

## SOUTH DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY MEETING

### ETWALL – AREA 1

Meeting Minutes – September 5, 2023 at 6:30pm

### Foston and Scropton Village Hall

#### PRESENT: -

#### South Derbyshire District Council Representatives

Councillor David Muller (Chair), Councillor Andrew Kirke, Councillor Martyn Ford  
Councillor Grahame Andrew, Councillor Jayne Davies

Dr Justin Ives – Chief Executive Officer, Ian Hey – Section 106 Officer,  
Paige Robinson – Communities Team Service Assistant

#### Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Martyn Ford, Councillor Julie Patten

#### Derbyshire Police Representatives

PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite, INSP Mike Sisman

#### Parish Council/ Meeting Representatives

Anne Muller – Etwall Parish Council, Sandra Stanton – Hilton Parish Council, Olga Bottomley – Burnaston Parish Council, Fran Smith – Burnaston Parish Council  
David Neal – Etwall Parish Council, Ursula Towne – Etwall Parish Council, Stephen Trowbridge – Dalbury Lees Parish Council

#### Members of the Public

Gary Fallows, Colin Mckay, Karen Brett, Theresa Shell, Sue Creeth, Tony Creeth  
Geoff Towne

#### E/A 1. Open Meeting

##### **a) Introductions and Housekeeping**

##### **b) Apologies**

CVS and Councillor Sundip Meghani.

##### **c) Chair's Announcements**



The Chair discussed the unfortunate passing of Councillor Lemon back in May, it was a shock to all, and she was friends to a lot of those present at the meeting. A by-election was held for Hilton in June.

The Chair then introduced the new councillors in the area who had been elected in May. Councillor Grahame Andrew, Councillor Jayne Davies, and Councillor Sundip Meghani are the new councillors for Hilton. Councillor Julie Jackson is the new councillor for Hatton. Councillor Andrew Kirke is the new councillor for Etwall, along with the Chair Cllr David Muller.

#### **d) To Receive the Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes were received as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 1st February 2023.

#### **e) Matters Arising from the Last Minutes**

Councillor Sandra Stanton requested that the minutes for the meeting be sent out quicker for this round of meetings.

### **E/A 2. Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Report and Police Q&A**

Since the last meeting the Neighbourhood Priorities have remained the same and will be reviewed following this round of forum meetings, this will be done using feedback from the meetings, incidents reported, results from Derbyshire talking surveys and engagement feedback.

#### **ASB Hilton**

PCSO Taylor has been attending Hilton Youth Club, high viz and plain clothes patrols have taken place throughout Hilton, Officers have engaged with any youths seen in the area. A Section 59 warning has been issued for the anti-social riding of a scooter in Hilton, school talks have been completed around ASB. Patrols/engagement continue but we are pleased to see the youth ASB issue has drastically reduced, and we are seeing no further reports. PC Bennett and PCSO Taylor met with PCC Angelique Foster and Cllr Patten at the Skate Park to update the actions taken to combat the previous ASB.

#### **Intelligence lead enforcement**

- Along with Environmental enforcement officers at SDDC, an animal welfare warrant was conducted in Etwall; Improvement notices issued to owners. SNT have progressed intelligence and took positive action relating to drug use and vehicle offences and will continue to do so.
- A vehicle seen parked in an ASB hot spot led to male being dealt with for possession of cannabis.



- The team worked with SDDC to execute a warrant relating to offences of fly tipping on our area. The Investigation is being progressed by SDDC.

### **Auto Crime Prevention**

We have posted crime prevention advice on our social media platforms and via Derbyshire alert and have held successful crime prevention events with tool marking/van security.

Since the last meeting in February Sgt Ben Frearson has been the SNT Sgt for this area along with Mercia and Melbourne areas. He is now due to move on to an inspector role in Derby. We will update you further when a new SNT Sgt is in post.

PCSO Taylor has been busy trying to attend community events like Hatton Carnival, Hilton Party in the Park, Radbourne Fete, as well as the summer sports activities which have been running throughout the holidays. She has met with Local Community Fire officer and has arranged some joint events for later this year along with joint school talks.

Op sceptre took place in May; test purchase operations with trading standards were completed along with school talks and knife sweeps, no knives located and all locations that had Test Purchases on this area passed.

PCSO Taylor met with residents and partner agencies at Hilton Village Hall for their Warm Spaces coffee morning. Following this, a meeting was held with residents, local area coordinator Charlotte, Hilton Village Hall, and South Derbyshire CVS to discuss the needs within the local area. Some great progress has been made into setting up a new community group.

### **Court update**

A Hilton couple were found guilty of unlicensed dog breeding and ordered to pay fines totalling £24,179 at Derby Magistrates court, following a warrant conducted by SDDC Environmental Enforcement officers with SNT support. The kennels contained 19 dogs in total - including two litters of puppies in conditions that were not fit for purpose.

**ACTION: Police to notify the meeting of their updated priorities**

### **Police Q&A**

Sandra Stanton from Hilton Parish Council raised concerns over speeding cars on The Mease, it is suspected these are from the Hilton depot and it appears the depot is also testing on The Mease. There was also a request for the commencement of the Hilton Speed watch be moved forward as they now had four residents interested in helping.

PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington Waites stated that the police will email Hilton Parish Council regarding the community speed watch.



**ACTION: Derbyshire Police to update if Hilton Speed watch can go ahead with four members instead of the usual six members.**

Sandra Stanton also raised that bus stops were being damaged, with rocks and bricks found nearby. South Derbyshire District Council are aware of this issue as they sent out a team to help clean up the damaged bus shelter.

A resident raised an issue regarding anti-social behaviour caused by a privately owned residential care home for children which has been going on for some time. They have safe-guarding concerns as children appear to be locked in their rooms and were screaming out of the window. Children around 13-15 have also been shouting in the streets during the night and throughout the early hours of the morning. The care-home told them that there is nothing they can do about this as it would be against their liberties to stop them from going out. There is also graffiti on the roads that was put there by the children from the care home.

Councillor Patten raised that this was an issue for the City Council as the residential care home was run by Derby City Council, so it was not an issue that South Derbyshire District Council could intervene in. However, if there is a safeguarding issue such as children going missing, that will become a police issue.

PCSO Wallington Waite stated that Claire Rawlins (SDDC ASB Officer) will be having a meeting with the police, and the manager of the home on Thursday; Social Care are also invited to attend. Residents have requested an update on what comes from this meeting.

Residents understand the responsible authority may not be South Derbyshire with this issue but still feel like the safeguarding concerns should be dealt with and that there is a duty of care for the children at the home.

PSCO Wallington-Waite has spoken with the home and assured the meeting that they are keen to try and resolve these issues and added that there should be a further update as a result of the meeting taking place on Thursday.

Councillor Kirk made the residents aware that he is talking with the police and care home to gather data and information. He said that it may feel like little action is happening, but data is needed to categorise the problem and hopefully, some action will be taken because of the meeting. He acknowledges that residents of this residential home have been responsible for some damage around the area and that, one neighbouring household is being victimised. He believes that the needs of the many should outweigh the needs of the few.

Another member of the public raised that the original planning application was refused by South Derbyshire District Council and there was no proof of how it went through before the planning permission was granted. It was confirmed by another resident that planning permission was granted on appeal.

**ACTION: Claire Rawlins to provide an update on the outcome of the meeting to Burnaston PC.**



There was also an issue regarding the A516. With residents moving into the new house estates, there appears to be a group of drivers who are using the roundabout and A516 as a race circuit during the evening.

The police haven't had any reports regarding this issue but will keep tabs on the issue.

Councillor Muller suggested that cameras be put around the area to deal with issues like the one raised as well as to help with issues that have happened in the past such as two caravans being dumped around there.

Another anti-social behaviour concern was raised regarding a park in Etwall. Around 6 months ago, South Derbyshire District Council fixed the swings but within two days they were broken again. Within the past two weeks, the swings have been vandalised twice so someone has had to go out and fix them. The CCTV for the park needs to be checked and the police will be in contact regarding the situation.

The last issue raised was by a member of the public regarding the issue of speeding. Over the past 18 months, four residents have been taking part in speed watch around Sutton Lane. They get around 260 cars going through an hour, however, around 22 of those will be speeding during that hour. Those who live there are aware of how bad the speeding is so have requested for police presence within the area since the issue is getting out of hand.

Statistics show that the crime rate in South Derbyshire has risen but that is down to vehicle crime over the last 12 months, mostly to do with the A50. Crimes such as robbery and burglary are extremely low compared to other areas. The police have also looked at population growth in South Derbyshire and have been successful with a bid to increase to police supervision and the Safer Neighbourhood team. There is also a good working relationship between the Police force in Swadlincote and the Derby City police force on cross boarder issues.

### **E/A 3. South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership/ Safer Neighbourhood**

#### **Grants Update**

##### **Safer Homes Service (CVS)**

Presented by Ian Hey as CVS sent their apologies.

South Derbyshire CVS have produced a new leaflet for the Safer Homes service, a supply of these can be found on the signing in table at the back.

The service can improve the security of people's homes through a free crime prevention survey and the fitting of free security items. Victims of crime, vulnerable people and the over 60s can access the scheme. Self-referrals are accepted. Contact details and how to refer are included on the leaflet.



281 properties were secured in South Derbyshire in 2022/23 and 90 referrals were received in Q1 of this year.

### **CSP Update**

The area has been quite with much of the partnerships resources and action taking place in and around Swadlincote where there has been ongoing ASB issues in the local parks and town centre.

The Youth Club at Hilton continues to be popular, and volunteers have recently received training provided by CVS to help them deal with challenging behaviour.

### **Safer Neighbourhoods Funding**

There is still Funding available for projects for the current financial year. Anyone with any project ideas should contact Chris Smith or Paige Robinson.

One local project has been received and approved by the Chairs of this forum and the CSP. £500 has been awarded to Eggington Parish Council for the setting up of a new Speed Watch Scheme. The scheme is being led by a local volunteer and the money will support the purchase of a radar speed gun, high vis jackets, signage and clipboards.

### **E/A 4. Local Authority Update and Public Q&A**

Dr Justin Ives provided the following update.

#### **Housing**

The Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Wave 1 is now approaching completion, providing improved insulation, doors, and windows to 89 properties in Swadlincote, Melbourne, Hartshorne and Netherseal.

Wave 2 will provide similar improvements to around 103 properties in: Hilton, Church Broughton, Scropton, Smisby, Hartshorne, Netherseal and Lullington.

The tenants of the properties that may be included are being written to informing them of the scheme and will be consulted with before any works commence.

#### **Legal and democratic services**

The Annual Canvass for 2023 has started - this is the process where the Council contacts every household to check we've got the correct information on the Electoral Register. The process also gives anyone who isn't registered to vote yet, the chance to do so.

The Council is committed to reducing its impact on the environment and therefore we will be using on-line methods of contact where possible. Online contact will also reduce costs by reducing postage, paper, and processing time.



You will receive an email or letter asking if your household's details on the Electoral Register are correct. All you need to do is follow the instructions, and you'll be ready to vote in future elections. You can reply online, by phone, text, or by returning the paper form.

If you can reply online, we encourage you to do this. If you need to respond and cannot do it online, we will try to contact you by telephone or make a property visit.

### **Cultural and Community services**

The new South Derbyshire Community Grant Fund is now open for applications (leaflets with details are available on the table by the signing in sheet).

This scheme, administered by South Derbyshire District Council, is financed by part of South Derbyshire's allocation of UK Shared Prosperity Funding (UKSPF) and Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) monies. The Fund has a total of £350,000 available over the next two years until March 2025.

Capital grants of between £2,000 and £25,000 are available (up to 80% of total project costs) with a minimum project cost of £2,500. Match funding of 20% is required.

Applicants must demonstrate that their project meets one or more of the Shared Prosperity Fund outcomes and further information including a Guide to the Criteria, Application Process and Conditions of Funding is available on the Community Grants section of the Council's website, search "Community Grants".

It is an open rolling application process until the 31 December 2024 (to allow for completion of projects) or until all funding has been allocated.

### **Customer Services**

South Derbyshire District Council is currently developing its Customer Access Strategy. The aim of the strategy is to shape how the Council will serve its customers, and to define the projects and initiatives it needs to deliver to achieve its ambitions.

We want local people to feel valued by their Council, trust us and have excellent customer experiences in their dealings with us, whatever channel they choose.

The Customer Access Strategy will set out how we will improve access to our services for our customers. We want to make dealing with the Council as quick and easy as possible, making the best use of technology whilst working in a cost-effective way.

The document can be found on the Council's Website, or if you speak to us after the meeting, we can take your details and email you a copy of the document.

### **Q&A**



1. The draft local plan's online mapping and information system, such as the summary sheets contains a lot of errors, a letter has been sent to the Chief Executive regarding the issues.

Dr Ives stated that once the letter has been received, management will take the actions necessary.

2. The council was praised for making their services available in paper form or face-to-face for those who aren't able to access the information online. The feedback for the service of bins and waste was positive as there was a response within 24 hours and everything worked well.

Dr Ives will pass on the feedback received.

### **E/A 5. Summary of Agreed Actions**

#### **ACTIONS**

1. Derbyshire Police to update on their priorities in South Derbyshire for 2023/2024.
2. Derbyshire Police to update if Hilton Speedwatch can go ahead with four members instead of the usual six members.
3. Claire Rawlins ASB Officer to provide an update to Burnaston PC on the outcome of the meeting regarding the Care Home in Mickleover which is causing nuisance issues for local residents.

### **E/A 6. Close and Date of Next Meeting**

TBC.

**Councillor David Muller**  
CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 7:20pm

