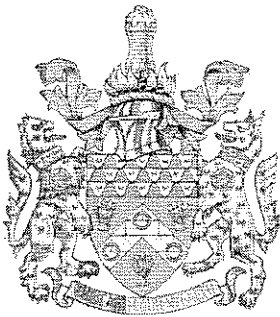


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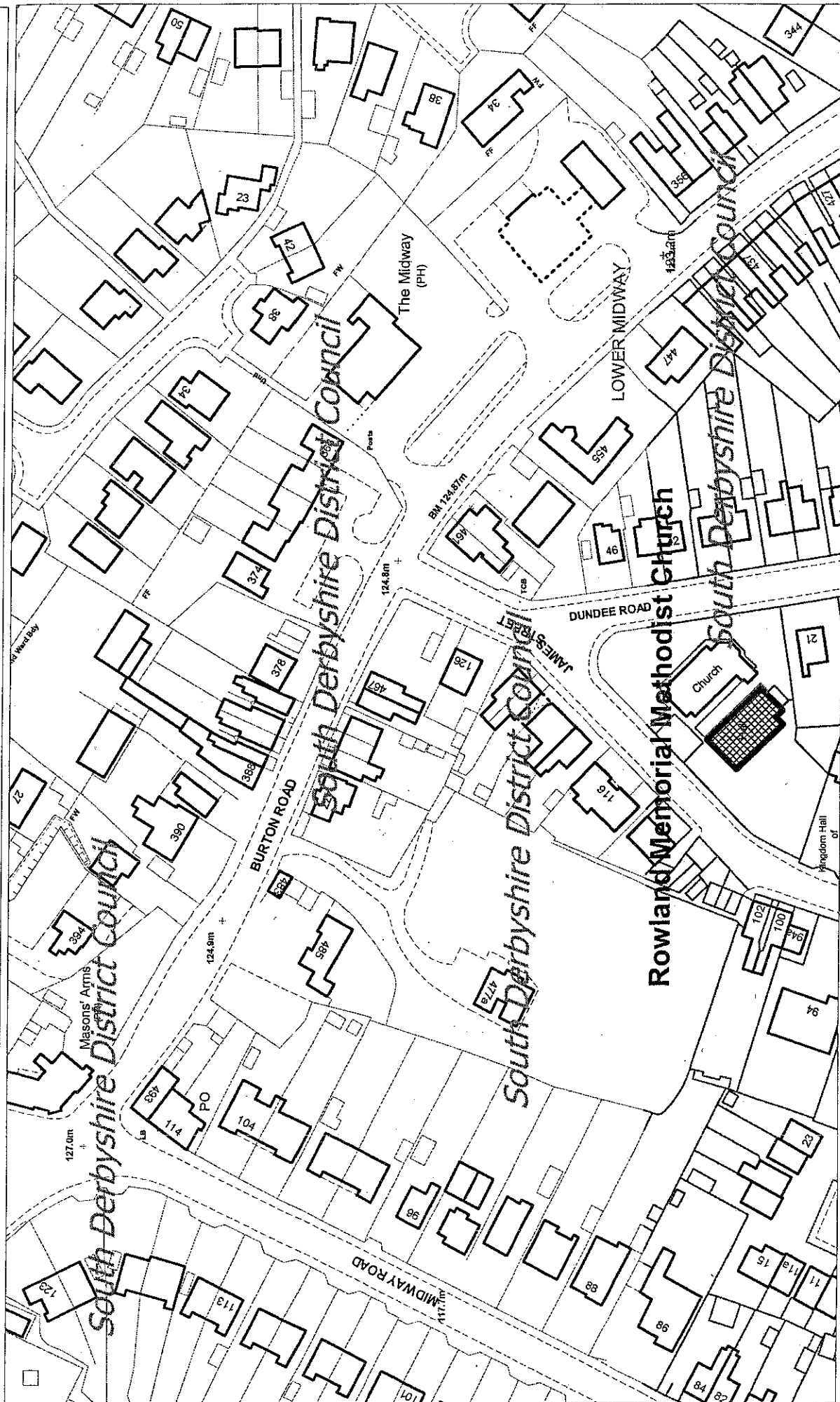
**Wednesday
27th July 2011**

**Rowland Memorial
Methodist Church,
Community Hall,
James Street,
Midway,
DE11 7NE**

7pm

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Area Meeting Venue Rowland Memorial Methodist Church Community Village Hall James Street



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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.

Etwell Area Forum, Venue to be confirmed at 7.00 p.m.	Tuesday, 26th July 2011
Newhall Area Forum, Rowland Memorial Methodist Church, Community Hall, James St., Midway, DE11 7NE at 7.00 p.m.	Wednesday, 27th July 2011
Swadincote Area Forum, Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Swadlincote, 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
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Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 26th October 2011
Planning	Tuesday 1st November 2011
COUNCIL	Thursday 10th November 2011

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM NEWHALL

(Covering Midway, Newhall and Stanton)

**Meeting to be held at
The Rowland Memorial Methodist Church
Community Hall
James Street
Midway
DE11 7NE

on Wednesday, 27th July 2011
at 7.00 p.m.**

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

Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Richards (Chairman) and Councillors Bambrick, Dunn, Mrs. Mead, Pearson, and Wilkins.

County Councillors: Councillors Lacey and Murray.

**South Derbyshire District Council, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote, Derbyshire DE11
0AH**

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AGENDA

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.
4. Declarations of Interest.
5. Police issues.
6. Chairman's Announcements.
7. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd 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 – to be confirmed.



SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

NEWHALL

2nd February 2011

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Mrs. Mead (Vice-Chairman in the Chair) and Councillors Bambrick, Dunn and Richards.

F. McArdle (Chief Executive), D. Townsend (Democratic Services) and C. Lukaszewicz (Helpdesk).

Derbyshire County Council Representative

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

Derbyshire Constabulary

Sergeant Thompson.

Members of the Public

P. Bambrick, M. Biddle, T. Biddle, P. Dunn, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. & Mrs. Foy, S. Garland, G. Hall, R. Holden, R. House, R. Hughes, J. Lacey, C. Maddock, G. Myatt, W. Parker, H. Richards, R. Sexton, E. Tagg, E. Tunnicliffe, B. Wood.

NA/17. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Mrs. Farrington (Chairman), Lacey and Wilkins.

NA/18. **POLICE ISSUES**

Sergeant Thompson gave an update on crime statistics for the area, and compared September to November 2010 to the same period of the previous year. He reported that average crime figures had fallen by 5½% overall. However burglary and robbery had increased slightly, whilst vehicle crime, violent crime and anti-social behaviour had all reduced. Sergeant Thompson also gave a brief update on current crimes and arrests, that had taken place between December 2010 and January 2011.

He confirmed that the Police had made the prevention of anti-social behaviour at The Burrows a priority, and following this, a number of arrests had been made. He confirmed that the Police had secured funding to do further work in this area. They were also dealing with a number of complaints at the flats on The Old Market Place.

He outlined actions that were being taken by the Safer Neighbourhood Team, which included the introduction of a new force website. Safer Neighbourhood

Officers had all been trained on the use of the laser speed gun and Ozbox, an initiative designed to encourage young people who are involved in crime or anti-social behaviour, to take part in a boxing based fitness activity.

A resident asked if, for the next Meeting, Sergeant Thompson could get detection rate figures.

Sergeant Thompson agreed to provide these figures where possible for the next Meeting.

It was reported that there were various problems throughout the area with cars for sale being parked on roadsides. Areas of concern were highlighted as, Stanton Village Green, Cadley Hill Island, opposite Piddocks Farm, Geary Lane and the corner of Manor Close.

It was requested that both the District Council and the Police look into this matter and provide a report back for the next Meeting.

A resident reported that adjacent to the Gate Inn Public House at Cadley Hill Island, lorries were parking along the side of the road, reducing the road width, making it dangerous for other motorists.

Sergeant Thompson agreed to look into this matter report back to the next Meeting.

It was reported that a Land Rover was constantly parked on the pavement adjacent to William Allitt School, Sunnyside, and was constantly discharging oil onto the pavement and road. Sergeant Thompson responded that although they could observe it, unless the Land Rover was causing an obstruction on the pavement, they could not move the vehicle. Residents were requested to ring the Police when the pavement was obstructed.

NA/19. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reported that a series of drop-in events had been arranged by the District Council, beginning in February, to talk to local people about planning for their neighbourhood.

The events followed the Coalition Government's localism proposals to abolish centrally imposed building targets, and encouraged local people to get more involved with deciding how their neighbourhoods should change. Details were provided of dates and times.

NA/20. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Newhall Area Forum held on 3rd November 2010 were noted.

NA/21. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

The Chairman reviewed the items raised at the last Meeting and reported the progress made.

With regard to the public right of way claim at the former Horse and Jockey Public House site, the Chief Executive reported that he had received

correspondence from a solicitor at Derbyshire County Council, providing further information on this claim. The Forum Liaison Officer also reported that an Order had been made, and was due to be advertised imminently. Residents confirmed that notices had appeared on lampposts and it was understood that it was in the Burton Mail. Councillor Richards requested that it be noted that he was disappointed that nobody at Derbyshire County Council had advised him of the current position, as he had submitted the petition originally.

With regard to the sub-standard footpath at the Old Market Place development, the Forum Liaison Officer reported that a contractor had been appointed by the developer and a start date was now awaited.

It was reported that the graffiti on the golf course sign was still present.

The Chief Executive agreed to follow this up with the golf course developer.

It was reported that the grit bin previously referred to on Meadow Way, had been moved to the car park at Pingle Farm Road (The Burrows). This needed re-siting back in its original position.

It was agreed to look into this and a report would be provided to the next Meeting.

NA/22. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

A resident reported that the grit bin at Stanton (opposite the school) was empty, and they couldn't establish who to contact to arrange refilling. It was also reported that this grit bin was broken.

The Forum Liaison Officer and South Derbyshire District Council agreed to look into the ownership of this grit bin.

It was reported that the benches in the fields behind Fairmeadows School had been vandalised and was requested that these be reinstated.

It was agreed to establish ownership of the benches and a report was requested for the next Meeting.

It was asked why it had been so long since an Area Forum had taken place in Midway. The Democratic Services Officer responded that every attempt was made to secure premises in Midway, however this was difficult as all known rooms were fully booked. It was requested that if anyone had any suggestions for an alternative venue that they contact the District Council.

It was reported that the garages at St. Catherine's Road had been demolished, and asked if the site could be used for parking, as there was a known parking problem in the area. The area was currently being cleared, but the District Council was currently unable to confirm its future use.

It was reported that two road sweepers had been seen at the bottom of Sunnyside, however they hadn't cleaned the gullies. In addition the litterbin was full. The bin had to wait for the next day when a different van came to the area and emptied it. It was considered that this was a waste of resources.

The Chief Executive agreed to provide further details on the process of road sweeping and emptying bins.

It was reported that four men had been seen taking down the District Council's Christmas tree on The Delph in Swadlincote and questioned why so much man power was required.

The Chief Executive agreed to make enquiries and report back to the next Meeting.

Concern was expressed that the County Council had proposed to switch off streetlights in residential areas at midnight.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to look into this, and report back to the next Meeting.

It was reported that many potholes had appeared in the roads following the recent severe weather, and was asked if there was money available to rectify these problems. The Forum Liaison Officer responded that there had been a major issue following the severe weather and the Highways Inspector routinely inspected the highways. However, if residents noticed any potholes he requested that they ring Call Derbyshire on 08456 058 058, and report these to the Helpdesk. If residents could also take note of the number of the nearest lamppost, it would assist the Highways Officers to establish the location.

It was asked what was the current situation with the derelict cottages on Oversetts Road, as it was understood that these should have been demolished at the beginning of 2011.

It was agreed to provide a report for the next Meeting.

It was asked if decisions had been made on proposed cuts within the District Council. The Chief Executive responded that reviews had been undertaken and staff were aware of the process. Consultation and interviews had taken place and a press release would be issued next week.

It was reported that within the Derbyshire County Council newspaper 'First' there was hardly any mention of South Derbyshire. It was asked if the Leader of Derbyshire County Council had ever visited South Derbyshire, and why there were no stories about the District.

Both the Forum Liaison Officer and the Chief Executive agreed to follow this up and report back to the next Meeting.

NA/23. DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES

2011/12 Budget

The Area Forum received a presentation on the Council's budget for 2011/12. Information had been circulated 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 of the financial settlement for 2011 – 13, concerned 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.

NA/24. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Meeting would be confirmed in due course.

MRS. J. MEAD

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.30 p.m.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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27th July 2011

REPORT BACK ON ISSUE RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last meeting held on 2nd February 2011 at William Allitt School, the following issues were raised. These issues are listed below, together with progress made:-

1. VEHICLES FOR SALE ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY

Concerns were raised in regard to a number of locations at which it was believed that vehicles were being sold/advertised on the public highway. The locations referred to were as follows:

- a) A444 Woodland Road, Stanton – Vehicles being sold on a 'turnaround' area, near the Village Hall, opposite the entrance to Piddocks Farm.
- b) Cadley Hill roundabout, Castle Gresley – Large advertising hoardings.
- c) A515 Ashby Road, East – Vehicles being sold on verge near to the Geary Lane junction.

Under The Highways Act 1980:

Section 137 makes it an offence to wilfully obstruct passage of a highway. The penalty for such an offence is a maximum of a level 3 (£1,000) fine.

In proving an offence under this part of the Highways Act it is necessary to prove the element of wilfulness in the commission of this offence. Wilfulness infers a degree of recklessness, which is often difficult to prove, or is an element that is missing when finding vehicles parked in the street that are potentially causing an obstruction.

Section 149 makes it an offence to deposit anything on the highway that might constitute a nuisance.

Whilst this part of the Highways Act can be used for enforcement against people selling and repairing cars in the street, it would more normally be used for such matters as vehicles depositing mud on the road, or defecation on the highway by animals.

The three locations reported have been reported to DCC Maintenance officers but no action is to be taken in regard to the above.

2. SWITCHING OFF STREET LIGHTING

Through Derbyshire County Council's Scrutiny Committee, it was agreed that the following locations/situations would not be considered for part night lighting:

- ☐ on main traffic routes
- ☐ in town centres
- ☐ locations with a significant night-time traffic accident record
- ☐ areas with an above average record of crime

- ☐ areas provided with CCTV local authority or police surveillance equipment
- ☐ areas with sheltered housing and other residences accommodating vulnerable people
- ☐ areas with a 24hr operational emergency services site including hospitals and nursing homes
- ☐ formal pedestrian crossings, subways and enclosed footpaths and alleyways where one end links to a road that is lit all night
- ☐ Where there are potential hazards on the highway (roundabouts, central carriageway islands, chicanes, speed-humps etc.)

Where schemes were progressed, this would not be the total black-out as suggested in initial press reporting of the proposal. Schemes will be properly risk assessed to determine any lights that justify remaining illuminated all night.

3. DERBYSHIRE FIRST

Derbyshire First has been reduced to 16 pages - rather than the previous 24 - and to four editions a year. Unfortunately, that means that we can't be very local or cover the whole of the county in every edition. What we try to do is cover the services and issues that affect large numbers of Derbyshire households – Gold Card changes, adult care, fostering, recycling, Blue Plaque scheme and council tax, to name a few.

We accept that not every household will be interested in every story. We do attempt, however, to include useful information and news about the range of our services so local people can make full use of the services they need or want. The majority of the stories we publish cover services which are available to all Derbyshire residents - including those in South Derbyshire.

Over the last year we have covered stories specific to the South Derbyshire area - excellence in the community award winners, Swadlincote air cadets, the opening of Etwall's children's centre, CCTV in Swadlincote, healthy eating initiatives, developer's cash for Woodville Primary School, South Derbyshire road improvement programme, prosecution of Newhall shop-keeper etc.

We may also feature South Derbyshire residents in fostering case studies or other features on claiming benefits, recycling and adult care but we won't necessarily identify where they live.

Derbyshire First is one of the most cost effective ways we can keep local people informed about our services, how we are spending their money and what we are doing across Derbyshire.

To buy one page of advertising space in newspapers across Derbyshire would cost approximately £10,000, compared to a cost of around £2,500 a page for Derbyshire First.

Derbyshire First costs just under 50p a year per Derbyshire household to produce and distribute. The new council has reduced the frequency and pages from five x 24-page editions to four x 16-page editions - a 46% reduction. The total budget is around £160,000 a year.

It is worth mentioning that Derbyshire First - along with the local media and our website – helps ensure local people receive the information they need to secure the services they need.

We still have a large number of people in Derbyshire without access to the internet so we need to get in touch with them in other ways. For those people who do have access to the internet we need to provide information so they know where to find it easily and quickly. The phrase "if you build it they will come" does not apply to websites. We use Derbyshire First to help increase traffic and usage of our website which in turn saves the council money - it is far cheaper for people to use our website than to call our contact centre.

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4. GRAFFITI ON THE GOLF COURSE SIGN

Graffiti was removed from the Nadin's Way entrance on 23 February 2011.

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5. GRIT BIN – STANTON

This damaged grit bin is to be removed as it is sited on a section of road that is on the normal grit route, and therefore not required.

6. GRIT BIN – PINGLE FARM ROAD (THE BURROWS)

It has been requested that this bin be re-sited.

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7. BENCHES BEHIND FAIRMEADOWS SCHOOL

Benches have been replaced at this site.

8. ACCESS TO FOOTBALL FIELD – OVERSETTS ROAD

A new barrier has been installed at this site.

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9. CLEANSING - SUNNYSIDE

Sunnyside road channels are swept 4 times a year. Litterbins on Sunnyside are emptied weekly on Wednesdays. The two operations are completely separate.

There are strict work schedules that are monitored on a daily basis to ensure that productivity / quality standards are maintained efficiently and effectively. Our National Performance Indicator score, that measures the cleanliness of our streets, shows a 90% satisfaction rating. We are also a relatively low spending Council in terms of street cleansing.

Paul Evans
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10. REMOVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREE – THE DELPH

A contractor gave a quotation for the supply, erection and removal of 10 trees, one of which was for The Delph. Once this quotation is accepted by SDDC no extra payments are made above that price no matter how many men are used for the operation.

The Christmas tree was 25 feet high and great care was needed in removing it from the Delph public area.

It is always emphasised to contractors that their workers and the public's safety is an essential consideration, and they are instructed to give SDDC their Risk Assessment and Method Statement for the works.

Chris Payne
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11. DERELICT COTTAGES – OVERSETTS ROAD

An Outline application (all matters except means of access to be reserved) for the residential development of this land was approved in April 2011.

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