

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

LINTON

24th July 2013

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Wheeler (Chairman) and Councillors Frost and Mrs. Hall.

F. McArdle (Chief Executive) and P. Spencer (Democratic Services).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

County Councillor Mrs. Lauro.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer)

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

S. Jackson and J. and O. Pallett (Castle Gresley Parish Council), K. Bradford and A. Lees (Coton-in-the-Elms Parish Council), J. Powell (Linton Parish Council), S. Jones and M. Patrick (Overseal Parish Council), P. Marbrow (Rosliston Parish Council), M. Horne (Walton-on-Trent Parish Council) and D. Allen (Cauldwell Parish Meeting).

Members of the Public

S. Boddice, M. Emmerson, C. Powell, J. Rose, N. Rose and G. Wright,

LA/1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

It was noted that Councillor Wheeler had been appointed Chairman of the Linton Area Forum at the Annual Council Meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from H. Wheeler M.P. and M. Lacey.

LA/2. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was agreed that Councillor Mrs. Hall be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Linton Area Forum for the ensuing year.

LA/3. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman referred to information leaflets that were available on summer activities and on safe use of the internet for social media sites. He also referred to an initiative in Rosliston for Community First Responders to provide local emergency assistance and further details could be obtained on this from the Parish Council's Chairman.

LA/4. **NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The notes of the informal Meeting for the Linton Area held on 6th February 2013 were noted.

LA/5. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

The Chairman referred those present to the document circulated with the Agenda. An update was provided and questions were invited. With regards to meetings for broadband champions, a suggestion had been made to use webcams for those unable to attend, but this had been met with a negative response. The Forum Liaison Officer was asked to pursue this suggestion.

There was discussion about potholes and the need for resurfacing works particularly in Coton Park at the junction with Cadley Lane. An update was given about the County Council's road maintenance work in this area. Residents were also encouraged to ring 'Call Derbyshire' or to report problems via the County Council's website. A further area in need of road maintenance was the Cadley Hill road traffic island.

LA/6. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

Reference was made to the problems caused by heavy commercial vehicles travelling along a bridleway off Mount Road in Castle Gresley. The County Council had installed signage at one end of this route and in response to a question, it was confirmed that there were plans to put similar signage at the other end of the bridleway. Residents observing vehicles travelling through this area were urged to take registration details and pass these to the Police.

A number of road safety issues were discussed. These included responsibilities for tree and verge maintenance, where they were obstructing road signage and a problem with surface water flooding adjacent to industrial units near to the Cadley Hill road traffic island. There were road safety concerns at the junction of Elms Road and Church Street in Coton-in-the-Elms, where parked cars were obstructing visibility. It was questioned whether a mirror could be installed at this junction to improve safety and was explained why such permission was unlikely to be given. With regard to hedge and verge maintenance more generally, the District Council was discussing this issue, with a view to prioritising maintenance and improving safety at corners and road junctions. A resident sought to raise a planning enforcement matter and was asked to contact the Chief Executive after the Meeting.

LA/7. **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

The Forum Liaison Officer gave an update on highway schemes along the A444 at Overseal, comprising traffic lights and a pedestrian crossing at the Lullington crossroad and a pedestrian refuge scheme adjacent to the Co-op supermarket.

LA/8. **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

The Chief Executive reported on the commencement of the “easy green recycling scheme”. Residents would shortly receive a green wheeled bin in which a variety of recyclable materials could be placed. He publicised road shows on 21st August in Rosliston and Overseal, at which residents could find out more information about the revised arrangements. It was questioned whether there would be a reduction in the number of recycling centres and this would depend on how well they continued to be used, once the new scheme had been introduced. A specific point was raised regarding the recycling arrangements at a village school and the risk of this being discontinued, because the school was not recycling enough.

A question was raised about the Council’s summer play scheme and the lack of adverting literature provided this year, which was noted by the Chief Executive.

R. WHEELER

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.05 p.m.