of 7.5 tonnes and there have been bigger wagons delivering in the area. All the shops have been given the correct postcodes on how to get into the retail park and Steve Kelly has hand delivered letters to local residents on how to report offending vehicles to the council.

	<p>A local resident commented that 44 tonne vehicles were still driving down Coppice Side. Trees on the island at the bottom by the Pipeworks have not been touched in two years, they should be level. A new sign has been put in place but there is nothing to tell the driver where to go. He would like a sign with “deliveries this way” with an arrow to direct the drivers.</p> <p>Sgt Summers reported on issues in the area:</p> <p>Shoplifting over the last few months - two of the main culprits were sent to jail. One has now been released with a CBO.</p> <p>Information was received in the Gresley area on cannabis plants. After obtaining a warrant 11 plants were ceased and a man is on police bail and is looking at a possible jail sentence.</p> <p>March/April time there was a spate of dwelling burglaries around this area. Police and PCSOs went out in plain clothes and caught both burglars. One is still in prison; one has been released.</p> <p>A resident commented on an alarm button in shops within the Town Centre. She said she was in a shop that morning (Superdrug) when a guy walked out with a handful of goods and the lady serving did nothing about it, although she seemed to know him and the alarm was going off. The resident suggested she should call the Police but she did nothing at all. Sgt Summers said he would look into the matter.</p>	
4	Partnership Update/ Funding/ New Project Ideas	
	<p>Phil Marriott (PM) reported that he arranged training sessions for store staff last year within the Town Centre but turnout was poor and only three people turned up for the training. He said stores themselves need educating on how to display goods to minimise opportunist theft and to encourage staff to be on alert.</p> <p>PM reported on boundary changes between A4 and A5. He apologised for the confusion if any residents had attended the wrong area meetings. For those who wished to view the boundaries between Area 4 and Area 5 this can be done on a map displayed on the police website at www.police.uk. A resident pointed out he had visited the website but this shows constabulary borders and he could not find where there is a border between Area 4 and Area 5. PCSO Walker explained where the boundary line was between Woodville and Midway for the benefit of those present. The resident concerned, Mr Seaton asked for this to be on a map and mentioned that Frank McCardle did promise this be done two meetings previously.</p> <p>South Derbyshire Liberation Day on 22 May was a success. There was information on safety, health, social wellbeing and entertainment and the older members of the public seemed to enjoy themselves.</p> <p>PM sent out a warning for the public to be aware as shed thefts are easy pickings for thieves. Ensure sheds are secured with decent padlocks.</p> <p>PM gave an update from the ASB Officer within the Council – Ten juveniles are on ABCs (acceptable behaviour contracts) within town centre which has seen a reduction of anti-social behaviour within the area. ABCs are issued 6 months and every month the juvenile and parent meets with ASB Officer and Police</p>	

	<p>Neighbourhood Team and their behaviour is monitored.</p> <p>Car number plate security operations will be back in the area due to increasing thefts from vehicle number plates. The next security event will be at Sainsbury's car park on 8 July between 3pm and 6pm. Free tamperproof screws can be fitted to number plates, there may be some restrictions i.e. disability vehicles but pop down for advice.</p> <p>PM encouraged the public to pick up a number leaflets before they leave on various community safety topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Highs; • How to Stay Safe Online; • Safer Homes (service operated through South Derbyshire Council Voluntary Services) who will come out and upgrade security for the over 60s/vulnerable/victim of crime. For those victims of shed burglary, they will fit a shed alarm and a quality padlock. Residents can refer themselves or others on the form at the back of the leaflet; • Summer Activities leaflet aimed at young people detailing a range of activities in the Summer Holidays; • Your Lifestyle – Older People Survey • Green Dog Walker Scheme – the public can sign up to be responsible pet walkers. <p>PM explained that there have been a lot of doorstep callers. It is not against the law but you can put a leaflet/card in your window to try to prevent them calling. If you are not happy with the callers credentials you can ask for ID, leave them at the door and call Police to verify they are who they say they are. Never invite them in and use safety chain where possible. You can also call 101 and the Police Safer Neighbourhood team may be able to attend and verify the callers credentials.</p> <p>and</p> <p>PM introduced a co-ordinator for the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Castleton Park, who gave an update on how Neighbourhood Watch can benefit local areas, getting the community involved.</p>	
5	Local Issues – open forum (20 minutes)	
	<p>A resident mentioned he was standing next to the Police officer involved in speed watch at Coppice Side when he was almost ran over by a speeding motorist driving at 34 miles an hour. The resident insisted that the road needs looking at i.e. health and safety, speed, pot holes, signage.</p> <p>Cllr Farrington said the resident has been complaining about these issues for the past eight years and feels that it is time someone listens to him.</p> <p>A member of the public suggested that the local residents on Coppice Side could come together and form their own Community Speed Watch. The resident said he would like to take part and asked Sgt Summers for a speed gun. Sgt Summers said there is certain criteria and a certain number of people need to be involved and he could discuss this option with him.</p> <p>A resident said there are issues with parents parking on double yellow lines outside St George's School. Parents think its ok to sit and wait. PC Walker? said parking is a problem. When the Police are there these issues disappear!</p>	

	<p>He said he has requested for schools to be proactive with parking issues.</p> <p>A resident said there are speeding issues with traffic at Thorne Street, Woodville. There is a very tight bend at the top Thorne Street, Woodville and motorists are using the road to miss the traffic lights at the Hepworth Road and the A511. Sgt Summers said the only possible way to catch someone speeding in that situation is if a Police traffic car was sat behind the speeding driver.</p> <p>A resident who lives near Oakland Village Retirement Home said there have been lots of issues raised with parking around where she live in one of the 16 sheltered bungalows and there is no clear signage for private parking. There are lots of elderly residents living nearby and she has made enquires but has had no joy in finding out whether or not the allocated parking spaces belong to those homes. Cllr Dunn asked whether the meeting would make inappropriate parking a priority at the end of the meeting. With officers being given ability to put letters under windscreen wipers to say “This is a warning, you are parked inappropriately”? Not just here but also other inappropriate parking areas.</p> <p>The Chair advised that Councillor Tilley is looking into parking issues in this area.</p> <p>Sgt Summers said he cannot stop people parking in places if it is not illegal. There will always be parking next to schools but that said people cannot speed around parked cars so there are safety aspects. There are more schools in area than Police team. Will do best go school to schools. Please do call Police for any illegal parking. If someone is parking as an obstruction/dangerous position dial 101. Cllr Chilton asked for a one page sheet is circulated from the Police as to what constitutes illegal parking.</p>	
6	Agreed Priorities	
	Dangerous and inappropriate parking within the area.	
7	Date of next meeting	
	To be advised.	

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Derbyshire Police - www.derbyshire.police.uk

Police Area 4 on Twitter www.twitter.com - [@GresleySNT](https://twitter.com/GresleySNT) / [@SwadTownSNT](https://twitter.com/SwadTownSNT) / [@WoodvilleSNT](https://twitter.com/WoodvilleSNT)

Crime Statistics for your area www.police.uk

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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM SWADLINCOTE

(Covering Church Gresley, Swadlincote, Woodville, Hartshorne Village and Goseley)

Meeting to be held at:

**Church Gresley Methodist Church
York Street
Church Gresley
DE11 9QQ**

**On Thursday, November 12, 2015
at 7.30pm.**

Members:

District Councillors: Councillors Rhind (Chairman); Mrs Coe, Coe, Mrs Farrington, Southerd, Swann, Taylor, Tilley, Mrs Wyatt.

County Councillors: Councillors Chilton, Dunn and Southerd.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of interest.
3. Chairman's announcements.
4. To note the minutes of the meeting held on June 30, 2015 (copy attached).
5. Report back on issues raised at the last meeting.
6. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
7. County Council issues.
8. District Council issues.
 - Dennis Bateman to talk about dog fouling issues.
9. Date of next meeting.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

SWADLINCOTE

Tuesday 30 June 2015
at Woodville Methodist Church

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor G Rhind (Chairman); Councillors N Atkin; R Coe; Mrs Coe; P Dunn; Mrs Farrington; M Mulgrew; T Southerd; S Swann; S Taylor; N Tilley; and Mrs Wyatt.

F McArdle (Chief Executive); M McKeon (Services Assistant)

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Mrs Chilton; P Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer)

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

M Gee (Woodville Parish Council); A Jones (Hartshorne Parish Council)

Members of the Public

H Bancroft; J Barnett; M Blockley; S Blockley; R Causer; Z Elliott; P Goldby; S Hyde; J Mackrill; J Moore; A Musgrove (Burton Mail); D Redfern; A Robey; J Robey; J Seaton; D Sharpe; D Smith; B Stuart; P Yates;

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made by the panel.

SA/01 **APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received.

SA/02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

SA/03 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair had no announcements to make.

SA/04 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Swadlincote Area Forum held on 27 January 2015 were noted.

SA/05 **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

Derbyshire County Council Issues:

Forum Liaison Officer reported back on issues raised at the last meeting:

Moira Road, Woodville – potholes – The kerb at the church entrance has been lowered so is now flush with the plateau which should resolve the access issue.

There has been a site meeting regarding the gradient on traffic calming plateaus. The lab have carried out tests and a report has gone to team to establish whether it needs re-profiling – awaiting to hear back further.

Belmont Street, Swadlincote – lamp post cited in footpath adjacent to Belmont Street Club – Has been reported to Street Lighting Team – feedback is awaited.

Hearthcote Road, Swadlincote – surface water flooding near Chiltern Road - The highway gully and chamber at this location has been cleaned and jetted by the maintenance team and tarmac from recent resurfacing works was removed from the gully. Enquiries with the local Highways Inspector have established that they are not aware of any flooding problems since.

Springfield Road Island – loose brickwork – The Highways Inspector for the area reported that the traffic island had been struck by a vehicle previously. Repairs have been carried out to secure the loose brickwork.

Roundabout at Midway fishponds – post holes – there are funds available and work is programmed for late August.

Councillor Trevor Southerd, Derbyshire County Councillor reported back on an issue raised at the last meeting:

Flooding issues at Woodville to be raised at County Council – from a recent meeting it was confirmed that the area is liable for flooding. Since it is on the border with Derbyshire and Leicestershire, there is an agreement that both counties will work together to alleviate the problem.

Councillor P Dunn read an email he had received that morning in respect of this issue saying that “investigations show that the existing drain that should take the water away runs under a nearby industrial unit but is damaged under the

building. Discussions with a nearby landowner are on-going about the possibility of abandoning the damaged drain and installing a new one across his land. It sounds like this may be possible but we need to weigh it up against the feasibility in repairing the existing one.”

South Derbyshire District Council Issues:

Chief Executive reported back on issues raised at the last meeting:

John Street, Swadlincote – assess grassed area and possibility of fencing off – we are currently looking at the whole site around the area as a possible improvement area.

Ward’s Recycling, Woodville – noise monitoring – being monitored and we will report back.

Roundabout at Morrisons – source sponsor – we are in discussions with a local company and are hopefully about two weeks away from reporting on some good news.

East End car park – traffic wardens to monitor car park – SDDC staff have been to the location and meeting with regular users of the car park i.e. the private hire firm who have been very busy at the moment which has caused problems with the public and car parking spaces. Will be calling a meeting with local businesses and the private hire firm to try and resolve issues.

South Street fencing – fence position to be adjusted – work has now been carried out on this issue.

Swadlincote and Newhall Area Forum boundaries – provide a detailed plan – we have commissioned plans on a large/small scale.

SA/06 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

Resident raised an issue with St George’s School whose child attends a “wake up/shake up” at 8.40am at the school. The children cannot enter the school until the gates open at 8.40am so there is a long queue of children, on a narrow footpath, outside the school waiting to go in.

Cllr Coe, a school governor from St George’s School said he would be happy to take the issue to the Head Teacher and the other School Governors to see if anything can be done by opening the gates earlier so the school children can wait inside the playground.

ACTION: COUNCILLOR R COE TO DISCUSS WITH THE SCHOOL AND REPORT BACK

Resident complained that Arriva have cut bus services locally due to lack of passenger number and Church Gresley have lost the No 8 bus route through its

area; the National Forest Hopper Route from the top of Swadlincote to Moira has been cut; and also Midland Classic have diverted one of their routes away from Church Gresley. The issue is that this week is “Catch a Bus Week” and there seems to be nobody promoting users to get on public transport. Resident asked if we can look at this at next year’s event to promote the use of public transport.

Resident from South Street, Woodville had a number of concerns:

1. He is in discussions with the Planning department at SDDC over a walk way between South Street and the development at Dovedale Park to try and move the access to where it was originally planned due to fear of danger to pedestrians, cyclists;
2. Young children from Dovedale Park are using the unsurfaced area outside his property as an area to skid with their bikes and the walk way to access the new development. Their actions are breaking up the structure of the stone surface, causing stones to be scattered. Together with speeding vehicles there seems to be large amounts of dust in South Street, and he say, as a resident he is obliged to maintain this surface.
3. A fence has been put in but stops at the walkway and he believes the fence should have continued past the walk way to prevent it being used as a shortcut for deliveries.
4. Plants have been pulled up from border area by local children. Having been in contact with Chris Smith.

ACTION: CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO DISCUSS AND OBTAIN AN UPDATE ON PLANNING ISSUES WITH THE PLANNING TEAM AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ISSUES WITH SAFER SOUTH DERBYSHIRE OFFICER AND REPORT BACK

A resident asked whether a meeting could be arranged between residents and the managers at Oaklands Village to discuss a large number of issues the residents are having surrounding the building with parking, anti-social behaviour, late night noise etc.

ACTION: CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO DISCUSS WITH DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND REQUEST A MEETING BE CALLED

Councillor Taylor reported on issues surrounding Sky contractors and their recent activities when putting in telegraph poles in the area. Councillor Taylor’s concern was the way in which the workers were leaving gaps in trenches of between 3-4 inches deep causing a danger to the public. He has reported this to Derbyshire County Council and forwarded photographs and believes it has been passed on.

Cllr Dunn circulated a 2 page document in relation to SKY Broadband – Swadlincote Area detailing the background of installing a faster broadband; proposals in the area, compliance and current issues. Cllr Dunn said Sky Broadband presented to Derbyshire County Council an outline of their proposals and when they were asked if they were going to inform residents they said they did not have to but would notify people but residents do not recall being notified. Cllr Dunn said there are a couple of complaints DCC are looking into but there's very little generally they can do about this matter. Issues need to be raised directly with SKY or Hollybox.

Councillor Mrs L Chilton said there are lots of issues surrounding this and SKY have a statutory undertaking under government contract to undertake works within the area. She has a number of constituents who have encountered problems on various issues. There really isn't a lot we can do but people are working on this issue.

A resident said the big issue they have is the way SKY are delivering these works and under the Code of Practice it clearly states that they should use shared existing infrastructure when it is available and appropriate rather than putting up new poles adjacent to existing poles. SKY has a legal right to consult with local residents and adopt their views. There have been no communications with residents. The matter is being taken up with Heather Wheeler who is in discussions with SKY and the residents have submitted a petition to the County Council. The resident asked for support from the County Council to do all it can.

The general consensus from residents is that they are not happy with the lack of communication from SKY regarding works in their area and also the work and the way it is undertaken by the contractors. Heather Wheeler, MP for South Derbyshire has taken up the issue along with the County Council.

Councillor Mrs K Coe reported that she and Councillor Mrs Farrington have been trying to set up a public meeting with a representative from SKY to come along and talk about issues. After ignored correspondence Cllr Mrs K Coe received an email from the Programme Director to say there was no way that anyone from SKY would come out and talk at a public meeting and they will deal with every case as an individual case. The email was fairly lengthy and invited anyone to view it to see her after the meeting.

The Area Forum Liaison Officer said the only powers to intervene with these works by SKY is when there is a road safety element so very limited on what can be done. Several issues have been taken up with SKY within the area. Highways Inspector can monitor what is happening.

A resident discussed a recycling plant in Woodville with their long operating hours, seven days a week and the dust that is produced by the plant in the heart of a residential area. Can we bring them to task? The Chief Executive said we have the ability to take action where an offence has been committed.

Councillor Tilley asked whether the Chief Executive could look into sports facilities across the district. He said some of them are tired and in poor condition and now Green Bank Leisure Centre have lost the squash courts facilities. He said he feels, as a district, we are lagging behind others in terms of sporting facilities.

The Chief Executive replied to say he was just coming to that with his announcements and that the South Derbyshire's Sport, Recreation, Community facility strategy is a strategy for the future provision of built community facilities, including formal open space and play is being developed. The Strategy will aim to provide a plan for the provision of community infrastructure for the growing population, building on the significant progress made in recent years. Parish Councils and Community groups will be consulted and a workshop will be held in September to allow more in depth discussion with stakeholders. The Chief Executive said he will be meeting with his members in September and will be discussing this in further detail.

The Chief Executive was asked about the Swadlincote Regeneration Route and what the status of the Route is within the area. His reply was that the Council is bidding for money from growth funds in Europe and is very close to achieving an outcome. Residents have been consulted and a planning application will come forward this summer from the County Council. There will be a considerable amount of money put into facilitating the project and hopefully, by the end of the Summer, it could become a reality.

SA/07 **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

None.

SA/08 **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

The Chief Executive reported on:

Derbyshire Cycle Plan - The County, City, Districts and a number of other bodies are producing a Plan for Cycling which aims to raise the participation of cycling in the County significantly over the next decade. The consultation process will be promoted from next week via the Derbyshire Sport website and the District Council will host a briefing session for interested parties. A South Derbyshire Action Plan will be developed from that briefing session and will feed into infrastructure development and cycle participation and events.

Grove Climbing Centre - A £1million development of a Climbing Centre in Swadlincote at the Green Bank Leisure Centre is progressing with a completion date in October. A further stage of the project includes the provision of a Skate park in Newhall Park and an Outdoor Gym in Eureka Park.

Members and Parish Council Briefings – Following on from the sessions that were delivered in previous years, a new series of briefing sessions are planned

for the coming year starting with Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy and Development on 16 September. The full programme of dates will be sent out to parish councils in July.

Councillor Neil Atkin, Chairman for South Derbyshire District Council, gave an introduction to the Chairman's office and ways he can help within the district. The Chairman's theme for the civic year is called "Unsung Heroes in the Community".

SA/09 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance – a date will be confirmed in due course for the next meeting.

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CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.30pm

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SWADLINCOTE AREA FORUM

(Covering: Church Gresley, Swadlincote, Woodville, Hartshorne and Goseley)

Thursday, November 12th 2015

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last Swadlincote Area Forum held on June 30th 2015 at Woodville Methodist Church, the following issues were raised and a progress report is provided.

Derbyshire County Council Issues:

Promotion of Catch the Bus Week

Whilst we do as much as we can to promote the use of public transport, this initiative was something we were not aware of.

Our Communications Team are now aware of this and will look out for any future promotions.

Pedestrian activity at St George's Primary School

The school head teacher has advised that their gates open at 8.40am, for all children, as parents are aware, and are not shut again until 9am.

Children are not encouraged to arrive earlier than 8.40am as experience shows that some children will be sent to school too early and will be on the doorstep at whatever time the school opens. Formerly, the gates were left open from about 8.15am but the school found that children were being left alone on the yard and, as the school do not have staff supervising from this time, it was thought a safety issue. Incidentally, this did not stop the queues on the road.

The head teacher understands and agrees with the residents' concerns regarding the narrow pavement and also understands that the School Crossing Patrol is to be removed. There is a proposal to make the entrance to the school at the back, off Thorpes Down Road (subject to planning). (See Councillor Coe update below).

P Jameson

Forum Liaison Officer
Derbyshire County Council

South Derbyshire District Council Issues:

South Street

SDDC responded to the resident regarding the planning issues related to the walkway and the fence and no further action can be taken.

The Police are aware of the anti-social behaviour issues and continue to monitor the situation.

Anti-social behaviour related to Oaklands Village

After the forum meeting the Chief Executive gave the Director of Housing the contact details of a local resident. After a few failed attempts at contacting her he went ahead and met with the staff from Oaklands and reviewed their parking procedures. The Director of Housing then wrote to the resident and informed her of his meeting, and provided her with a named contact at Oaklands should she wish to discuss any of the issues raised directly. He has heard nothing since from either Oaklands staff or from the resident.

Frank McArdle

Chief Executive

South Derbyshire District Council

Pedestrian activity at St George's Primary School

The issue was raised at the last governors' meeting and after a discussion with the head teacher, Councillor Coe was informed that it was not possible to open the gates any earlier as there were no additional staff to patrol the playground. There was further discussion about losing the school crossing patrol soon as this will compound the problems. However, in the near future there is a plan to create a rear access to the school when the new housing development goes up. In the meantime there doesn't seem to be a resolution to the problem, however the school is now aware and looking at alternative actions to help with all the problems resulting from the proximity of the school with the busy road.

Councillor Robert Coe