

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

SWADLINCOTE

2nd July 2013

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council Representatives**

Councillor Tilley (Chairman) and Councillors Bell, Mrs. Heath, Murray, Dunn, Rhind, Southerd, Stuart and Taylor.

R. Ledger (Director of Housing and Environmental Services) and S. Cope (Economic Development).

**Derbyshire County Council Representatives**

Councillors Chiltern, Dunn, Southerd and Murray.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

**Parish Council/Meeting Representatives**

M. Mycock (Hartshorne Parish Council).

**Members of the Public**

M.J. Reed, M. Hands, W. Johnson, K. Johnson, G. Farrington (50+ Forum), S. Wright, J. Punter, F. Curtis, M. Lacey, D. Page, P. Bradbury, R. Causer, M. Lunn, L. Sargent, R. Thorne, H. Kreft (Burton Mail), M. Shepherd, P. Yates and A. Clarke.

SA/1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Mulgrew, C.R. Horridge, S.E. Horridge, Mr. Rose and Mrs. Rose.

SA/2. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

It was noted that Councillor Neil Tilley had been appointed Chairman of the Swadlincote Area Forum at the Annual Council Meeting.

SA/3. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was agreed that Councillor Rhind be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Swadlincote Area Forum for the ensuing year.

It was reported that some Members had not received a copy of the Agenda. The Director of Housing & Environmental Services apologised and would ensure that the oversight would be resolved for the next meeting.

SA/4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed the new Derbyshire County Council Members, Councillors Dunn, Southerd and Chiltern.

SA/5. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Swadlincote Area Forum held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013, were noted, subject to an amendment to Minute Number SA/18, which should read Swadlincote Area Forum.

SA/6. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

The Chairman reviewed those items raised at the last Meeting and reported the progress made in each case.

In relation to resurfacing works on Springfield Road, an Officer had liaised directly with the resident.

A resident raised a further pothole issue on Springfield Road, which he had previously reported to Derbyshire County Council.

**The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to raise this issue and report back to a future Meeting.**

In relation to dog fouling on the Goseley Estate, the Director of Housing & Environmental Services advised that patrols, advice and support were continuing. A resident reported that dog fouling at The Cutting and the Recreation Ground was still ongoing.

**The Director of Housing & Environmental Services agreed to report these issues.**

SA/7. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

A discussion took place on congestion and road safety on High Street, Woodville, and a particular issue of HGV's parking outside the Post Office. Further concerns on road congestion were raised with regards to the Tollgate Island and Coppice Side. Councillor Paul Dunn updated the meeting that 6 projects had been put forward by Derbyshire County Council for Government funding, including Woodville By-pass. Residents were requested to support this project by writing to the MP for South Derbyshire as a matter of urgency, before the deadline of July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013.

Councillor Taylor gave an update on the history of Moira Road and the fight for weight restrictions in this area. He added that it was important to identify the way forward for the Woodville link road.

Councillor Southerd gave an update in relation to traffic management impact surveys and his discussions with Mike Ashworth (Environmental Services, DCC).

**The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to pursue traffic management impact surveys for Tollgate and Coppice Side.**

A resident asked when the new recycling contract would be in place. The Director of Housing & Environmental Services responded that the current timescale for introduction of recycling plastics, tins, bottles and cardboards would be early Autumn. A press release would be issued within the next few weeks, once a firm date had been confirmed. He added that two leaflets would be distributed that would provide full instructions. A resident pointed out that she lived on a gated site, and was often missed when receiving literature. **The Director of Housing & Environmental Services agreed to raise this matter to ensure that this could be rectified.**

A resident asked for an update on the installation of the totem pole at the Pipeworks Retail Park. The Director of Housing & Environmental Services responded that he would liaise with the Chief Executive and report back on the progress. Councillor Southerd reported that the developers had agreed to provide one, and the issue was awaiting planning approval.

A resident asked about the recycling of electrical items. The Director of Housing & Environmental Services responded that it was not possible to recycle every item at the doorstep. A review of the Bulky Waste Collection Service was programmed, and it was hoped to encourage more use of the service along with an analysis of the Bring-to Sites.

A resident raised concern about the dilapidated state of the Memorial Hall, York Road, Church Gresley. Councillor Southerd responded that the building had been surveyed and was classed as unusable. The Police and Councillors had asked the Trustees for its removal and the area to be put back to common land.

A resident raised concern with regard to the Civic Offices reception area particularly in regard to the automatic door opening and hitting a member of the public who was standing in reception. The Director of Housing & Environmental Services responded that he would take back the residents comments. He continued to explain that the seated area and ticket operation was in place so that a private area could be allocated for the use of the public when discussing issues which may be of a confidential nature. Feedback had revealed that the public were grateful for the privacy, and appreciated being able to speak to advisers in a more confidential area. The Chairman advised the resident that if they wished to pursue this matter, they could send a complaint direct to the Council, or speak to the Director of Housing & Environmental Services after the meeting.

A resident pointed out that the flooding on the highway outside the Council Offices after heavy rain was an embarrassment.

**The Forum Liaison Officer and Director of Housing & Environmental Services undertook to check the position and the cleaning of the gullies.**

It was suggested that the new pedestrian crossing on Civic Way outside Green Bank Leisure Centre was set at an angle and not readily visible to pedestrians.

**The Forum Liaison Officer confirmed that the crossing was an upgraded puffin crossing, and agreed to pass on the comments to the Highways Authority.**

SA/8. **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

Councillor Paul Dunn gave advice on unsolicited goods; a leaflet was available with further information.

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

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

N. Tilley

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.20 p.m.