

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING BETWEEN SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT
COUNCIL AND PARISH COUNCILS/MEETINGS

23rd June 2010

PRESENT:

Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council

Councillor Wheeler (Chairman) and Councillors Bladen, Bale and Lemmon.

Officers

F. McArdle (Chief Executive), J. Jones (Director of Corporate Services), A. McCaskie (Head of Legal and Democratic Services), P. Marriot (Community Engagement Officer) and P. White (Democratic Services Assistant).

Parish Council Representatives

D. Martin (Aston-on-Trent Parish Council), A. Heathcote and J. Wilcox (Barrow-on-Trent Parish Council), K. Fairbrother and S. Jackson (Castle Gresley Parish Council), K. Bradford (Coton-in-the-Elms Parish Council), K. Cresswell and D. Muller (Etwall Parish Council), W. Lythgoe (Elvaston Parish Council), T. Beresford (Foston and Scropton Parish Council), D. Jenkinson (Hartshorne Parish Council), S. Flowers and C. Thurman (Hatton Parish Council), J. Bates (Hilton Parish Council), N. Collyer and N. Hill (Melbourne Parish Council), D. Buchanan (Newton Solney Parish Council), J. White (Overseal Parish Council), S. Grant and D. Shepherd (Ticknall Parish Council), C. Bunston (Repton Parish Council) J. Barnes (Smisby Parish Council), F. Crocker and K. Overton (Willington Parish Council),

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from M. Alflat (Director of Community Services), Councillors Harrison and Timms (South Derbyshire District Council), B. Wood (DALC), S. Riley (Repton Parish Council), E. Lumis and R. Bell.

PC/18. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman announced that he was pleased to be Chairing the Joint Meeting with Parish Councils. He added that he could not currently comment on any financial plans arising from budget cuts, as it was necessary to wait for further announcements on Government spending, which were expected in October 2010. He also advised that there was to be a public meeting on illegal encampments to be held on 1st July 2010, between 7.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. at the Grove Hall, Swadlincote.

PC/19. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th February 2010 were received.

PC/20. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

A presentation was provided on Neighbourhood Watch in South Derbyshire. The aims of Neighbourhood Watch were given, alongside information on members, street co-ordinators and area co-ordinators. Advice was given on how to get started with Neighbourhood Watch and the number of schemes operating within South Derbyshire.

Further information was given on the Neighbourhood Watch Support Group, which met quarterly, and provided advice and encouragement to co-ordinators and Members.

PC/21. **MOBILE VISITING SERVICE**

The Director of Corporate Services gave information on the mobile visiting service provided by South Derbyshire District Council. She advised that this service was in place to ensure vulnerable customers had access to Council services. A leaflet was distributed providing contact details, and confirmed that the Mobile Visiting Officer could provide advice or assistance with many issues, including Council Tax, Housing Benefit and associated welfare benefits, housing rent payments and Council Tax payments etc.

PC/22. **PRESS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

The Director of Corporate Services advised that it was important that parish councils updated the District Council with any new or changed email addresses, to ensure that they received all relevant public information. She added that parish councils would also receive, on a quarterly basis, regular emails attaching press releases.

PC/23. **QUESTION TIME AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS**

It was understood that a car park at Willington was due to be changed from free parking to a pay and display area. The Chief Executive responded that this land was owned by Derbyshire County Council, and suggested emailing Councillor Ford, who was also a Member of Derbyshire County Council.

A question was asked on the recycling provision. The Chairman responded that South Derbyshire District Council was keen to recycle plastics, however, cost was a major issue. The District Council was currently re-considering its refuse collection and recycling arrangements. The Chief Executive added that this issue was constantly being reviewed, as it was a public priority. Councillor Bladen added that South Derbyshire District Council had many recycling facilities, and, as a District, a large percentage of rubbish was either recycled or composted, for which members of the public should be very proud.

It was suggested that the provision of more information from Environmental Health on illegal encampments be a future agenda item.

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

The next Meeting would be held on Wednesday, 29th September 2010 at 6.30 p.m.

R. WHEELER

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 7.30 p.m.