SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM



ETWALL



South Derbyshire District Council Wednesday 8th October 2008



Hilton Village Hall Peacroft Lane Hilton 7.00pm

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Meeting to be held at Hilton Village Hall Peacroft Lane Hilton

on Wednesday 8th October 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

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

Members:

District Councillors:

Councillor Lemmon (Chairman) and Councillors Bale, Mrs. Brown,

Ford, Mrs. Hood, Mrs. Patten, Mrs. Plenderleith and Roberts.

County Councillors:

Councillors Ford and Hood.

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BUSINESS

- 1. To note the appointment of the Chairman at the Annual Council Meeting.
- 2. Apologies for absence.
- 3. To appoint a Vice-Chairman of the Area Forum for the ensuing year.
- 4. Declarations of Interest.
- 5. Police issues.
- 6. Chairman's Announcements.
- 7. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st May 2008 (copy attached).
- 8. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
- 9. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
- 10. County Council issues 'Tell us about your priorities'
- 11. District Council issues.
- 12. Environmental Forum for South Derbyshire.
- 13. Dates of Future Meetings:

Wednesday 4th February at Frank Wickham Hall, Etwall Wednesday 1st April 2008 at the Hatton Centre



ETWALL AREA MEETING

21st May 2008

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Lemmon (Chairman) and Councillors Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Hood, Mrs. Patten and Roberts.

F. McArdle (Chief Executive), P. Spencer (Democratic Services) and B. Jones (Helpdesk).

Derbyshire County Council Representative

Councillor Hood.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

Derbyshire Constabulary

Sergeant A. Wright.

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

B. Cowley (Egginton Parish Council), I. Smith (Etwall Parish Council), S. Dunnicliffe (Findern Parish Council), T. Beresford (Foston and Scropton Parish Council), C. Thurman (Hatton Parish Council) and L. Kolkman and B. Walton-Knight (Hilton Parish Council).

Members of the Public

F. Baston, K. Baston, M. Cramp, J. Dove, K. James, R. Mathews, T. O'Brien, J. Orme, G. Wale, T. Wherly,

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Mark Todd, M.P., District and County Councillor Ford, District Councillor Mrs. Plenderleith, T. Adams, S. Avery, R. Buxton, J. Clarke, H. Hague, N. Ireland, Mrs. Parkinson and B. Payton,

EA/16. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Etwall Area Meeting held on 21st January 2008 were noted.

EA/17. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman introduced Paul Jameson, the Forum Liaison Officer who would be representing Derbyshire County Council at future Area Meetings.

EA/18. REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

Information had been circulated and a brief summary was given of the issues raised at the last Meeting and the follow-up action taken.

A resident sought an update about verge damage in Egginton and road surfacing, particularly on Ashgrove Lane. A local Councillor explained that a meeting had been held with Derbyshire County Council, which would result in repair works and a request for re-surfacing had also been submitted.

Reference was made to the recycling facilities in Hilton and the ongoing attempts to find suitable additional sites. Information had been provided to the parish council on sites with potential and those considered not suitable.

It was agreed to refer this matter to the Planning Department and a reply would be provided.

EA/19. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE LOCAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

It was reported that a question had been submitted on behalf of Etwall Parish Council, relating to construction vehicles in the Village. It was explained that there had been a problem with vehicles parking in areas of Etwall overnight, which caused highway safety concerns. The contractor for the new leisure centre had since constructed a lay-by at the area in question, which seemed to have resolved that problem. Any further issues could be referred to the new centre project manager who was based at the John Port School.

There was some apprehension in the Village about the new leisure centre development and a further residential development. A parish council representative explained that a previous residential scheme within the Village caused difficulties, through inappropriate parking of contractor's vehicles. It was explained that when the current residential development scheme was approved by the planning authority, conditions were imposed regarding off-However, there were difficulties in road parking and on-site storage. enforcing such conditions in an area where there were no on-street parking There was some discussion about this determined planning application and how it was subsequently re-visited with a review of the conditions. The representative questioned what could be done to change the process or whether planning approvals could include contingencies. Chief Executive offered to pursue this matter with the Planning Department. A local District Councillor provided further information about the possible delay of the development in question and an undertaking from the contractor to comply with the spirit of the condition reported.

An update was given regarding improvements to a bus stop area within Etwall Village. A question was then submitted regarding Sutton Lane in Etwall, where vehicles were parking partially on pavements, causing difficulties for those using pushchairs and wheelchairs. It was noted that parking on pavements was not in itself an offence, provided it did not cause an obstruction.

An update was sought about the area's waste development plans. It was confirmed that these would be brought back to a public forum when the next stage of public consultation was undertaken. A local Member responded to a resident's question about an EMDA report on a rail head development, urging the resident to read the recent Etwall Express, which included an article on this subject.

Etwall Area – 21.05.08 OPEN

Reference was then made to the consultation on reviewing Area Meeting boundaries. The resident referred particularly to the Willington and Findern area of the District, which was covered by two Area Meetings. It was confirmed that following the consultation, throughout the District as a whole, there was a consensus to retain the current arrangements. Residents were welcome to attend any Area Meeting.

A resident spoke about the Willington Marina and improvements to footways in the Willington and Findern area. It was requested that the County Council extend a section of new footway to complete the link between the two villages.

It was agreed to refer this matter to Derbyshire County Council and a report would be provided at the next Meeting.

In the Foston and Scropton area, there were concerns about the closure of a section of trunk road overnight and the associated diversionary route through this part of South Derbyshire. It was accepted there was no obvious alternative route, but the local resident did not feel this route was suitable for trunk road traffic. It would disturb residents and cause congestion. The diversionary route had been agreed by the police and Derbyshire County Council. It was requested that the Highways Agency be lobbied to consider a contra-flow scheme on the A50 trunk road, rather than using this diversionary route. This had been suggested at a recent meeting with the County Council's Highways Officers and an undertaking had been given to pursue this. The Council's Chief Executive also offered to pursue this at a meeting at the County Council's Offices the following day, at which the Highways Agency would be represented.

In the Hatton area, concerns were raised regarding heavy goods vehicles using Marston Lane to access the Nestlé factory. A warning sign had been erected, but vehicles were still using this route and it was understood that satellite navigation equipment might be responsible in part. Many vehicles were too large to access the Factory using this route and had difficulties in turning around.

It was agreed that Derbyshire County Council investigate the feasibility of advance signage at appropriate locations.

In Station Road, Hatton there were concerns about the lack of a dropped kerb at a road junction close to a hot food takeaway. This was causing difficulties for those in wheelchairs.

It was agreed that Derbyshire County Council be asked to provide a dropped kerb at the location in question.

Arising from this, a Hatton resident spoke about previous requests to have a pedestrian refuge or crossing on Station Road. He explained the responses received from the County Council and the reasons why these requests could not be implemented, but gave comparisons elsewhere of such pedestrian crossings or central refuges.

It was agreed to refer this matter back to Derbyshire County Council, for further consideration.

There was further discussion on the anticipated consultation period for the rail head planning application. It was noted that the District Council had no control over this matter. Finally, general advice was provided about the requirements to seek planning consent retrospectively for unauthorised buildings.

EA/20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date and venue of the next Etwall Area Meeting would be confirmed in due course.

J. LEMMON

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated 7.40 p.m.

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REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last Etwall Area Meeting held on 21st May 2008, at the Hatton Centre, Station Road, Hatton, the following issues were raised. The issues are listed below, together with progress made to date:-

Recycling Issues

At the last meeting, there was a discussion on recycling facilities in Hilton and the ongoing attempts to find suitable additional sites. This matter was referred to the Planning Department.

Derbyshire County Council Issues

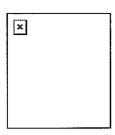
- 1. A resident spoke about the Willington Marina and improvements to footways in the Willington and Findern area. It was requested that the County Council extend a section of new footway to complete the link between the two villages. Unfortunately, the newly constructed carriageway will not be sufficiently wide enough to introduce a footway at this location. However, the marina developers are making provisions for a footway just inside the boundary of the marina, which will effectively link up between the two existing lengths of footway on Findern Lane- Willington Road. This new footway will be accessible to the public.
- 2. In the Foston and Scropton area, there were concerns about the closure of a section of trunk road overnight and the associated diversionary route through this part of South Derbyshire. It was requested that the Highways Agency be lobbied to consider a contra-flow scheme on the A50 trunk road.

Balfour Beatty has confirmed that the suggestion to operate a contra-flow system on the A50 – as opposed to diverting traffic through Scropton – is not feasible. A contra-flow system would require the construction of a crossover (from one carriageway to the other), which would take in the region of a week to complete. During this time the A50 would have to be closed and traffic diverted through Scropton anyway. Furthermore, the A50 would need to be closed for an additional two nights in order to install/remove safety barriers. Due to the disruption involved, contra-flow systems are restricted to major works spanning several weeks or months. The diversionary route currently being utilised was agreed with DCC, some time ago, as the least disruptive. No alternative options have been identified.

- 3. In the Hatton area, concerns were raised regarding heavy goods vehicles using Marston Lane to access the Nestlé factory. A warning sign had been erected, but vehicles were still using this route. It was agreed that Derbyshire County Council investigate the feasibility of advanced signage at appropriate locations. DCC officers have investigated this complaint and deemed the sign currently in situ, at the junction, as satisfactory. It is understood that any HGV's using this road are accessing the farms, etc on Marston Lane. Nestlé have been instructed previously to advise drivers that their premises are not accessible via this route.
- 4. In Station Road, Hatton there were concerns about the lack of a dropped kerb at a road junction close to a hot food takeaway. Derbyshire County Council was asked to provide a dropped kerb at the location in question and will investigate this request. If it is found that a dropped kerb is merited in this location, it will be prioritised accordingly and then added to our rolling programme of works.
- 5. There had been previous requests for a pedestrian refuge or crossing on Station Road, Hatton. Derbyshire County Council has advised that the close proximity of a mini roundabout and bus stop is irrelevant to the consideration of crossing facilities here (the bus stop could be moved if necessary). At present there is no case or justification in numerical terms for introducing a crossing at this location; the introduction of a pedestrian refuge would also prove extremely difficult. DCC will continue to monitor the area and explore possibilities for pedestrian improvements.
- 6. A resident raised concerns over the proliferation of developer signs for Bryant Homes who, they believed, had not received appropriate authorisation from the Council. Bryant Homes have been advised of the type, style and number of signs DCC would accept and it is understood that our instructions have been adhered to. If the situation has now changed could more details be provided?

Local Strategic Partnership

Vibrant Communities Working Group C/O Environmental Education Project, Unit 1A Rosliston Forestry Centre Burton Rd, Rosliston Swadlincote Derbyshire DE12 8JX 01283 535039



September 2008

RE: New Environmental Forum for South Derbyshire!

A new Environmental Forum for South Derbyshire is being set up by local environmental groups, parish councils and individuals who want to share ideas about environmental projects. They are being supported by the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC)

The Forum will involve:

A networking group to which groups and individuals will be invited. The group will meet twice a year at different venues. Meetings will usually include formal and informal information sharing and consultation, plus a walk or talk by a local group about their area. This networking group is being set up in partnership with 'Findern Footpaths' group, and through consultation with other people who have asked for a group or support network to help them with environmental projects.

The first meeting will be at Repton Village Hall on Tuesday 4 November at 7.00pm.

At this meeting we will consult attendees about future topics for meetings, and other ideas for making the Forum a useful and interesting group to be part of!

Tea/ coffee provided.

Occasional written or email consultation about plans which local organisations including SDDC might have regarding environmental projects or improvement schemes

Please fill in the attached reply slip if you are interested in being involved in the Forum group.

Best wishes

KMALLIES

Kate Allies

Environmental Development Manager, South Derbyshire District Council

On behalf of South Derbyshire Local Strategic Partnership

South Derbyshire Environmental Forum

Introductory Meeting / Consultation

Tues 4th November 2008 Repton Village Hall 7-9pm

Name

Address & postcode

Email address

Organisation(s) and your position

Please fill in as appropriate:

- (1) I will/will not be able to attend the event on 4th November Access or other individual requirements:
- (2) I would like to be invited to future Forum events Y/N
- (3) I would like to be involved by email & post Y / N
 I agree to my contact details being shared within the Forum group for consultation/ information purposes: (please sign)
- (4) Any other comments:

Please return this form to: Environmental Forum Environment Education Project, Unit 1A Rosliston Forestry Centre, Burton Rd, Rosliston Swadlincote Derbyshire DE12 8JX

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