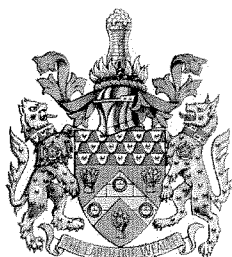




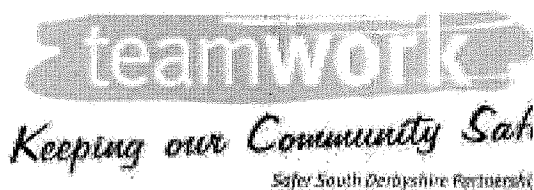
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**South  
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Safer South Derbyshire Partnership



**Safer Neighbourhood  
Area 6- South  
(6.15pm to 7.15pm)**

**and**

**Linton Area Forum  
(7.30pm to 8.30pm)**

**Wednesday 6th February 2013**

**Netherseal Village Hall,  
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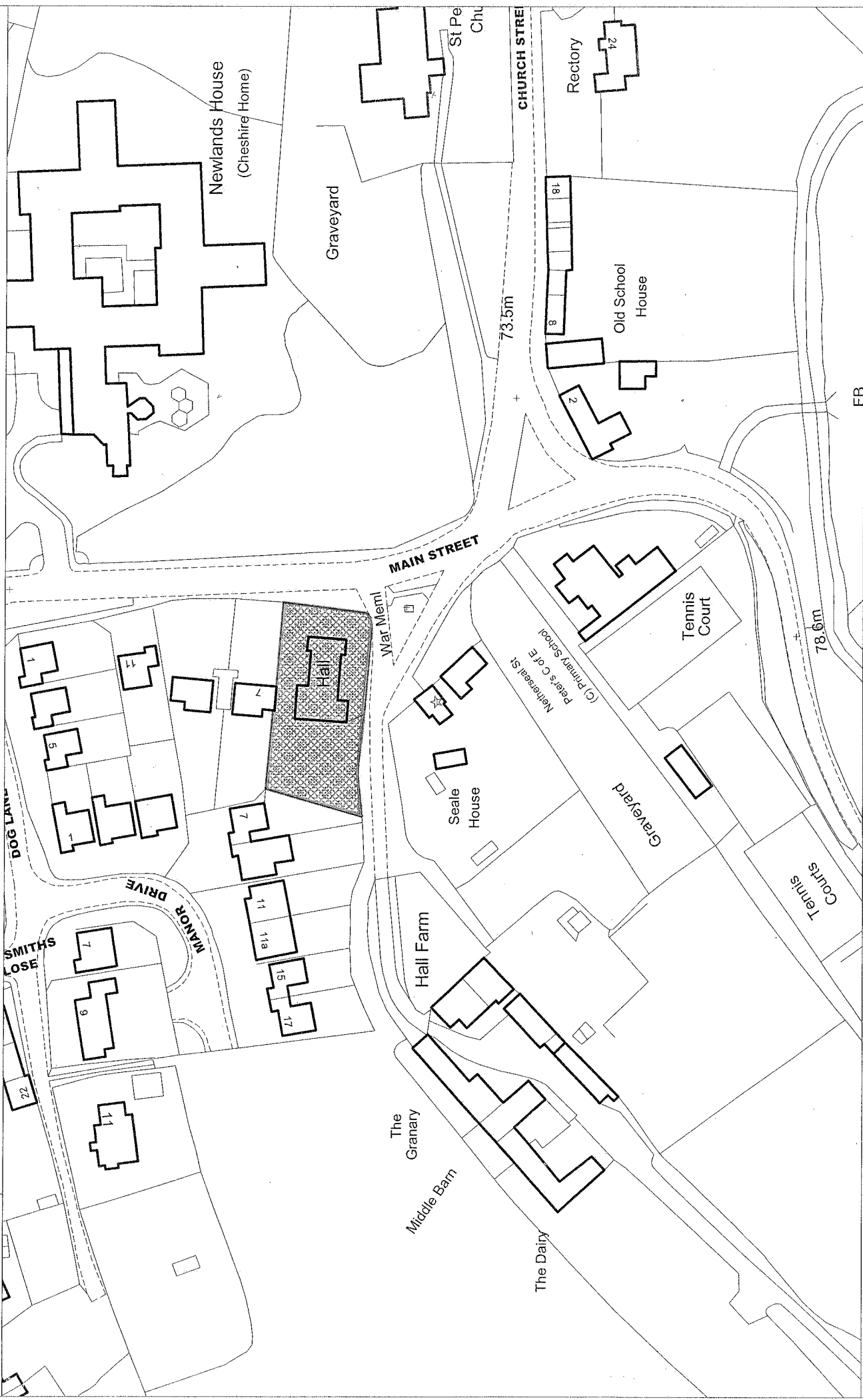
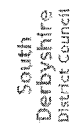
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# FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

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

Planning Committee	Tuesday, 22nd January 2013
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Wednesday, 23rd January 2013
COUNCIL	Thursday, 24th January 2013
Finance and Management Committee (Special – NNDR)	Monday, 28th January 2013
Environmental & Development Services Committee	Thursday, 31st January 2013
Housing and Community Services Committee	Thursday, 7th February 2013
Planning Committee	Tuesday, 12th February 2013
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Wednesday, 13th February 2013
Audit Sub Committee ( <i>starts at 4.00 p.m.</i> )	Wednesday, 20th February 2013
Finance and Management Committee	Thursday, 21st February 2013
COUNCIL	Monday, 4th March 2013
Planning Committee	Tuesday, 5th March 2013
Environmental & Development Services Committee	Thursday, 7th March 2013
Housing and Community Services Committee	Thursday, 14th March 2013
Finance and Management Committee	Thursday, 21st March 2013
Planning Committee	Tuesday, 26th March 2013
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Wednesday, 27th March 2013
Audit Sub-Committee ( <i>starts at 4.00 pm</i> )	Wednesday, 3rd April 2013
COUNCIL	Thursday, 4th April 2013
Environmental & Development Services Committee	Thursday, 11th April 2013
Housing and Community Services Committee	Thursday, 18th April 2013
Planning Committee	Tuesday, 23rd April 2013
Finance and Management Committee	Thursday, 25th April 2013
Planning Committee	Tuesday, 14th May 2013
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Wednesday 15th May 2013
ANNUAL COUNCIL	Thursday, 23rd May 2013
CIVIC COUNCIL	Thursday, 30th May 2013



## **AGENDA**

### **SOUTH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP - AREA 6**

**6.15 pm, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013**  
**at Netherseal Village Hall**

**(Light refreshments will be served from 5.45 pm)**

1. Chair's introduction, Apologies
2. Minutes of last Meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions
3. Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview /Priorities Update
4. Partnership Update / Funding / New project ideas
5. Local issues – open forum (20 minutes)
6. Agreed Priorities
7. Date of next meeting

Meeting close (7.15 pm)



## AREA 6 – SOUTH AREA SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Present		Date of Meeting	Venue
Janice Pallett (Chair); Sgt Jim Thompson; PC Bill Crierar; PCSO Dave McMillan; Chris Smith (SSDP); Phil Marriott (SSDP); Linda Roberts (SDDC); Cllr Mike Lacey; Mary Horne; Janice Pallett; Oliver Pallett; John Powell; Eileen Key; Eddie Key; Peggy Prosser; Carol Wright; Emma Mullaley; Simon & Nadine Rose; Paul Ellwood; Gill Wright; Gary Gee; Gareth Evans; Malcolm Emmerson; Tony Stone; G & R Palmer; Cllr Steven Frost; H Billings; L Fearn; Alan Lees; Cllr Bob Wheeler; S Boddice		Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012 at 6.15 pm	Coton in the Elms Community Centre

Chair's Introduction, Apologies		Action
1	Janice Pallett welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made from the panel. Mrs Pallett Chaired the meeting in the absence of Sheila Jackson  Apologies were received from Dr T Elson, Mr & Mrs Passey, Sheila Jackson, Cllr Beth Hall, David Coxon	
2	<b>Minutes of last meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions</b> Minutes were agreed as a true record of the last meeting.  No actions to update.	
3	<b>Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview / Priorities Update</b> Sgt Jim Thompson gave an update on crime figures between April and Sept 2012 compared with the same period in 2011  Violent Crime had remained static Burglary 14 crimes compared to 28	

	<p>Other thefts 39 crimes compared to 36  Non Domestic Burglaries 14 compared with 28  Robberies 0  Vehicle Crime 36 compared with 28  Shop lifting 0  ASB for South Derbyshire was down 153 calls compared with 2011</p> <p>A local male had been sentenced to 5yrs and 5 months for burglary after committing 55 offences in South Derbyshire in Linton, Castle Gresley, Overseal and Church Gresley and 23 offences in Staffs.</p> <p>3 males have also been arrested and charged with theft from Motor vehicles in October.</p> <p>Halloween posters have been sent out to all schools. Dedicated patrols will be operating between Halloween and bonfire night.</p> <p>PCSO McMillan confirmed that 20 calls to service had been received from Coton residents regarding young people causing a nuisance. Letters have gone out to parents and Restorative Justice has been exercised. PC Perry is looking at youth intervention projects.</p> <p>One arrest was made at Bloodstock where a male from Manchester was arrested for bag and tent thefts</p> <p>A male and female were arrested and cautioned for possession of cannabis plants in Linton.</p> <p><b><u>Update on priorities</u></b></p> <p><b>Scrap metal thefts and other thefts</b></p> <p>2 vehicles were issued with £300 fines during a joint operation with SDDC Neighbourhood Wardens which was aimed at targeting illegal metal collectors. Both fines were issued for failing to produce the necessary notice of transfer. One of the vehicles was also seized for not having insurance.</p> <p>Further arrests have been made and police SNT teams are working closely with scrap metal dealers. 2 Electronic tannoy systems have also been seized</p>
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	<b><u>Issue</u></b>	Cllr Mike Lacey stated that the County Council were doing a road safety review of the A444 near to the Leicestershire boarder after a fatality. They were looking at possible measures to improve safety and the SNT had agreed to carry out speed checks as part of the process.	
4	<b>Question and Answer Surgery</b>	<p>Netherseal resident raised an issue with anti-social behaviour occurring in Hunts Lane. The problem did migrate from the front to the back of the houses. Issues include speeding, litter, noise and nuisance motorcycles. This problem has gone on for a number of years. Police have been patrolling and CCTV has been used in the past to assist.</p> <p>A Coton resident requested assistance in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.</p> <p>Mount Road, Castle Gresley – problems with vehicles going down the bridle path. Discussions have been had with Derbyshire County Council who advised residents to ring the Police on 101. It was agreed that signage was poor and not clear. It is a no through road.</p> <p>Parking at Linton Primary School is causing problems and there was a near miss last week. The School have been told they can use Linton Village Hall for parking. Vehicles regularly block pavements and driveways</p>	Phil to contact resident to assist in NHW scheme
5	<b>Agreed Priorities</b>		
	<b><u>Priorities</u></b>	Speeding at various locations across area 6.	
	<b><u>Issue</u></b>	ASB in Hunts Lane, Netherseal.	
6	<b>Partnership Update / Funding / New project ideas</b>	<p>Chris Smith reported on DCC Youth grants which were available for bids of up to £1k to set up or improve local Youth Activities. He also reminded the group of the Police and Crime commissioner elections that were coming up on the 15<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p>He also stated that Area 6 had not yet spent any of its £4000 Safer Neighbourhoods funding allocation this year and bids can still be accepted up until Christmas, then after the new year it will be opened up to other areas to bid in through the Big Pot.</p>	

	<p>Gareth Evans gave a quick update on the recent work by the wardens including flytipping and dog fouling. £75 fines have been issued for flytipping where dumped bags contained names and addresses. Wardens will be involved in the operation on Friday and will be patrolling and working more proactively in the area.</p>	
7	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>None – next meeting date TBA</p>	





# SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM LINTON**

(Covering Castle Gresley, Catton, 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,  
Swadlincote, Derbyshire  
DE12 8BZ**

**on Wednesday, 6th February 2013  
at 7.30 p.m.**

### Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Wheeler (Chairman), Councillor Jones (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Frost and Mrs. Hall.

County Councillors: Councillors Jones and Lacey.

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## **BUSINESS**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. Chairman's Announcements.
4. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd October 2012 (copy attached).
5. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
6. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
7. County Council issues.
8. District Council issues – Budget 2013/14.
9. Date of Next Meeting.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

LINTON

23rd October 2012

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council Representatives**

Councillor Wheeler (Chairman) and Councillor Frost.

M. Alflat (Director of Operations), K. Stackhouse (Head of Corporate Services), P. Spencer (Democratic Services) and M. Guest (Policy and Communications).

**Derbyshire County Council Representatives**

County Councillor Lacey.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer)

**Parish Council/Meeting Representatives**

J. Pallett, O. Pallett and C. Wright (Castle Gresley Parish Council), A. Lees (Coton-in-the-Elms Parish Council), J. Powell (Linton Parish Council), P McGibbon and T. Stone (Netherseal Parish Council), and M. Horne (Walton-on-Trent Parish Council).

**Members of the Public**

H. Billings, S. Boddice, P. Ellwood, M. Emmerson, L. Fearn, G. Gee, E. Key, E. Key, G. Palmer, R. Palmer, P. Prosser, N. Rose and S Rose.

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillor Mrs. Hall, S. Jackson (Castle Gresley Parish Council) and Dr. Elson (Walton-on-Trent Parish Council).

LA/9. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman referred to the consultation on the Local Plan, which was residents' opportunity to comment on the strategic development plans for South Derbyshire. Whilst the majority of development was planned for the southern fringes of Derby, residents were encouraged to engage in this process and to complete and return questionnaires with their views. The Chairman also reminded that Police Commissioner Elections would take place on 15th November.

LA/10. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Linton Area Forum held on 18th July 2012 were noted.

**LA/11. PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

There was a discussion about broadband services in the area. Derbyshire County Council was leading on an initiative to improve broadband speeds and had appointed a number of broadband champions. Alan Lees was one of the broadband champions for the southern parishes. It was suggested that a local group be formed to gather views, which Mr. Lees could then collate and forward to Derbyshire County Council. Any person wishing to find out more information was asked to contact him after the meeting. It was agreed to circulate his e-mail contact details to parish councils within the area and noted that the next County liaison meeting would take place at Matlock on 27th November 2012. Other points raised were the poor broadband service in the Appleby Glade area and the availability of satellite services, which whilst more expensive were much faster. The Forum Liaison Officer was asked to report back the views submitted to the County Council.

Concerns were again raised about the footpath near to the recreation ground at Coton Park, Linton. The narrow width of this footpath had been exacerbated at one point by the relocation of a bus stop sign into the footpath. A local representative stated the need for this footpath to be widened and the surface finished as a matter of urgency. The Forum Liaison Officer advised that these works had been programmed for completion by March 2013. A related issue was the determination of a planning application, which it was understood had now been concluded. Liaison would take place between the District and County Councils on this aspect. The Forum Liaison Officer was asked to pursue this matter and to liaise with the individual prior to the next meeting.

In Castle Gresley, there was concern about the condition of a public right of way. This had been taken up by the Parish Council with the Rights of Way section at Derbyshire County Council. The Forum Liaison Officer was asked to investigate this matter and to submit a report back to the next meeting.

Concerns were reported about the establishment of a business "Tank Mania" on an area of land at Coton Park. It was understood that this business was being relocated from North West Leicestershire. A District Councillor quoted further details from the company's website, including the ability for people to book and pay on-line to use their services. An update was given that this site would not be used for this purpose. The Forum Liaison Officer was asked to speak to colleagues in the County's Trading Standards Department regarding the services being offered via the company's website, which could not be supplied.

In response to a question, an update was given about the Council's new recycling contract. A complaint was made that an individual was taking recyclable materials from other residents' 'green boxes' placed at the kerbside, to recycle them himself. The resident was asked to speak to the Director of Operations outside the meeting, in order that this could be investigated.



**LA/12. DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

A presentation was made by the Head of Corporate Services about changes to Council Tax Benefit. Residents were advised of the current arrangements and the move from a national to a local benefit system from next April. Overall, the funding to councils had been reduced by 10% and for South Derbyshire this equated to £1/2 million each year. There were currently six thousand people in South Derbyshire that received benefits, about half of which were pensioners. A number of options had been considered to date, on which details were provided, together with the Council's initial proposals. The timetable for this review was reported and the new arrangements would operate from 1st April 2013. The Head of Corporate Services added that the Government had recently issued further guidance regarding additional funding, subject to certain conditions and a ceiling on charges for those currently in receipt of full benefit. Residents were urged to read the consultation slides and the further information and then to submit their views via a questionnaire.

The Chairman provided further information, confirming that disabled persons would not be affected by these proposals. He explained some of the initiatives being considered including charging Council Tax on empty properties and for longer-term empty properties a premium rate being charged. A District Councillor praised the Head of Corporate Services and his team for the detailed work being undertaken. Questions were asked about the controls in place on private sector landlords and whether there had been an increase in the number of benefit claimants recently.

**LA/13. COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

The Forum Liaison Officer had circulated information about Health Watch Derbyshire. This was a new initiative established by the Government, giving individuals the chance to influence and challenge health and social care services in Derbyshire. The public were being invited to get involved to make sure Health Watch Derbyshire worked well and residents were urged to complete a circulated questionnaire and to submit responses by 15th October 2012.

The Forum Liaison Officer also publicised a County Council information sheet on preparing for the winter months.

**LA/14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date and venue for the next Linton Area Forum would be confirmed in due course.

R. WHEELER

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.20 p.m.



## **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **LINTON AREA FORUM**

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

6th February 2013

### **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

At the last Linton Area Forum held on 23rd October 2012, at the Coton-in-the-Elms Community Centre, the following issues were raised and a progress report is provided.

#### **Derbyshire County Council Issues**

##### **1. MOUNT ROAD, CASTLE GRESLEY: BLOCKED GULLIES**

A local resident reported that the whole width of the carriageway, to the front of the White Lion PH, floods with water which can reach up to 1ft in depth. It was suggested that this has been a problem since the road was resurfaced. The resident advised that there are two gullies in the vicinity which may be blocked. Could this please be investigated?

The gullies here are on our annual gully cleansing schedule and were cleared as part of this programme in January 2012 – no problems were reported at this time. The gullies are next due to be cleansed in January 2013.

The area's Highways Inspector also observed the gullies in July of this year following reports of flooding; it was noted at that time that the gullies appeared in good condition. Although problems may occur in extreme prolonged downpours, any accumulated water does drain away after a short period of time.

Further to the above action, ad-hoc gully cleansing was also carried out here on 25 September of this year. Drainage investigations are now to be undertaken, along with any subsequent repairs required.

##### **2. MOUNT ROAD, CASTLE GRESLEY: USE OF BRIDLEWAY BY VEHICULAR TRAFFIC**

Concerns were raised in regard to a situation which was regularly occurring whereby vehicles were attempting to use Mount Road as a cut-through from A444 Burton Road to Hillside Road at Linton. Drivers are travelling up Mount Road and

attempting to use the bridleway (known as The Scotts) to gain access to Hillside Road.

The resident has recently spoken to Duncan Lovatt (Rights of Way), in regard to this matter, who subsequently arranged for way markers to be erected at the entrance to the bridleway. Unfortunately, this has not had the desired effect and vehicles are still attempting to use it; residents are now too scared to use the bridleway as a result. It was suggested that the situation is confused by a sign at the Hillside Road entrance onto The Scotts which indicates that there is '3t weight limit – 500yds ahead' and this may give drivers the impression that the lane is suitable for vehicular use.

It has been queried whether clear signage could be provided at the A444/Mount Road junction, and also the Hillside Road/The Scotts junction, to advise drivers that the bridleway is not suitable for vehicular use.

There is already a 'no through route' sign erected at the A444/Mount Road junction, which gives clear instruction to drivers that they cannot use the route to access Hillside Road. If this is routinely being ignored by some motorists then it is doubted that an additional sign would have much effect. DCC is committed to an environmental code of practice to reduce street clutter and, therefore, cannot erect signage unless absolutely necessary. As such, there are no plans to erect further signage at the A444/Mount Road junction. However, there is a further 'no through route' symbol erected part way up Mount Road (prior to the private section) which provides drivers with further instruction that they cannot continue through to Hillside Road.

Residents are advised to report any incidents of vehicles using the bridleway to the police. An officer from the area's Traffic & Safety Team has questioned the need for the advanced weight restriction sign at the Hillside Road entrance to the bridleway and arrangements are to be made for its removal. It is hoped that this will remove any misunderstanding for drivers and reduce the number attempting to use the bridleway from this end.

### **3. BROADBAND CHAMPIONS**

A claim was made by a resident that DCC was disbanding the Broadband Champions' meetings due to a lack of interest. It was further claimed that the last meeting of the Champions had been a waste of time for most people due to it being all about businesses rather than residents. Reference was also made to a meeting that had been cancelled at short notice.

DCC Liaison Officer advised that he had been in contact with the Broadband Project Manager in recent weeks and was unaware of any plans to disband the meetings. He was aware that the last meeting had been cancelled, but this was because a representative who was due to give a presentation could not make the meeting. Dates for the meetings are fixed well in advance and these can be found by visiting the broadband section of DCC's website at [http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/business/community\\_broadband/default.asp](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/business/community_broadband/default.asp). DCC is encouraging residents to sign up as Broadband Champions and further details of what this entails can also be found on the website, along with information on the Digital

Derbyshire programme. The meetings are an opportunity for Champions to liaise with each other and also for them to be given updates, which they can then disseminate throughout their respective communities. It was acknowledged at the Forum that many residents did not know about Broadband Champions and the Chair requested that a briefing note be provided for the next Forum.

The attached document provides details on the role of a Broadband Champion and what it entails. The Broadband Project Manager has confirmed that the cancelled meeting has indeed been re-arranged. The meetings are set for the year and are held every two months at County Hall, Matlock (1730-1900hrs).

Dates for 2013 are as follows:

- Tuesday 29 January 2013
- Tuesday 26 March 2013
- Tuesday 28 May 2013
- Tuesday 30 July 2013
- Tuesday 24 September 2013
- Tuesday 26 November 2013

Any residents interested in becoming a Broadband Champion and attending a meeting can either e-mail [broadband@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:broadband@derbyshire.gov.uk) or call 01629 538343. Further details on what the role of Broadband Champion entails can be found on the Digital Derbyshire section of DCC's website via the following link: [http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/business/community\\_broadband/default.asp](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/business/community_broadband/default.asp).

#### **4. COTON PARK, LINTON: FOOTWAY WIDENING SCHEME**

A representative of Linton Parish Council queried what the situation was in regard to the proposed footway widening scheme. It was felt that the footway needed to be improved as a matter of urgency as a bus stop had now been located here and the school bus was picking up schoolchildren on what is felt to be a dangerously narrow footpath.

DCC Liaison Officer reminded the forum that funding had been secured within the Capital programme for the current financial year (2012/13) to carry out footway widening here. However, information was received that a planning application had been submitted and the works were therefore delayed (the application included a vehicular access across the existing footway). The Liaison Officer was aware that the application had been refused; the works have subsequently been programmed in for March 2013 to accommodate any appeal that the applicant may make against the decision.

The parish councillor stated that this was not soon enough and asked that the scheme be brought forward. Representatives from SDDC advised that the applicant had already appealed unsuccessfully against the decision [Liaison Officer asked that he be provided with full confirmation that the appeals process had been completed].

DCC's Public Transport Unit has revealed that the bus stop is to be moved back to almost its original site due to concerns raised. The works will be carried out in the next couple of weeks [report provided 3.11.12].

The stop had been moved to accommodate a disabled parking bay. Enquiries are currently being carried out with SDDC to clarify the status of the planning application (i.e. whether any appeal has been made against the decision). If no appeal is received within the 6 month timescale permitted, a request will be submitted to DCC's Maintenance section to ascertain whether the footway widening scheme can be brought forward.

Following confirmation from SDDC that no appeal had been received within the required 6-month timescale, DCC Maintenance Officers have spoken with their contractors to ascertain whether the footway widening scheme could be brought forward within their programme of works. The contractors have subsequently agreed to bring forward the works into February 2013 (the dates will be confirmed following a programming meeting in January).

#### **5. OFF MOUNT ROAD, CASTLE GRESLEY: PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY IN STATE OF DISREPAIR**

Residents reported that the Public Right of Way, leading off Mount Road and past Castle Knob, was in a general state of disrepair. The footpath surface is breaking up and the route is heavily overgrown. Could the vegetation be cut back and consideration given to remedial works being carried out to the footpath?

The local Rights of Way Assistant inspected this footpath (Castle Gresley No.2) w/c 19 November and reported that it has now been cleared of undergrowth by Property Services. This section is to be added to the Annual Maintenance Schedule. Additionally, the Rights of Way Assistant has spoken with an adjacent landowner and asked that they maintain their hedge boundary in the future.

The surface of the footpath – which is mainly natural ground and on a slight incline – is in a reasonable condition. No works are planned at present.

#### **6. COTON PARK, LINTON: CONCERNS REGARDING 'TANK MANIA'**

Several concerns were raised in regard to the activities of 'Tank Mania' that had recently started to operate as a business on the former coal yard at Coton Park. It was suggested that the company had started to operate here without the required planning permission. The District Council undertook to look into this matter.

It was also reported that their website – [www.tankmania.co.uk](http://www.tankmania.co.uk) – was taking PayPal payments and also making donations to 'Help for Heroes'. The Chair asked that this be reported to DCC Trading Standards in case they are operating a business illegally (due to the lack of planning permission).

An officer from DCC's Trading Standards has been in contact with Tankmania Ltd. They are still in business at their original Measham premises and will be amending the website shortly to remove the references in regard to moving to Coton Park.

## **AGENDA ITEM 5 – ADDITIONAL REPORT BACK ITEM**

### **Derbyshire Broadband Champions**

We are keen to include local people in our work to bring fast and reliable broadband to Derbyshire.

A key part of this is the recruitment of Derbyshire Broadband Champions.

These are voluntary positions which we feel will play a vital role in the success of our project.

#### **What is a Derbyshire Broadband Champion?**

Someone who can:

- Help communicate information about the Digital Derbyshire programme and its progress to your local community.
- Gather feedback where appropriate to ensure community views are understood and considered.
- Gather information where appropriate which will help scope and deliver the Digital Derbyshire programme.
- Promote the benefits of superfast broadband, generating interest and ideas on how your local community can benefit from its availability.
- Publicise the scheme by co-ordinating or attending local events to help people understand the difference that superfast broadband could make to their lives.
- Create effective links with all sections of the community e.g. business, voluntary and community sector, and other local groups.
- Stimulate demand and help build a database of prospective broadband subscribers so we can demonstrate to providers that communities are interested in using superfast broadband.

#### **What skills do you need to be a Derbyshire Broadband Champion?**

You don't need to be technically savvy, but you will need time, energy, and drive to improve broadband in your local area.

The Broadband Champion's main responsibility is to raise awareness of the social and economic benefits of broadband. Each champion will know how best to go about this in their parish or town, but their local campaign will involve:

- Distributing information and educating about broadband
- Completion of broadband surveys, undertaking speed checks and gaining interest
- Organising local events about broadband
- Talking to local clubs and interest groups about broadband

Broadband champions are also responsible for collecting information about broadband availability and Internet use in their parish for residents and businesses.

Ideally we'd also like you to have the following personal qualities:

- You will need considerable drive, be well connected with and have a passion for your local community.
- You will need to be available for a few hours per week but this may be more at peak times within the programme.

- You will need to be able to build effective relationships and rapport with individuals within your community to keep them engaged with the programme.
- You should be able to convey information confidently to others, adapting the content to suit the audience.
- You will need to understand the impact that superfast broadband can bring to both your community and individual organisations, with some understanding of how it may be provided. You don't have to have any technical skills, but an awareness of the technology options or access to skills would be useful.

### **How do you become a Derbyshire Broadband Champion?**

Anyone interested in becoming a Broadband Champion should contact us via e-mail at [broadband@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:broadband@derbyshire.gov.uk) or by calling 01629 538343.

We'll provide you with regular updates to share with the community, as well as a route to feedback, and suggest tools to help you promote the benefits that broadband can bring.

The role of the broadband champion will largely depend upon you. As it's a new role, it will likely develop as you bring forward your ideas on how we can engage with your community as we progress with the programme.