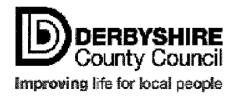
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# South Derbyshire Area Forum

# Newhall

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010

The Newhall Centre
Meadow Lane
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## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

| Finance & Management                           | Thursday 18.3.10  |
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| Development Control                            | Tuesday 23.3.10   |
| Overview & Scrutiny                            | Wednesday 24.3.10 |
| Newhall Area Forum – 7.00 p.m. Newhall Centre, | Thursday 25.3.10  |
| Meadow Lane, Newhall                           |                   |
| Audit Sub – 4.00 p.m.                          | Tuesday 6.4.10    |
| Repton Area Forum - 7.00 p.m. Goseley          | Wednesday 7.4.10  |
| Community Centre, Hartshill Road, Hartshorne   |                   |
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| Environmental & Development Services           | Thursday 15.4.10  |
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| Housing & Community Services                   | Thursday 22.4.10  |
| Finance & Management                           | Thursday 29.4.10  |
| Overview & Scrutiny                            | Wednesday 5.5.10  |
| Development Control                            | Tuesday 11.5.10   |
| ANNUAL COUNCIL                                 | Thursday 20.5.10  |
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#### SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM NEWHALL

(Covering Midway, Newhall and Stanton)

Meeting to be held at; Newhall Centre Meadow Lane Newhall

on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

(Light Refreshments will be available at 6.30 p.m.)

#### Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Mrs. Farrington (Chairman) and Councillors Bambrick, Dunn,

Mrs. Mead (Vice-Chairman), Richards and Wilkins.

County Councillors: Councillors Lacey and Murray.

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#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for absence.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.
- 3. Police issues.
- 4. Chairman's Announcements.
- To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010 (copy attached).
- 6. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
- 7. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
- 8. County Council issues Big Choices Waste Consultation.
- 9. District Council issues.
- 10. Date of Next Meeting.

#### SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

#### **NEWHALL**

#### 8th February 2010

#### PRESENT:-

#### **District Council Representatives**

Councillor Mrs. Farrington (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Mead (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Bambrick, Dunn, Mrs. Gillespie, Richards, Mrs. Wheeler and Wilkins.

J. Jones (Director of Corporate Services), G. Hague (Head of Planning Services), D. Townsend (Democratic Services) and C. Lukaszewicz (Helpdesk).

#### **Derbyshire County Council Representatives**

Councillors Lacey and Murray.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

#### **Derbyshire Constabulary**

Sergeant N. Pitt.

#### Members of the Public

P. Bambrick, Mr. Bancroft, A. Biddle, M. Biddle, D. Budworth, Mrs. M. Dunn, P. Emmott, G. Hall, R. Holden, R. House, R. Hughes, C. Maddock, R. Middleton, C. Paling, O. Pallet, J. Pallett, M. Perry, Mrs. Richards, E. Tunniclife.

#### NA/22. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Mrs. Myatt, F. Ridout, Mrs. Tagg, M. Todd M.P. and M. Wright.

#### NA/23. POLICE ISSUES

Sergeant Pitt reported that the crime rate in Derbyshire was at its lowest for six years, and there had been a 29% reduction in crime over this time. A local confidence survey had been distributed and 73% of residents felt 'fairly' or 'very' confident with the local police.

He advised that there was a new Beat Officer for the area, P.C. Adrian Mason.

A resident asked a question with regard to funding that the police in Derbyshire received, and how far it could be reduced before service became

affected. Sergeant Pitt responded that the Home Office used a formula to calculate how much money was apportioned to each force. He added that the Chief Constable had introduced a project to look at every area to identify where savings could be made.

A resident raised that they had rung the Control Room of Derbyshire Constabulary, and received no reply on numerous occasions. Sergeant Pitt responded that he could look into this if further information, including times when this had happened, were provided to him.

In response to a question, Sergeant Pitt advised that the police office in Newhall would be shut within the next six months. It was confirmed that this office belonged to the Old Post Centre and any plans for its reuse, would be dealt with by them.

It was pointed out that there were problems on Plummer Road of anti-social behaviour. It was asked if an approach could be made to Trident Housing to try and solve this issue. Sergeant Pitt responded that the police regularly worked with partners, and requested that further details be forwarded to him following the Meeting, and he would request that this be dealt with.

It was asked if the police were monitoring parking on High Street, Newhall, adjacent to the Chemist. It was reported that there were many problems in this area caused by parking. Sergeant Pitt responded that he was aware of problems. However, parking enforcement was now dealt with by Derbyshire County Council.

The Forum Liaison Officer responded that Civil Enforcement Wardens had been advised that this was a 'hotspot' area. However he would request that it be revisited. He advised that County Council Highways Officers were already looking at problems in this area.

#### NA/24. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Newhall Area Forum held on 4th November 2009, were noted.

#### NA/25. REPORT BACK ON ISSUE RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

The Chairman reviewed the item raised at the last Meeting, and reported the progress made.

With regard to the footpath at the Old Market Place development, residents were disappointed with the response provided by Derbyshire County Council, as this had repeatedly been reported to the Area Forum. The Forum Liaison Officer responded that the County Council was looking into this issue, but there was a conflict with the developer, which could not be easily resolved. A resident who had originally raised this issue felt disappointed that he had not been kept informed of any progress in this matter.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to look into this issue, respond directly to the resident concerned, and provide a further comprehensive report back to the next Area Forum.

#### NA/26. PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS

The footpath adjacent to the former Horse and Jockey Public House was discussed and it was pointed out that this footpath had now been blocked for 12 months. A claim was originally submitted in 2004. There was disappointment that this issue had still not been brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

The Forum Liaison Officer responded that a County Legal Officer was looking at this issue. However, a full report would be brought back to the next Area Forum.

The Chairman advised the Meeting that Derbyshire County Council's Footpaths Officer would be holding a Footpath Surgery in Newhall, and asked for those interested to leave their details at the Helpdesk, and they would be contacted when a date had been arranged.

It was reported that the footpath between Yewtree Road and Badger Bank was overgrown. This was very badly littered and many trees were overhanging from private gardens making it difficult to pass through.

The Director of Corporate Services agreed to request that the Clean Team visit this area, and the Forum Liaison Officer agreed to ask an officer from Derbyshire County Council to see if any action could be taken with regard to the overhanging trees.

A resident pointed out that he found it difficult to contact Derbyshire County Council, and having looked in the telephone directory, the telephone number was not easy to find. The Chairman responded that all calls should go through the 'Call Derbyshire' number which was 08456 058 058. This call would then be answered and directed to the correct department.

#### NA/27. COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES

The Forum Liaison Officer reported that there was to be a Derbyshire Community Climate Action Conference on Saturday 13th March 2010, at This was a free event, which was an excellent County Hall, Matlock. opportunity for Derbyshire people interested in tackling climate change. There were a number of workshops during the day, which would be run by established community groups and a range of organisations. interested in attending could visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/ climatechangeconference for further information, and complete the online booking form, or alternatively contact Call Derbyshire on 08456 058 058. The deadline for booking was Friday 5th March 2010.

It was requested that the County Council consider whether it was wise to carry out the numerous road works that were currently taking place, and causing problems for those accessing and leaving Burton-on-Trent and the Swadlincote area on both the A511 and A444.

The Forum Liaison Officer reported that due to the bad weather both delaying and causing further road issues, it had aggravated the problem in the South Derbyshire area. However, he agreed to look into this matter and provide a report back to the next Meeting.

It was asked how the Climate Action Conference was funded.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to look into this and report back to the next Meeting.

A District Councillor pointed out that, at a recent Meeting of Derbyshire County Council, local Members had not voted for money to be allocated for schools, which would have benefited the Swadlincote area. Councillor Lacey responded that, as a Member, he had looked back at the record for the Derbyshire County Council over a number of years, and made his decision based on this evidence. The Chairman reminded those present that this Meeting was the opportunity for local residents to raise local issues, and was not the correct arena for a political debate.

#### NA/28. **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

# YOUR AREA – OPTIONS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND PLACE SURVEY RESULTS

Gill Hague, Head of Planning Services at the District Council, gave a presentation on the Core Strategy. She reported that the District Council's Core Strategy would guide the development and investment, that would take place in South Derbyshire over the next 20 years. The options looked at how much development should take place up to 2026 and where it should be built. A summary leaflet was available to residents and this provided highlights of some of the main points and advised how to find out more information. The consultation document was available at the Council's Civic Offices, public libraries and some Post Offices. In addition, it could be downloaded from the Council's website.

The Director of Corporate Services gave an update on the Place Survey results 2008/09. She reported that this was a new statutory survey that all English local authorities were required to carry out every two years. A total of 4,000 questionnaires were mailed out to randomly selected addresses between October and December 2008. 1,616 questionnaires were completed. Results had been analysed by Community Forum Area, and the key issues for Newhall were included within the presentation. Results were reported under various headings and included satisfaction with the local area, community cohesion, anti-social behaviour and satisfaction with the District Council.

The Director of Corporate Services then gave a presentation on the District Council's budget for 2010/11. An example of Council Tax for a Band D property was given and it was also shown how this was split between the County and District Councils, Police, Fire Authority and parishes. The Council's net running costs were confirmed, as were how they were financed and also how those funds were used.

It was reported that the 2010/11 initial budget showed a deficit of £484,250, which was to be funded by reserves. This was due to the recession, a review of Government Grant and also uncertainty of the future. The District Council had accumulated cashable efficiencies to date of £677,000, and aimed to reduce the deficit and to restore reserves, keep Council Tax low and maintain and improve services. The timetable for the budget proposals was set out and

it was confirmed that a full copy of the report 'Consolidated Budget Proposals 2010/11' and the 'Financial Plan to 2015' could be found on the website at <a href="https://www.south-derbys.gov.uk">www.south-derbys.gov.uk</a>.

It was asked if there were any plans to use money for the building of a new leisure centre in Swadlincote. The Director of Corporate Services responded that the District Council had put in a bid for additional funds for enhancements to the existing leisure centre.

A District Councillor advised that a leisure centre was still a priority for the area, and the District Council was very keen to help provide further leisure facilities.

It was asked what was happening with the old buildings, which surrounded the Newhall Centre, as they were falling into disrepair. The Forum Liaison Officer responded that the hostel was due to be demolished.

#### NA/29. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was confirmed that the next Meeting would be held on 25th March 2010 at the Newhall Centre, Meadow Lane, Newhall.

MRS. G. FARRINGTON

#### **CHAIRMAN**

The Meeting terminated at 8.35 p.m.



#### SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

#### SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM NEWHALL

(Covering Midway, Newhall and Stanton)

25<sup>th</sup> March 2010

#### REPORT BACK ON ISSUE RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at The Old Post Centre, the following issues were raised. These issues are listed below, together with progress made:-

#### 1. PARKING IN NEWHALL

Parking adjacent to the Chemist is a separate issue to Sunnyside.

The Chemist is on High Street (B5353), some way to the east of the Bretby Road junction, opposite the surgery. The complaint about illegal parking has been passed to the Civil Parking Enforcement Unit and they have added it to the 'hotspot' list for enforcement to be carried out.

There are also some proposals for Prohibition of Waiting measures, etc, on a section of Sunnyside and Bretby Road (to help deal with the school parking issue here), but this is separate to the illegal parking issue on High Street.

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#### 2. FOOTPATHS AT THE OLD MARKET PLACE DEVELOPMENT

The sub-area Maintenance Manager is working with Development Control to establish a way forward with this issue. It has been requested that the Maintenance Manager keep the Area Forum informed of any progress and there may be further information available by the next meeting.

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#### 3. FOOTPATH ADJACENT TO THE FORMER HORSE AND JOCKEY PUBLIC HOUSE

In regard to the Public Right of Way claim at this site, the Legal Officer dealing with this claim has advised that she is hopeful that her investigations/report will be completed in approximately 2-3 months. Unfortunately, a more comprehensive report will not be available for the next meeting. However, a further detailed response will be provided as soon as it is possible.

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#### 4. FOOTPATH BETWEEN YEWTREE ROAD AND BADGER BANK

An Officer visited this area on 15th February 2010 and noted that there were actually 3 footpaths as follows:-

Footpath 1 (leading from Yew Tree Road to Beech Avenue) - this was found to be heavily littered with considerable dog fouling.

Footpath 2 (leading from Yew Tree Road to Matts Yard footpath) - this area was heavily littered.

Footpath 3 (leading from part way down Footpath 2 (above) and running behind the houses) - this area was also very badly littered.

To remedy this, the Clean Team were asked to remove the litter and dog fouling, which was carried out on 18th February 2010.

This area was re-inspected again on 22nd February and only a couple of items of litter and no dog fouling were found at this time.

In addition, the Forum Liaison Officer has passed this matter to the area Footpaths Officer for investigation and appropriate action.

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#### 5. ROAD WORKS

DCC do try to co-ordinate work so that it has a minimal amount of disruption to road users. However, there are times when some disruption is unavoidable. Where possible, they try to complete programmed works in the same financial year in which funding has been secured for the schemes.

As suggested, the spell of poor weather has inevitably delayed work and led to a backlog, making the task of minimising disruption much harder.

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#### 6. FUNDING OF THE CLIMATE ACTION CONFERENCE

An update will be provided at the meeting.

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