

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

17th February 2010

PRESENT:

Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council

Councillor Mrs. Wheeler (Chairman) and Councillors Bladen, Harrison and Lemmon.

Officers

J. Jones (Director of Corporate Services), M. Alflat (Director of Community Services), I. Bowen (Planning Policy Manager) 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 J. Pallett (Castle Gresley Parish Council), K. Bradford (Coton-in-the-Elms Parish Council), L. Brown, B. Cowley and C. Gerrard (Egginton Parish Council), W. Lythgoe (Elvaston Parish Council), I. Smith (Etwall Parish Council), B. Bagnall and S. Bell (Findern Parish Council), C. Thurman (Hatton Parish Council), C. Orme (Hilton, Findern and Linton Parish Councils), D. Smith (Melbourne Parish Council), D. Buchanan and S. Ellis (Newton Solney Parish Council), J. Barnes (Smisby Parish Council), C. Fellows (Stenson Fields Parish Council), D. Shepherd (Ticknall Parish Council), H. Timms (Walton-on-Trent Parish Council), F. Crocker and K. Overton (Willington Parish Council), G. Farrington and E. Lummis (Woodville Parish Council).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from F. McArdle (Chief Executive), A. McCaskie (Head of Legal and Democratic Services), B. Wood (DALC), Mr. Bates, R. Buxton, S. Graham, J. Irons, S. Jackson, C. Knight, L. Kolkman, J. Storer, A. Wing and P. Woolrich.

PC/13. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman advised that concurrent functions funding had been approved at the Meeting of the Finance and Management Committee held on 16th February 2010, to take effect from 1st April 2010. Cllr Harrison, Chairman of the Finance & Management Committee continued to explain the District Council's financial position and provided background information to the decision reached regarding the concurrent functions scheme.

A number of comments and queries were received on this matter, to which detailed responses were provided.

PC/14. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th November 2009 were received. It was noted that F. Mitchell from Elvaston Parish Council had been duplicated in the list of attendees.

PC/15. **MATTERS ARISING**

With reference to Minute No. PC/11, paragraph 5, it was questioned whether a Woodyard Lane, Foston traveller's site liaison meeting had been held recently. It was advised that a meeting had been arranged for 12th December 2009, but had unfortunately had to be cancelled due to problems on site.

With reference to Minute No. PC/11, paragraph 10, it was queried whether any feedback had been received from the County Council's Cabinet Member of Highways and Transport regarding alterations to a junction in Hartshorne village which the Parish Council had not been consulted on. It was noted that this matter had not been able to be considered by the Highways Forum, since this had not met following the recent passing away of a prominent County Highways Officer. Concern was also raised regarding a similar situation at Hatton where alterations had been undertaken to traffic lights near the Station Inn crossroads.

Circulation of the Meeting's agendas and Minutes was queried. These were sent to the Clerk/Chairman of each Parish Council/Meeting to be forwarded to those representatives attending each Meeting. Parish Councils/Meetings were requested to allow a maximum of two representatives to attend each Meeting.

PC/16. **CORE STRATEGY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

Ian Bowen, Planning Policy Manager gave a presentation to provide an update on the Core Strategy Local Development Framework. He advised that all Parish Councils would already have received a copy of the document relating to Issues and Alternative Options, on which comments were sought by 31st March 2010. It was noted that comments submitted as part of previous consultations would also be taken into account. The detailed presentation included information on the following subjects:-

- Brief introduction of Issues and Alternative Options;
- Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment;
- Principle Urban Area Alternative Options for Broad Locations and Strategic Sites;
- Swadlincote, Villages and Rural Areas Alternative Options for Strategic Locations;
- Potential Strategic Distribution Locations;
- What Happens Next – Alternative Options.

Details of various ways in which comments could be submitted were provided. It was noted that public exhibitions were also being held in Melbourne, Swadlincote and Hilton.

Arising from this presentation, a number of comments and queries were raised which included the following issues:-

- Potential reduction of carbon footprint due to future changes in building regulations;
- Inclusion of Wragley Way, Sinfyn in document;
- Ownership of possible public open space, rear of Coach Way/Trent Avenue, Willington;
- Potential review of Regional Plan;
- Clarification sought of total number of homes to be built;
- Impinging of local development on neighbouring Authorities;
- Derby City's extending boundary;
- Proposed population growth;
- Potential major increase in village capacities;
- Associated infrastructure.

Detailed responses were provided. It was emphasised that the document contained options for potential development, not any firm proposals. As requested, it was intended to make this point clear on the details contained within the Council's website. It was anticipated that a Draft Plan, to include a set of preferred options, would be available during the summer of 2010. Ian Bowen was thanked for his presentation.

PC/17. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Joint Meeting would be held on Wednesday, 23rd June 2010 at 6.30 p.m.

MRS. H. K. WHEELER

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 7.40 p.m.