

LINTON AREA MEETING

6th May 2004

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council Representatives**

Councillor Southern (Chair) and Councillors Mrs. Hall and Shaw (arrived at 7.40 p.m.)

Mr. M. Alflat (Director of Community Services), Mr. M. Roseburgh (Community Partnership Development Officer), Mrs. D. Cook (Democratic Services Officer) and Mr. B. Jones (Helpdesk).

**Parish Council/Meeting Representatives**

R. Palmer (Linton Parish Council), Dr. T. Elson (Walton-on-Trent Parish Council), J. Blythe (Linton Parish Council), V. Taylor (Walton-on-Trent Parish Council), M.S. Patrick (Overseal Parish Council), B. Matkin (Rosliston Parish Council) and G. Edwards (Overseal Parish Council).

**Members of the Public**

Mrs. P. Dolman, J. Dolman, R. Ford, B. Ford.

**Police Representatives**

Sergeant A. Wright and PC Debbie Charlton.

LA/24. **APOLOGY**

An apology for absence from the Meeting was received from S. Jackson (Castle Gresley Parish Council).

LA/25. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd February 2004 were received.

LA/26. **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS SCHEME**

Mr. M. Roseburgh, the Council's Community Partnership Development Officer was in attendance at the Meeting and gave a brief presentation on the Community Partnerships Scheme. He advised that his role was to liaise between the Council and the voluntary sector and it was noted that this scheme had been currently running for two years. The main part of his role included the distribution of capital grants to the voluntary and community sector for projects of between £1,000 and £25,000 or between 5% and 25% of the total project cost. The scheme had been granted £175,000 for the current financial year. Mr. Roseburgh gave examples of projects which had received grants in the past in the area such as Rickmans Corner, Linton, Brickroom Linton, Lullington Cricket Club and Overseal Parish Council. There were a number of ongoing enquiries from the area including projects from the Walton-on-Trent Cricket Club and Parish Council and Overseal Pre-School. Mr. Roseburgh advised that as part of his role he provided Officer project development support and advice on other sources of funding available to the voluntary and community sector projects. He talked about the assessment criteria for grant applications and provided copies for information.

Mr. Matkin of Rosliston Parish Council asked how groups could access other funds to raise monies for projects other than by means of a parish precept. Mr. Roseburgh referred to there being a large amount of support for organisations including sources of funding and websites which could be accessed and stated that he could also give specific advice. PC Debbie Charlton referred to the Swadlincote Skateboard Facility and queried whether this had been funded from the Community Partnership Scheme. Mr. Roseburgh advised that this was not the case. She queried whether there were any plans for an off-road noisy sports facility in the District and the Director of Community Services advised that the Council had been seeking a site but was having difficulty in identifying a suitable location. The Council's Pollution Manager was aiming to identify a site as soon as possible but an alternative might be to look at transporting young people to a site elsewhere if a site could not be identified within the District.

The Chair of the Overseal Gala Club queried whether funding would be available for such events as the Overseal Gala and was advised that this scheme only provided capital funding and was not for revenue projects. Mr. Roseburgh stated that the scheme could fund such items as public address systems for example, if the project met the relevant criteria. Mr. J. Blythe of Linton Parish Council asked whether CCTV could be funded from the Community Partnership Scheme and was advised that this would be a more appropriate project to be considered by the South Derbyshire Crime and Disorder Partnership. The Chair advised that the District Council were aiming to implement policies which would require any house builder in the District building more than ten houses in a particular area at a time to fund community projects via Section 106 monies. The Chair thanked Mr. Roseburgh for his presentation.

LA/27. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

The Democratic Services Officer advised that the issue of lighting for the Drakelow Bridge had been passed to the Community Safety Officer in order that a request for funding could be made to Derbyshire County Council. The Democratic Services Officer agreed to pursue this matter and respond to the residents of Drakelow accordingly.

With regard to speeding on Rosliston Road South, Sergeant Andy Wright advised that Derbyshire County Council had checked this area and found that there was a problem, the average speed of traffic being 37 miles per hour. A police survey had also been conducted and it was likely that the local police would be asked to utilise hand held speed detection cameras in the area. The results of the survey were awaited but it was advised that the local police force had obtained a better/newer system of speed detection equipment to use and Officers were currently being trained to use this equipment accordingly. Mr. J. Dolman of Drakelow advised that he received an email from County Councillor K. Lauro confirming that new signage and rumble strips would be implemented on part of this road. He was concerned however, that problems still existed with speeding traffic entering Drakelow from the Burton end of the village where drivers could not view the speed limit signs until they had crossed the bridge. County Councillor Mrs. Lauro had advised that if the Police could confirm that a speeding problem existed then Derbyshire County Council would erect the appropriate speed camera signs in order for the police to take action accordingly. Sergeant Andy Wright referred to a website [www.Pages2of5down.co.uk](http://www.Pages2of5down.co.uk) which members of the

community could access to register concerns regarding speeding in particular areas.

G. Edwards of Overseal Parish Council referred to a speeding survey which had been undertaken on Woodville Road, Overseal outside of the school. She understood that the survey had revealed that there was a problem regarding speeding traffic in that area and requested that speed cameras be used accordingly. She also referred to a problem in that particular area with lorries mounting the pavement as a result of problems caused by on-street parking.

J. Blythe of Linton Parish Council queried whether the police would respond to photographs submitted to them of vehicles obstructing pavements. Sergeant Wright outlined the need to prove 'obstruction' in order for an offence to be committed but stated that obviously if possible, the police might respond by way of speaking to the offenders. The Chair advised him that speeding was a problem on Linton Heath, Rosliston Road and Hillside Road, Linton.

Mrs. Palmer reported ongoing problems of anti-social behaviour in the Linton Village Hall area. She referred to a recent incident where a window had been broken and the continued use of a motorised scooter in the area. She also stated that a young individual brandishing a knife had passed the village hall whilst a parish council meeting was being held. The Beat Officer, Debbie Charlton made a note of the issues and agreed to discuss them in her meeting with John Blythe (Chair of the Parish Council) later that week.

With regard to the monitoring of the two out of the four entrances to Cotton-in-the-Elms for speeding problems Sergeant Wright advised that the initial monitoring of the two entrances to the village had shown levels below those for concern and accordingly, the other two entrances to the village had not been monitored.

LA/28. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE LOCAL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mr. J. Dolman referred to the issue of HGV traffic using Rosliston Road South, Drakelow and asked whether County Councillor Mrs. Lauro had engaged Officers of Trading Standards to enforce this matter. The Democratic Services Officer advised that in the absence of Mrs. Lauro an answer could not be given at the Meeting but she agreed to contact Mrs. Lauro and respond to Mr. Dolman accordingly.

PC Debbie Charlton reported that a Neighbourhood Watch re-launch event would be taking place on Wednesday, 19th May 2004 at 7.00 p.m. at the Overseal Village Hall. She also advised that there would be two Beat Officers for the area from 18th May 2004.

The Chair referred to continuing anti-social behaviour in the areas of Linton and Castle Gresley and referred to the success of an overwhelming police presence at the Goseley Estate in reducing such behaviour. Sergeant Wright referred to there being a need to balance the issue of one area receiving preferential service at the expense of another but agreed to look at the statistics for Linton and Castle Gresley with a view to taking appropriate action. PC Debbie Charlton advised that she could not identify one person at Bass's Crescent, Castle Gresley who was prepared to give a statement

witnessing anti-social behaviour events. The Director of Community Services advised that the Council now had an Anti-Social behaviour Officer in place. He offered to meet with Debbie Charlton regarding the issues discussed, with a view to “joining-up” services.

Mrs. B. Ford of Drakelow referred to recent press articles discussing a proposed recycling plant at Drakelow but was advised that no submission in this regard had been received at the District Council. Residents at the Meeting expressed concerns that should a recycling plant be installed at Drakelow the local road infrastructure would not be capable of taking any further additional traffic.

Mr. J. Dolman referred to the number of highways issues which had been raised at the Meeting and accordingly, it was agreed to invite a representative of the Derbyshire County Council Highways Department to attend the next Meeting and also to circulate details of Derbyshire County Council’s Area Meetings. Val Taylor of Walton-on-Trent expressed concern regarding parking on Station Lane, Walton-on-Trent and the fact that it is impossible for two vans to pass down the lane.

Mr. J. Dolman expressed concern regarding dust generated at the Roger Bullivant site and the Director of Community Services agreed to investigate this matter and report back to Mr. Dolman. Residents of Drakelow expressed concern that Gate No. 2 at Bullivants was still being used and also that trees at the entrance to gate No. 2 had been chopped down. It was agreed to investigate this matter and report back to the next meeting.

J. Blythe of Linton Parish Council requested that dropped kerbs be installed at Linton. He expressed his frustrations at raising this request on previous occasions and accordingly it was agreed to action this matter if possible.

LA/29. **LIBERATION DAY**

The Chair advised that the South Derbyshire Crime and Disorder Partnership was organising the 2004 Liberation Day and this would be held on Thursday, 27th May 2004 at the Bretby Conference Centre. As well as entertainment, dozens of groups and organisations would have stalls. Some of the exhibitors would have quiet areas available where visitors could discuss private issues. Efforts were being made to provide transport for those who required it. The day had been organised to help elderly and vulnerable people throughout South Derbyshire to find out how they could stay safe and secure in their homes. Further details about the event were available from the Crime and Disorder Team on (01283) 595787, together with information on planned transport arrangements.

LA/30. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Democratic Services Officer advised that she would write advising of the date and venue of the next Meeting once arrangements had been finalised.

R.W. SOUTHERN

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 8.10 p.m.