

LINTON AREA MEETING

**AGENDA
AND
REPORTS**

Tuesday, 7th November 2006

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MAIN STREET,
NETHERSEAL**

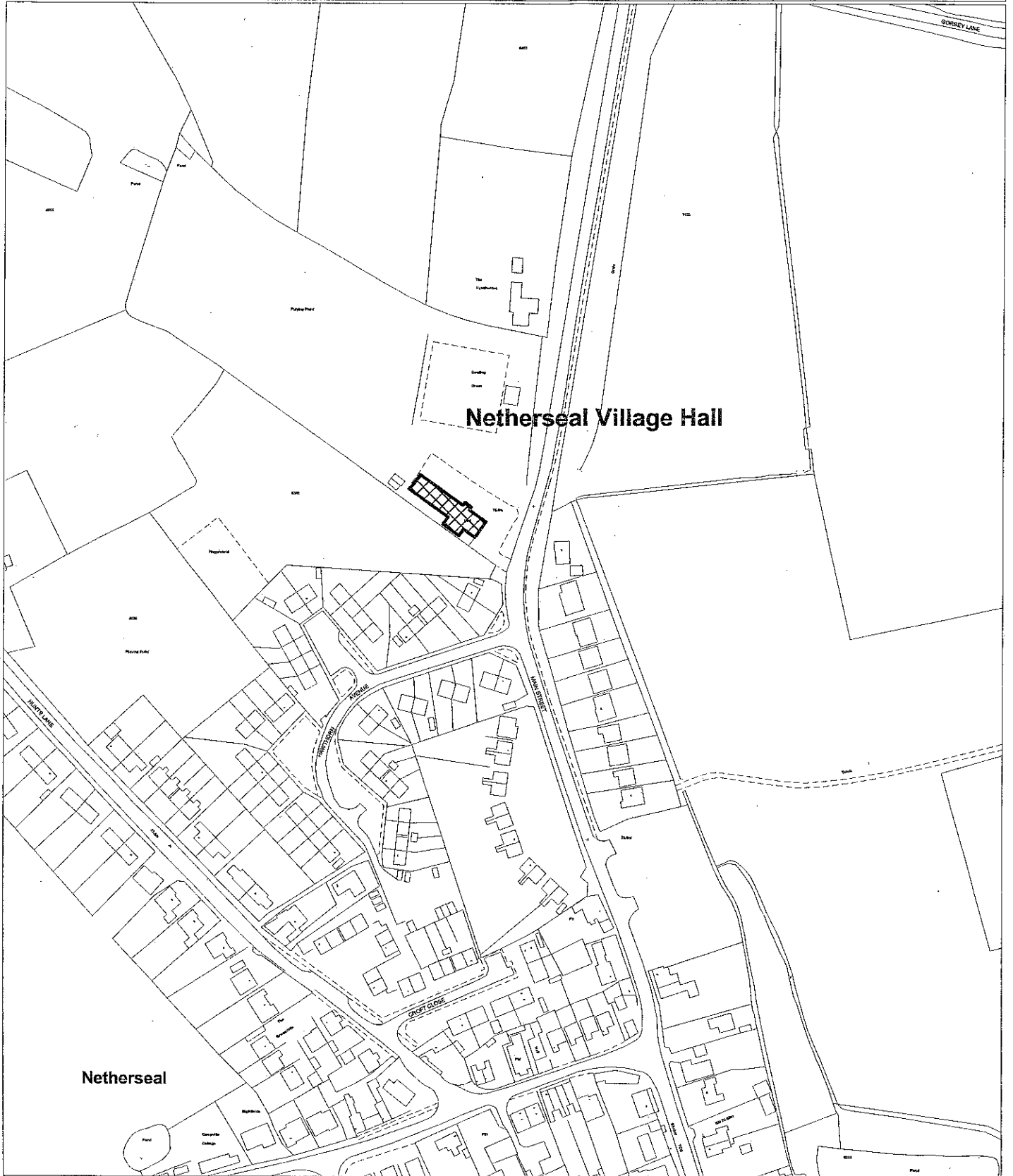
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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL:

Environmental and Development Services	Thursday, 16 th November 2006
Development Control	Tuesday, 21 st November 2006
Housing and Community Services	Thursday, 23 rd November 2006
Finance and Management	Thursday, 30 th November 2006
Community Scrutiny	Monday, 4 th December 2006 – 4.00 p.m.
Corporate Scrutiny	Monday, 11 th December 2006 – 4.30 p.m.
Development Control	Tuesday, 12 th December 2006
Overview	Monday, 18 th December 2006 – 4.00 p.m.
Environmental and Development Services (Special – Budget)	Tuesday, 9 th January 2007
Housing and Community Services (Special – Budget)	Thursday, 11 th January 2007
Etwell Leisure Centre at John Port School, Etwell	Monday, 15 th January 2007 – 5.00 p.m.
Development Control	Tuesday, 16 th January 2007
Finance and Management (Special – Budget)	Thursday, 18 th January 2007
COUNCIL	Thursday, 25 th January 2007
Corporate Scrutiny (Special – Budget)	Monday, 29 th January 2007 – 4.30 p.m.
Finance and Management (Special – NNDR)	Monday, 29 th January 2007
Environmental and Development Services	Thursday, 1 st February 2007
Housing and Community Services	Thursday, 8 th February 2007
Corporate Scrutiny	Monday, 12 th February 2007 – 4.30 p.m.
Development Control	Tuesday, 13 th February 2007
Community Scrutiny	Monday, 19 th February 2007 – 4.00 p.m.
Finance and Management	Tuesday, 20 th February 2007
Overview	Monday, 26 th February 2007 – 4.00 p.m.
COUNCIL	Thursday, 1 st March 2007

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

Title : Linton Area Meeting Netherseal Parish Hall



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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

LINTON AREA MEETING

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

Meeting to be held at Netherseal Village Hall,
Main Street, Netherseal
on Tuesday, 7th November 2006
at 7.00 p.m.

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

Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Southern (Chair), and Councillors Mrs. Hall, Lauro and Shaw.

County Councillors: Councillor Mrs. Lauro (Vice-Chair) and Councillor Bambrick



BUSINESS

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To note the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 23rd August 2006 [Copy herewith].
3. To note any declarations of interest arising from any items on the Agenda.
4. Chair`s Announcements (if any).
5. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
6. Presentation: The Third River Crossing.
7. Feedback – “Ideas into Action”.
8. Presentation: Work of CVS in South Derbyshire.
9. Presentation: Waste Recycling
10. Public Question Time and suggestions for future local discussion items.
11. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 23rd January 2007 at 7.00 p.m. at Rosliston Village Hall.

LINTON AREA MEETING

23rd August 2006

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Southern (Chair) and Councillors M. Lauro and Shaw.

M. Alflat (Director of Community Services), G. Hague (Head of Planning Services), F. Powell (Democratic Services Officer) and D. Townsend (Helpdesk).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Bambrick, Councillor K. Lauro, J. Seymour (Policy and Programmes Manager) and K McIntyre (Democratic Services).

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

G. Edwards (Overseal Parish Council), Dr. D. Eaton (Cauldwell Parish Council), Dr. T. Elson (Walton-on-Trent Parish Council), S. Jackson (Castle Gresley Parish Council), G. Knight (Overseal Parish Council), and V. Taylor (Walton-on-Trent Parish Council).

Derbyshire Constabulary

Acting Inspector Julie White.

Members of the Public

R. Bull, J. Howell [South Derbyshire CVS], K Fieldhouse, S. Oliver, W. Taylor and P. Bambrick.

LA/1. **APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR R. SOUTHERN AS CHAIR OF THE AREA MEETING**

It was noted that the District Council had at its Annual Meeting on 25th May 2006 appointed Councillor R. Southern as Chair of the Linton Area Meeting for the Municipal year 2006/07.

LA/2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillor Mrs. Hall, K. Bradford (Coton-in-the-Elms Parish Council) and Mr. Fairbrother [Castle Gresley Parish Council].

LA/3. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

It was agreed that Councillor K. Lauro be appointed Vice-Chair of the Linton Area Meeting for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2006/2007.

LA/4. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Area Meeting held on 3rd May 2006 were received and noted subject to it being noted that in respect of the item relating to the Band

Room site Coton-in-the-Elms on page 3 “Access off Main Street” should read, “Access off Burton Road was not permitted due to problems of visibility.

The Director of Community Services advised that the Band Room premises site in Coton-in-the-Elms would be going to public auction in October 2006.

LA/5. **PRESENTATION: “HOW WE DETERMINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS”**

The Area Meeting received a presentation from the Head of Planning Services on how the District Council determines planning applications.

A copy of the Head of Planning’s presentation was circulated to all Members and residents present at the Meeting.

The Area Meeting was advised that once a planning application was submitted and validated, the time period started for the Government’s target period for determining applications, eight weeks for most applications and thirteen weeks for major ones.

The presentation provided detailed information on the procedure for planning applications, particularly:

- The Consultation Process
- Determination of applications either by an Officer under a delegated power or by the Development Control Committee.
- Planning legislation and reasonableness in the decision making process for applications.

There then followed a series of questions from residents on the consultation arrangements with the Highways Authority when applications were close to main arterial roads and planning application sites adjacent to Conservation Areas.

It was agreed that the content of the presentation on “How we Determine Planning Applications” be noted.

LA/6. **PRESENTATION: THE THIRD RIVER CROSSING**

The Area Meeting received a presentation from Mr. J. Seymour, Policy and Programmes Manager at Derbyshire County Council. The Meeting was advised that essentially the river crossing proposals contained two elements, firstly an application for a Walton-on-Trent Bypass and secondly the Burton-Swadlincote Regeneration Corridor.

Walton-on-Trent Bypass

Mr. Seymour advised that this proposal involved a number of different elements:

- Proposals by Roger Bullivant Ltd.
- Proposal to provide a new bridge suitable for two-way traffic and heavy vehicles, plus bypass for Walton-on-Trent.
- The application had been approved in 2005 by South Derbyshire District Council but refused by East Staffordshire District Council and

had then been reconsidered by East Staffordshire District Council in July 2006.

- Construction of the scheme was not a condition of consent.
- Supported enforcement of weight limits should scheme go ahead.

Burton-Swadlincote Regeneration Corridor

The Meeting was advised that this proposal involved the following:

- Incorporates Woodville-Swadlincote Regeneration Route.
- The concept is a combination of:
 - New Trent crossing
 - Link from A38 to Drakelow
 - New/improved highway to A444
 - Use of existing roads through Swadlincote
 - Woodville-Swadlincote Regeneration Route
- A feasibility study yet to be completed.
- The key findings to date were:
 - Costs relatively high
 - No environmental problems of a size which would stop a scheme going ahead
 - Potential benefits for local job creation
 - Limited benefits to local highways, such as the existing river crossing
- Local highway authorities and regional development agencies to consider findings.
- Study report to be released in September 2006.
- Likely that more detailed work needed.

Responding to a number of questions from Members and residents on the third river crossing proposal, Mr Seymour provided the following information:

- It was likely that a report to Derbyshire County Councils Cabinet on the proposal would be submitted before Christmas 2006
- The proposal because it involved both District and County Councils in Derbyshire and Staffordshire , would require regional advice to the Government
- Further information on the various aspects of the proposal would likely to be available in November 2006
- Funding for the study referred to in the report was provided by
 - Advantage West Midlands
 - Derbyshire County Council
 - East Midlands Regional Development Agency
 - Staffordshire County Council

Concern was expressed by a number of residents and Members that the proposal could have a greater environmental impact than was appreciated at present.

It was agreed:

- 1. That the content on the presentation on the Third River Crossing be noted.**

2. **That when further information is available, Mr. J. Seymour [Policy and Programmes Manager] at Derbyshire County Council be requested to give an updated presentation to the Area Meeting on the progress of proposals for a Third River Crossing over the River Trent.**

LA/7. **CORPORATE PLAN CONSULTATION “GETTING YOUR IDEAS INTO ACTION”**

The Area Meeting received a presentation from the Director of Community Services on the Council’s Corporate Plan. The Meeting was advised that the Council was keen to improve further its consultation with local people and communities. Last year people were asked to devise a way for them to put forward their ideas for the Council to consider and having had this information the Council has now responded to the request. The “Getting Your Ideas into Action” campaign was now launched and details were included on a leaflet and form, which had been made available at the Meeting. It was confirmed that the form would also appear in the September issue of the Council newspaper, “The News” and would also be on the website so that people could submit ideas electronically. The Meeting was advised that the public have until early October 2006 to submit ideas which will then be considered by the Council as part of the budget consideration. Everyone present was urged to complete the form and return it.

Responding to a question from a member of the public it was confirmed that consideration would be given to making a copy of the form “Getting Your Ideas into Action” at all secondary schools in the South Derbyshire District.

It was agreed:

1. **That the content of the presentation “Getting Your Ideas into Action” be noted.**
2. **That consideration be given to the distribution of the “Getting Your Ideas into Action” to all secondary schools within the South Derbyshire District, so that young people have the opportunity to forward their views and comments on the provision of services by the District Council.**

LA/8. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE LOCAL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Recycling

A number of members of the public together with Members expressed their concerns regarding the recycling facilities offered by the District Council, particularly the regularity of the two weekly waste collections and the number of flies and maggots which due to hot weather collected in and around dustbins during the summer period.

It was agreed that the Director of Community Services submit a comprehensive report on waste recycling including information on the following:

- **Plastic**

- **Cardboard**
- **Household waste**
- **Plastic bags.**

Bus Link – Linton to Burton on Trent

Mr. Bull expressed his concern that two buses were going from Linton to Burton-on-Trent every hour, he said that he had been in touch with Derbyshire Transport expressing his concern and that it would be better a single bus go every half hour as this would provide a better service for local people.

Mr. Bull was advised that although this was not a County Council issue Councillor K. Lauro would investigate the matter and provide him with an answer direct.

It was agreed that Councillor K. Lauro investigates the concerns in respect of the provision of bus services from Linton to Burton-on-Trent particularly the number of buses going on an hourly basis and whether a service could be provided on a half hourly basis and that a response be provided to Mr. Bull direct.

LA/9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Democratic Services Officer advised that the date of the next Area Meeting would be held in November 2006 on a date and time to be agreed by the Chair.

R. W. SOUTHERN

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 8.10 p.m.

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REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last meeting of this Committee held on 23rd August 2006 at Castle Gresley Infant School, a number of issues were raised. These issues are listed below, together with progress made to date:-

ISSUES	PROGRESS	ACTIONED BY
<p>Third River Crossing Following discussions at the last Area Meeting it was agreed that Mr. J. Seymour from Derbyshire County Council be requested to give a presentation if further information was available on the provision of a third river crossing over the River Trent.</p>	<p>A verbal update and presentation by an Officer from Derbyshire County Council will be given at this meeting – Please see agenda item 6.</p>	<p>Derbyshire County Council</p>
<p>Report on Waste Recycling Following discussions at the first Area Meeting it was agreed that a comprehensive report would be given at this meeting on waste recycling including information on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic • Cardboard • Household Waste • Plastic Bags. 	<p>A presentation will be given by an Officer from the District Council at this meeting – Please see agenda item 9.</p>	<p>South Derbyshire District Council</p>
<p>Bus Link – Linton to Burton on Trent Following discussions at the last Area Meeting it was agreed that Councillor K. Lauro investigate residents concerns regarding the provision of bus services from Linton to Burton on Trent, particularly the number of buses going on an hourly basis and whether the service could be provided on a half hourly basis.</p>	<p>A verbal reply will be provided at the meeting</p>	<p>Councillor Mrs. Lauro</p>



What are we trying to do?

During consultation on our Corporate Plan, a number of responses indicated that, as well as commenting on issues put forward by the Council, they wanted an opportunity to put forward their own ideas. The Council responded with "Ideas into Action", a campaign that asked for ideas from individuals, Parish Councils, community groups – anybody! We wanted to make sure that we were responding to the views of communities about the issues that concerned them, whether they were big or small.

How did we go about it?

We launched the campaign at the Parish Forum meeting and it featured at all the Area Meetings in the summer. Ideas were submitted on short simple forms, our website or handwritten notes. The closing date for submission was 4 October but this deadline was extended for Parish Councils to fit in with their meeting schedule.

We received 64 ideas, which included:-

- Specific complaints about issues such as untidy land
- Requests for improved services to the whole district, such as collecting plastics for recycling
- Ideas for local initiatives that require funding or other support to get the idea launched.
- Suggestions where the Council has little influence, such as dismantling electricity pylons and laying the cables underground

What have we done with the suggestions?

All suggestions have been acknowledged by letter and will receive a detailed response when we have decided the best course of action.

Where we can take action on a complaint straight away we are doing so and will inform the individual of what we are doing, when it will happen and a contact name of who is responsible.

Ideas for improving services across the district or developing local initiatives that will cost more money will be considered for the Budget later this year. Where there is no cost, we will review whether we can implement the suggestion sooner than that. In both cases, we will inform individuals of the outcome.

Where we are not responsible for the service, we have passed the suggestion on to the relevant body or partner. We try to ensure that the individual receives a satisfactory response to their idea.

What else are the suggestions telling us?

We have also analysed the suggestions to see whether there are common themes – and you will not be surprised to find that there are! We also want to

make sure that once we have responded to your concerns, we stay on top of things and the problem is not repeated. Top issues include

- Litter / Cleanliness
- Graffiti
- Better recycling facilities / collections
- Untidy Sites
- More trees, flowers and spring bulbs
- Highway maintenance and improvements
- Support for Neighbourhood Watch
- Better facilities for children and young people

We will now put these issues at the top of our list to make further improvements to South Derbyshire and the services we deliver

So what will we do now?

We will respond to all individual ideas and suggestions and ensure that everybody who contacted us knows what action we will take.

We will use the list of "top issues" to tweak further improvements to our services and we'll let you know what we will do and when.

Thanks

Residents of South Derbyshire are always very positive and helpful in our consultation exercises and this helps us deliver what you want to see. Thanks for all your views and ideas in this exercise and all the other consultation work we do. We hope it makes South Derbyshire a better place to live, work and visit. If it doesn't – tell us!

Ian Reid
Deputy Chief Executive
25 October 2006

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