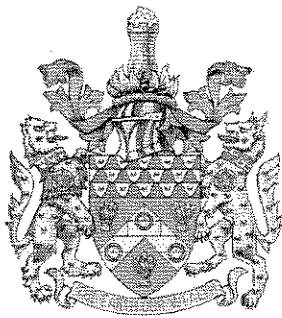


# South Derbyshire Area Forum



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## Melbourne

Tuesday  
19<sup>th</sup> July 2011

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7pm

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## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

Unless stated otherwise, all meetings will be held at the Council's Civic Offices and will start at 6.00 p.m.

Planning	Tuesday 12th July 2011
Repton Area Forum, Dethick Hall, Manchester Lane, Hartshorne DE11 7BE at 7.00 p.m.	Thursday, 14th July 2011
Melbourne Area Forum, Stenson Fields Primary School, Heather Close, Stenson Fields, DE24 3JD at 7.00 p.m.	Tuesday, 19th July 2011
Etwall Area Forum, Frank Wickham Hall, Etwall DE65 6JE at 7.00 p.m.	Tuesday, 26th July 2011
Newhall Area Forum, Rowland Memorial Methodist Church, Community Hall, James Street, Midway DE11 7NE at 7.00 p.m.	Wednesday, 27th July 2011
Swadincote Area Forum, Council Chamber, Civic Offices DE11 0AH at 7.00 p.m.	Thursday, 28th July 2011
Planning	Tuesday 2nd August 2011
Planning	Tuesday 23rd August 2011
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 25th August 2011
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 1st September 2011
Finance & Management	Thursday 8th September 2011
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 14th September 2011
Planning	Tuesday 20th September 2011
Audit Sub at 4.00 p.m.	Wednesday 28th September 2011
COUNCIL	Thursday 29th September 2011
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 6th October 2011
Planning	Tuesday 11th October 2011
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 13th October 2011
Finance & Management	Thursday 20th October 2011
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 26th October 2011
Planning	Tuesday 1st November 2011
COUNCIL	Thursday 10th November 2011

# SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MELBOURNE

(Covering Aston-on-Trent, Barrow-on-Trent, Calke, Elvaston, Foremark, Ingleby, Melbourne, Shardlow & Great Wilne, Smisby, Stanton-by-Bridge, Stenson Fields, Swarkestone, Ticknall, Twyford & Stenson and Weston-on-Trent)

**Meeting to be held at the  
Stenson Fields Primary School  
Heather Close  
Stenson Fields  
DE24 3JD  
on Tuesday, 19th July 2011  
at 7.00 p.m.**

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

**Members:**

**District Councillors:** Councillor Harrison (Chairman), and Councillors Atkin, Chahal, Hewlett, Shepherd, Smith, Stanton, Mrs. Watson and Watson.

**County Councillors:** Councillors Ford, Harrison and Murray.

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## **BUSINESS**

1. To note the appointment of the Chairman at the Annual Council Meeting.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman.
4. Declarations of Interest.
5. Police issues.
6. Chairman's Announcements.
7. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th February 2011 (copy attached).
8. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
9. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
10. County Council issues.
11. District Council issues.
12. Date of Next Meeting.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

MELBOURNE

7th February 2011

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council Representatives**

Councillor Harrison (Chairman), Councillor Watson (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Mrs. Coyle, Hewlett, Shepherd and Stanton.

F. McArdle (Chief Executive), P. Spencer (Democratic Services) and K. Ward (Helpdesk).

**County Council Representatives**

Councillors Harrison and Lacey.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

**Derbyshire Constabulary**

Sergeant A. Sutherland.

**Parish Council/Meeting Representatives**

J. Barnes (Smisby Parish Council), R. Parker (Ticknall Parish Council) and K. Cross and C. Scott (Weston-on-Trent Parish Council).

**Members of the Public**

C. Allen, D. Allen, K. Atkin, D. Bayliss, R. Beardsley, S. Blatch, J. Caisley, S. Cooper, R. Knibb, L. Lancashire, S. Madeley, E. Peapell, J. Sowter, J. Walters, K. Whewell.

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillor Atkin, County Councillor Ford and D. Martin (Aston-on-Trent Parish Council).

MA/20. **COUNCILLOR BILL LYTHGOE**

The Chairman reported with sadness, the recent death of Councillor Bill Lythgoe of Elvaston Parish Council who was also formerly a Member of both the District and County Councils. Those present observed a minute's silence in his memory.

MA/21. **POLICE ISSUES**

Sergeant Sutherland gave an update on crime statistics for the area for January and comparative figures from April 2010 to present. Statistics were

provided on burglary, robbery, vehicle crime, violent crime and anti-social behaviour. At the recent Safer Neighbourhood meeting, priorities for the area had been reviewed. Previously, anti-social behaviour in Aston-on-Trent had been targeted through an operation and there had been no reports of anti-social behaviour in Aston in January. It was understood there were still some concerns locally and the Officer requested that any incidents be reported to the Constabulary. The new priority for the area was anti-social behaviour in Melbourne.

A request was made for village-based crime statistics to be provided for future meetings. In response to a question, the Officer explained the difference between burglary, theft and robbery.

MA/22. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman referred to a circulated document inviting residents to attend events about neighbourhood planning. A number of "drop-in" events were planned and the Chairman advised of an additional event at Mickleover, which had been arranged since the document had been produced. On behalf of the Chairman of the Council, he also publicised the availability of tickets for a Charity Valentines Concert.

MA/23. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Melbourne Area Forum held on 9th November 2010 were noted.

MA/24. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

A report had been circulated, which gave an update on the issues raised at the previous meeting. Thanks were recorded for the responses provided by Derbyshire County Council, to a number of issues. With regard to the issue of motorcyclists using a footpath between Gairloch Close and Holderness Close in Stenson Fields, a local Member referred to the response submitted and noted that the request for barriers to be installed had not been approved. He read an extract of an article from the Derby Telegraph about the installation of barriers in alleyways in Oakwood to combat problems with nuisance motorbikes, whilst still allowing access for pushchairs and motorised wheelchairs. A copy of this document would be passed to Officers following the meeting.

MA/25. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

A resident sought to submit questions with regard to the Weston Hill Chalet Park. However, these could not be considered at the Area Forum due to ongoing planning and legal issues. There was a discussion about the damage to roadways in the Lowes Lane and Moor Lane area of Swarkestone. The Chairman gave an update on enforcement action being taken by the County Council to ensure that reinstatement works took place to the road surfaces. In the same area, it was reported that a car had gone into the canal adjacent to Deepdale Lane and it was questioned whether any further works were planned to improve safety barriers at this location. The Chairman was not aware of any



further planned works, but would report this issue to Derbyshire County Council.

Concerns were reported about the “Clock” road traffic island at Woodville, particularly about congestion at peak periods and safety for motorists using it. It was questioned whether traffic lights could be installed at this road junction. This had been considered by Derbyshire County Council, but there was not sufficient room for traffic lights to be installed, without the compulsory purchase of land and demolition of some adjacent buildings. **However, it was agreed to seek statistics on reportable accidents at this location, which would be reported to a future Area Forum.**

#### MA/26. COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES

The Forum Liaison Officer publicised the Kilomathon Road Race, which would be held on Sunday, 20th March 2011. Its route was mainly in the City of Derby, but entered South Derbyshire near to Findern, travelling towards Barrow-on-Trent and then Stenson Fields before returning to the City of Derby. An outline was given of the planned publicity for this event.

A District Member reminded of previous reports to the Area Forum about providing an alternate route to bypass the Swarkestone Bridge and Causeway, together with proposals for advanced weight limit signage from the A50, to deter heavy goods vehicles from travelling through this area. He advised that he had received “in principle” support from the County Council to the alternate route proposed through the area. However, he had still not received a response regarding the advance warning signage. It was noted that similar signage was in place on trunk roads in neighbouring counties and indeed, further along the A50 trunk road. The Forum Liaison Officer gave an update that more prominent weight restriction signage would be placed on the slip roads off the A50 and negotiations were taking place over the permitted size of this signage. Derbyshire County Council was pursuing this with Balfour Beattie, the agent of the Highways Agency. **It was agreed that this further information be submitted to Derbyshire County Council and that the local District Member be kept informed of any progress.**

#### MA/27. DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES

The Area Forum received a presentation on the Council’s budget for 2011/12. Information had been circulated at the Meeting showing current council tax levels and the proportion that was received by the District Council. Charts also showed how the District Council was funded, its net General Fund expenditure for 2010/11 and the initial budget for 2011/12. A key issue was the financial settlement for 2011 – 13 and the reduction in Government grant funding levels. This had resulted in key challenges for 2011/12 and the need to identify savings and efficiencies. The Council’s aims were to reduce the deficit, maintain reserves and keep council tax low, through cutting costs not services. The presentation concluded with the budget timetable and where residents could find out more information on the budget process.

MA/28: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date and venue of the next Melbourne Area Forum would be confirmed in due course.

J. HARRISON

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 7:50 p.m.

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19th July 2011

**REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

At the Melbourne Area Forum held on 7th February 2011 at the Weston on Trent Village Hall, a number of issues were raised. These issues are listed below, together with progress made to date:-

Derbyshire County Council Issues

1. DCC Responses To Correspondence

A District Councillor wished to pass on his thanks to DCC as he was receiving notably quicker responses to queries submitted and these thanks were passed to the relevant officers.

2. Gairloch Close-Holderness Close, Stenson Fields: Motorcycles Using The Footpath

A copy of the DCC Cabinet Member report regarding the above was submitted to the previous Forum, which gave details on why barriers (to prevent motorcycles) were not going to be considered on the footpath. A District Member made reference to a press report in which the Police, Oakwood Neighbourhood Board and Derby Homes had co-funded some 'k-shaped' barriers, at a cost of £8000, in Oakwood. The barriers are designed to restrict motorcycles but allow access for pushchairs and motorised scooters. Cllr Shepherd asked that this information be noted.

One reason for the decision not to introduce physical features on the footpath was, that where they have been introduced in other similar locations, they have encouraged groups of young people to gather. Furthermore, they have also acted as a 'climbing frame' giving easy access into neighbours' gardens and, as such, are usually not welcomed by the owners of neighbouring properties. The 'k-shaped' barriers may prevent motorcycle access (and this itself is not guaranteed in all situations) but, as with other physical barriers, they would still attract the problems as outlined above. It is considered that the most cost-effective approach is for Police officers from the Safer Neighbourhood Team to work with residents and the motorcyclists, to deter them from using the footpath. It is hoped that this action will alleviate the problem without the need to introduce barriers or any other physical measures.

### 3. Deep Dale Lane, Sinfin: Safety Barriers

A resident reported that the safety barrier on Deepdale Lane was proving ineffective as it was alleged that another vehicle had recently gone into the canal. It was asked if there are plans for further preventative measures?

The safety barrier has been installed at the most vulnerable point of Deep Dale Lane (where previous incidents of vehicles going into the canal had occurred). Consideration was originally given to the possibility of constructing a barrier along the entire length of the canal, but the cost would have been prohibitively expensive and difficult to justify. As such, it was decided to construct a short, more affordable barrier at the problem location. The signs and road markings, prior to the bend, were also improved before the barrier was introduced, to further highlight to drivers the upcoming bend. There is the potential to extend the safety barrier in the future, but this would require significant funds. Funds for such a scheme are not currently available and, given the need to reduce budgets, a proposal is unlikely to be pursued in the near future.

### 4. Tollgate (Clock Garage) Roundabout, Woodville: Safety Concerns

Concerns were raised by a resident about the difficulties experienced in negotiating the roundabout and it was suggested traffic signals should be introduced to improve safety. DCC Liaison Officer believed that the possibility of introducing traffic signals had been investigated previously. The roundabout is too small to accommodate signals and, as such, would require significant land acquisition; the cost to do so would be very high and difficult to justify. Furthermore, traffic signals would not necessarily resolve the queuing at the roundabout and could, in fact, exacerbate it.

A modest sum was made available in the last financial year to review the roundabout and improvements were made to prevent the central island being damaged. The Chairman asked that the recorded collision history be checked for the roundabout and a report provided back to the Forum. A check of the collision history to December 2010 reveals that there has been one collision on the roundabout in the last 3 years resulting in a slight personal injury. No further works are planned for the roundabout at the present time.

### 5. A50 (Jct 3) Roundabout: Request For Advanced Weight Restriction Signs

A District Councillor referred to his previous requests to have weight restriction signage added to the A50, ahead of the junction 3 roundabout, to advise HGV drivers of the weight restriction on Swarkestone Bridge. He expressed his dissatisfaction that this matter had not been pursued and suggested that previous comments by the Highways Agency (HA) (that localised signs could not be introduced on the national network) were contradictory as he was aware of situations where they had been introduced under similar circumstances.

DCC Liaison Officer explained that the Traffic & Safety section had been pursuing the matter with the HA. It was reiterated that DCC has no authority over the A50 – as a trunk road this falls within the remit of the HA – and so a certain amount of negotiation was required. The Traffic & Safety section had managed to get the HA to agree to an advance weight restriction sign on the slip road. From the last enquiry made, officers were trying to get the HA to confirm what size requirements needed to be met. In regard to the suggestion that the HA was giving contradictory information, this matter should be taken up with the HA directly. Enquiries continue to be made and an update will be provided to the Forum when further information becomes available.