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**Safer Neighbourhood
Area 4 - Central
(6.15pm - 7.15pm)**

**Interval with light
refreshments 7.15 - 7.30pm**

and

**Swadlincote Area Forum
(7.30 - 8.30pm)**

**Wednesday,
February 15, 2017**

***Oakland Village
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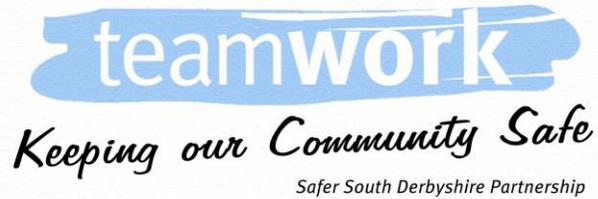
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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS – JANUARY TO MAY 2017

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>JANUARY 2017</u>		
Environmental & Dev (Special-Budget)	Thu	05.01.17
Etwall JMC	Mon	09.01.17
Housing & Com Services (Special-Budget)	Tue	10.01.17
Finance & Management (Special-Budget)	Thu	12.01.17
Planning	Tue	17.01.17
Overview & Scrutiny	Wed	18.01.17
COUNCIL	Thu	19.01.17
Employee H & S Committee	Wed	25.01.17
Environmental & Development Services	Thu	26.01.17
<u>FEBRUARY 2017</u>		
Housing & Community Services	Thu	02.02.17
Planning	Tue	07.02.17
Overview & Scrutiny	Wed	08.02.17
Audit Sub	Wed	15.02.17
Finance & Management	Thu	16.02.17
Planning	Tue	28.02.17
<u>MARCH 2017</u>		
COUNCIL	Wed	01.03.17
Environmental & Development Services	Thu	02.03.17
Heritage Lottery Fund Grant Panel	Mon	06.03.17
Housing & Community Services	Thu	09.03.17
Finance & Management	Thu	16.03.17
Planning	Tue	21.03.17
Overview & Scrutiny	Wed	22.03.17
Audit Sub	Wed	29.03.17
<u>APRIL 2017</u>		
COUNCIL	Thu	06.04.17
Etwall JMC	Mon	10.04.17
Planning	Tue	11.04.17
Housing & Community Services	Thu	20.04.17
Employee Health & Safety Committee	Wed	26.04.17
Environmental & Development Services	Wed	26.04.17
Finance & Management	Thu	27.04.17
<u>MAY 2017</u>		
Planning	Tue	09.05.17
ANNUAL COUNCIL	Thu	18.05.17
CIVIC COUNCIL	Thu	25.05.17



AGENDA

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP - AREA 4

Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at 6.15pm
at Oakland Village, Swadlincote

(Light refreshments will be served between 7.15 and 7.30pm)

1. Chair's introduction. Apologies. Nominations for vice-chair.
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 (TBA).

Meeting close (7.15pm)

AREA 4 – SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Present	Date of Meeting	Venue
<p>Councillor Neil Tilley (Chair), Chris Smith (SDDC Communities Manager), Sgt Graham Summers, PC Bill Crerar, PC Stuart Kelly, PCSO Lee Walker, PCSO Dean Badham-Spalding (Derbyshire Police).</p> <p>Stuart Batchelor (SDDC Director of Community and Planning), Jenny Burley, Councillor Linda Chilton, Councillor Kim Coe, Councillor Robert Coe, Carli Colley, Colin Dobson, Councillor Paul Dunn, Malcolm Gee, Councillor Gordon Rhind, Councillor Kevin Richards, M Shepherd, Michelle Skinner, Councillor Trevor Southerd, Dot Shuttleworth, Councillor Steve Taylor, R Thomas, Jon Whiten.</p> <p>Also present: Tom Sloan (Clerk).</p>	<p>Monday, October 3rd, 2016</p>	<p>Sharpe's Pottery, Swadlincote</p>

1	Chair's Introduction. Apologies.	Action
1	<p>Apologies were received from Ken Dicken, Councillor Gill Farrington, Chris Horridge, Shirley Horridge, Ron Lane, Maureen Mycroft, Councillor Stuart Swann, Councillor Sandra Wyatt.</p>	
2	Minutes of the last meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions.	
2	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on July 7th were agreed as a true and correct record.</p>	
3	Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview / Priorities Update	
3	<p>Sgt Graham Summers reported that he would normally produce crime statistics for Area Forums. However, on this occasion there were no statistics due to a change in Derbyshire Police's crime recording system. Everything had been recorded, but fine-tuned numbers were unavailable to bring to the meeting.</p> <p>There had been a flurry of attacks on cars in the Church Gresley area. Wing mirrors had been damaged, tyres slashed and paintwork scratched. Police had been unable to identify the perpetrator(s), with a CCTV image showing a suspect but not giving enough detail to identify him. The offences happened in a four to six-hour period and had never happened again. A patrol strategy had been implemented but no-one had been identified.</p> <p>A spate of non-dwelling burglaries had been committed in Church Gresley and the Goseley Estate. One offender was now in jail for the offences and a case against another couldn't be proved.</p> <p>Police had recorded some big successes with drug dealing. Some dealers from out of town had been causing all manner of problems. Sgt Summers couldn't go into details of how the case was dealt with, but could reveal that there were some significant prosecutions coming from it. PC Stuart Kelly had caught an individual whom police had been pursuing for some time and he was in possession of a significant number of wraps of crack cocaine and heroin. Therefore, drug statistics had shot up for Area 4 but that</p>	

	<p>was because of the work police had done.</p> <p>Sgt Summers reported that a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) was in place for Swadlincote town centre. A conversation was needed between himself and Chris Smith regarding enforcement, but the police were almost ready to begin enforcement of the order. PCSOs were likely to be officers responsible for enforcement but currently all they could do was report an offence to a PC. However, Sgt Summers was hopeful that PCSOs would be given the powers to hand out Fixed Penalty Notices.</p> <p>Sgt Summers confirmed that Area 4 had two PCs and two PCSOs. Two new PCSOs were arriving and were going to be trained on Area 4 as the two PCSOs in place were stretched. The new arrivals would begin work at the end of October and be fully trained and operational by Christmas.</p> <p>A campaign was being launched to target motorists using their mobile phone. The old road policing units had been reduced in number from 14 on a shift to three covering Derbyshire at times. There weren't the officers to enforce mobile phone legislation. So, the SNT had decided to launch an operation using plain clothes officers as spotters and uniformed officers to bring offenders in. It met all of the police's threat and risk objectives as someone could well be killed or hurt by another motorist using their phone. Other SNTs across Derbyshire were watching to see how successful the operation was and whether it could be introduced elsewhere.</p> <p>PC Kelly reported that there had been an increase in shoplifting in Swadlincote town centre. Crime awareness sessions were being held to help shopkeepers combat the problem.</p> <p>PCSO Dean Badham-Spalding reported that three Twitter accounts used by the SNT had been merged into one.</p> <p>In Sorrel Drive, Woodville, problems with nuisance motorbikes had reduced dramatically since the troublesome family involved had moved out.</p> <p>PCSO Badham-Spalding urged residents to keep a regular eye on their outbuildings to ensure they were secure. Gresley had been hit harder by shed breaks and cars in the area had also been targeted, mainly because items had been left on view. He advised residents to make sure nothing was left on show.</p> <p>Sgt Summers advised of a website called immobiliser.com where residents could register anything of value and should it be stolen and subsequently recovered, police had a reference point.</p>	
4	<p>Local Issues – open forum (20 minutes)</p>	
	<p>Mr Smith reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PSPO was in place after lots of reports of street drinkers congregating outside Swadlincote Town Hall. There had been 40 responses in favour of its creation from local businesses, among other people. • Two hate crime surgeries had taken place. • Four people had received banning orders from Swadlincote Pubwatch. • A National Play Day event had been organised. • Prison Me? No Way! had been delivered to Year 8 pupils at John Port School and other events had been set up for Granville, William Allitt and Pingle schools. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer Homes Plus had been launched by South Derbyshire CVS. • The subjects of 'sexting', drugs, self-harm and child sexual exploitation were going to be raised at a parents' evening at Granville School. • Since the last meeting, when Youth for Christ was awarded £1,500, a £500 application from the Bus Stop Café had been approved to pay for a CCTV system. There was still £2,000 available in the budget. 	
5	Partnership Update / Funding / New Project Ideas	
	<p>Councillor Robert Coe reported that Church Street and Hill Street, Swadlincote, were being used as a rat-run. The other issue linked to that was vehicles coming down Hill Street and through a no-entry sign and into Church Street. He had personally witnessed four cars do it in a 20-minute period. Mr Smith added that Shaun Woodcock (Safer South Derbyshire Community Engagement Officer) and PC Kelly would liaise over the issue. Councillor Neil Tilley said it was an issue which had been brought up before at an Area Forum. Sgt Summers added that enforcement work had previously been done at the location.</p> <p>Councillor Steve Taylor said that Sgt Summers had made several references to police being thin on the ground. He asked how well resourced Swadlincote Police Station was and whether resources in 2016 compared to those four years previously. Sgt Summers answered that there was the same number of reactive police officers in the town – seven PCs and one sergeant. However, the SNT had been reduced from nine PCs when Sgt Summers first arrived in Swadlincote to the current figure of five. There was about to be another change, with the reactive team split in two. The team patrolling would only go to 999 calls and would then pass matter on to the enquiry units. It was going to be a complete change to the culture of how the police operated. The SNT would remain pretty much unchanged, although there was about to be an increase in the number of PCSOs.</p> <p>Councillor Coe asked what would be done to ensure there was no repeat of the problems seen at the 2015 International Food Festival in Swadlincote town centre. Sgt Summers replied that if there was a bar, it would be covered by the PSPO. Mr Smith added that he didn't think there was going to be a bar and the event had an earlier finish time this year. Stuart Batchelor confirmed it ran from 10am to 6pm.</p> <p>Councillor Kevin Richards reported that an illegal encampment had been made at the bottom of Darklands Road. Had an order been made for the travellers to move? Mr Batchelor replied that SDDC had quickly got the legal process under way to move the travellers on. However, they moved of their own volition and didn't leave any mess behind.</p> <p>Councillor Tilley said he had heard reports of speeding along Hearthcote Road around the Catchems pub. PC Bill Crerar replied that the CREST team (Casualty Reduction Enforcement Support Team) [mobile speed camera vans] were going to visit the location. Councillor Southerd added that after 6pm, if you sat in the Catchems, there were motorists going past at what seemed like 70mph. He suggested that CREST make the location a priority.</p>	
6	Agreed Priorities	
	<p>No priorities were agreed. Sgt Summers said that reducing crime and tackling anti-social behaviour were his team's bread and butter.</p> <p>Councillor Southerd said that parking on corners was still a big problem in the area and</p>	

	if you were in a low car you wouldn't necessarily see around them. One area of concern was the junction of Albert Road and Gresley Wood Road. Sgt Summers asked for a list of junctions to be looked at.	
7	Date of next meeting	
	To be announced.	

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Police Area 4 on Twitter www.twitter.com - [@GresleySNT](https://twitter.com/GresleySNT) / [@SwadTownSNT](https://twitter.com/SwadTownSNT) / [@WoodvilleSNT](https://twitter.com/WoodvilleSNT)
Crime Statistics for your area www.police.uk
Safer South Derbyshire Partnership www.south-derbys.gov.uk/ssdp
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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM SWADLINCOTE

(Covering Church Gresley, Hartshorne village, Goseley, Swadlincote, Woodville)

**Meeting to be held at:
Oakland Village
Hall Farm Road
Swadlincote
DE11 8LH
on Wednesday, February 15, 2017
at 7.30pm**

Members:

District Councillors: Councillors Gordon Rhind (Chairman), Mrs Kim Coe, Robert Coe, Mrs Gill Farrington, Trevor Southerd, Stuart Swann, Steve Taylor, Neil Tilley and Mrs Sandra Wyatt.

County Councillors: Mrs Linda Chilton, Paul Dunn and Trevor Southerd.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of interest.
3. Chairman's announcements.
4. To note the minutes of the meeting held on October 3, 2016 (copy attached).
5. Report back on issues raised at the last meeting.
6. Rural Action Derbyshire – a presentation on community gas and oil buying schemes.
7. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
8. County council issues.
9. District council issues.
10. Date of next meeting (TBA).

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

SWADLINCOTE

Monday, October 3, 2016 at Sharpe's Pottery, Swadlincote

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Gordon Rhind (Chair), Councillor Mrs Kim Coe, Councillor Robert Coe, Councillor Kevin Richards, Councillor Trevor Southerd, Councillor Steve Taylor, Councillor Neil Tilley.

Stuart Batchelor – Director of Community and Planning Services.
Tom Sloan – Clerk.

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton, Councillor Paul Dunn, Councillor Trevor Southerd.

Paul Jameson (Area Forum Liaison Officer).

Parish Council / Meeting Representatives

Alan Jones (Hartshorne Parish Council), Don Redfern (Woodville Parish Council).

Members of the Public

Alan Clarke, Carli Colley, Colin Dobson, Alan Jones, Mick Lunn, M Shepherd, R Thomas, Jon Whiten, Michelle Skinner (CVS).

SA/10 **APOLOGIES**

Councillor Mrs Gill Farrington, Chris Horridge, Shirley Horridge, Ron Lane, Councillor Stuart Swann, Councillor Mrs Sandra Wyatt.

SA/11 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

SA/12 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Gordon Rhind had no announcements to make.

SA/13 **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JULY 7, 2016**

The minutes were agreed as a true and correct record of the previous meeting.

SA/14 **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

Derbyshire County Council issues:

High Street, Swadlincote: Contravention of ‘no entry’ signs

Paul Jameson confirmed it was a moving traffic offence which only the police could tackle.

Resurfacing of Moira Road, Woodville

Mr Jameson reported ongoing issues regarding access to Tunnel Close. Councillor Steve Taylor said he had pointed out previously to the planning team that the area in question was in the red line of the development of Tunnel Close. The developer had chosen not to do the footpath. Councillor Taylor's view was that it should have been done as part of the development. There needed to be liaison at Derbyshire County Council in terms of enforcement from them and the issue justified further investigation. A resident confirmed it needed work doing on it.

Overgrown vegetation in Sir Herbert Wragg, Swadlincote

Stuart Batchelor confirmed that there had been grass cutting conducted recently in the area. A resident replied that there had not been enough trimming of vegetation. Another member of the public asked if the tree opposite the petrol station could be pruned as branches were hanging over a street light.

Adoption of Castleton Park

Mr Jameson confirmed that Brunel Way, the main spine road, had been adopted. He understood that Edinburgh Road was soon to be surfaced before adoption. Councillor Paul Dunn added that he had a map showing which roads had been adopted and which were in abeyance. Councillor Trevor Southerd said the adoption was a burning issue for the estate.

Adoption of Excelsior Drive, Victory Close and Reliant Close

Mr Jameson confirmed the specified streets had been adopted.

South Derbyshire District Council issues:

Poor surface of the Delph

Mr Batchelor confirmed the Delph was still being monitored on a regular basis. There were some cracks in the surface but if it could be repaired it would be.

Overgrown vegetation in Chapel Street, Woodville

Mr Batchelor said the area in question had been cut on a regular basis since the previous meeting. However, SDDC would welcome any reports from residents on damage to the surface. A resident said he couldn't understand why the area in Chapel Street had been reported. He thought the member of public meant an area of vegetation between Chapel Street and Excelsior Drive which was overgrown. He wasn't sure whose responsibility the area was. Councillor Taylor replied that he thought it was SDDC's land.

SA/15 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

Councillor Southerd reported that Rink Way Road was in a shocking state and as it was the responsibility of SDDC, something needed to be done about it. New speed bumps had been put in and they were effective but the road surface itself was deplorable. As the only road in the district SDDC was responsible for, it did not look good on the authority to be in the state it was.

ACTION: Stuart Batchelor to ask for a report back on Rink Way Road

Councillor Taylor reported a fence which had recently been constructed by First Fence in Woodhouse Street, Woodville. It was causing difficulties for pedestrians crossing the road in the direction of Swadlincote as they couldn't see traffic coming from Woodville.

ACTION: Stuart Batchelor to report issue to planning enforcement team

A resident asked what the situation was regarding the site of the former Snooty Fox pub in Hartshorne. Since its demolition, the site had been protected by a bund. The resident asked how long it was acceptable to have a mound of rubble and not a proper fence to protect the site. There had also been an advertising board on the site. Councillor Mrs Kim Coe confirmed that the rubble had in the past been used for anti-social behaviour.

ACTION: Stuart Batchelor to report issue to planning enforcement team

A member of the public asked whether a speed bump could be put on the roundabout in Sir Herbert Wragg Way to combat the speed of vehicles entering Coppice Side. Mr Jameson replied that it was not appropriate to locate speed bumps on roundabouts and, furthermore, should be introduced as part of a system of bumps and not in isolation. Any speeding problems in the area were a police issue.

A resident stated that the Tollgate Island at Woodville was becoming an eyesore, with flower beds next to the old police station overgrown and full of rubbish. He asked who was responsible for maintaining these beds. There was also Japanese Knotweed growing around the Donald Ward site and it needed sorting. Councillor Taylor agreed regarding the state of the Tollgate Island and said SDDC needed to identify if it was responsible for the flower beds – or if it was DCC.

ACTION: Tom Sloan to ascertain if flower beds were SDDC's responsibility

A member of the public asked what was happening with works on the chimney at the Hepworth Retail Park. Councillor Rhind replied that a lid was being put on to stop water coming in. Mr Batchelor added that it was Morrisons' responsibility.

A resident asked if there was any chance of traffic lights or a yellow box at the Tollgate Island. Mr Jameson replied that studies had shown it wasn't feasible. There wasn't the space and a yellow box wasn't considered suitable.

SA/16

COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES

Councillor Paul Dunn said a meeting had been set up by SDDC to discuss the Woodville Regeneration Route, specifically the western end near to the Ski Centre. Opinions would be sought from members before it went out to public exhibition.

SA/17

DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES

Mr Batchelor reported that the Local Plan Part II consultation responses could now be viewed. The document would go out for further consultation in the next two months. The target for its submission was January, ahead of a planned adoption in the summer.

Regarding Council Tax, Mr Batchelor said a law where parishes – or town councils – setting a rise of more than 2% on a £5 million budget would need to hold a referendum was unlikely to affect South Derbyshire at present.

The district had just adopted a new strategy with a focus of business skills and infrastructure. It was available to view at the Civic Offices or online.

An international food and drink festival was being held in Swadlincote on October 14 and 15. It had proven popular in previous years.

SA/18 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was to be announced.

**Councillor Gordon Rhind
Chair**

The meeting terminated at 8.30pm.

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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SWADLINCOTE AREA FORUM

(Covering: Church Gresley, Goseley, Hartshorne, Swadlincote, Woodville)

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last Swadlincote Area Forum, held on October 11 2016, at Sharpe's Pottery the following issues were raised and a progress report is provided.

South Derbyshire District Council Issues:

1. Poor condition of Rink Way Road

Councillor Trevor Southerd reported that Rink Way Road was in a shocking state and as it was the responsibility of SDDC, something needed to be done about it. New speed bumps had been put in and they were effective but the road surface itself was deplorable.

Patching repairs were carried out at Rink Drive in early December to fill the largest holes. I have walked the length of the road, and note that the majority of wear is on the section from Alexandra Road to the large public car park. There are no particularly deep holes at the moment, although some contained water which made judging the depth difficult.

SDDC Economic Development Manager Mike Roylance has written to Derbyshire County Council asking if Rink Drive could be considered for adoption as public highway. I would suggest we wait until a reply is received from the county council before making any public comment as to whether the road could be adopted.

It's possible that if the county council is minded to adopt, it may require that we undertake significant works first which will require internal discussion in respect of funding sources.

**James Houghton
Property Surveyor
South Derbyshire District Council**

2. Fence obstructing pedestrians' visibility at First Fence, Woodville

Councillor Steve Taylor reported a fence which had recently been constructed by First Fence in Woodhouse Street, Woodville. It was causing difficulties for pedestrians crossing the road in the direction of Swadlincote as they couldn't see traffic coming from Woodville.

The fence in question is the subject of a live planning application and therefore it would be inappropriate for SDDC to comment upon it.

Stuart Batchelor

Director of Community and Planning Services
South Derbyshire District Council

3. The former Snooty Fox pub site, Hartshorne

A resident asked what the situation was regarding the former Snooty Fox pub in Hartshorne, where rubble had been used to protect the site and advertising boards had appeared.

A facilities manager acting for the owner of the above site has now responded to my letters and has removed the advertisement, which I verified during a further inspection last month.

He has also acknowledged that the condition of the site is less than ideal but has explained that the frontage was arranged as it is to hinder access by travellers. I've advised him that I understand that and that while it might have been acceptable in the short term, it's not really acceptable to keep it like this in the long term and, since it's now looked a mess for several years, I think it's time to consider other solutions.

The conversation was very amicable and he didn't advance arguments to any of my points and was fairly agreeable to the principle of tidying the site up, however, he stressed that he needs to speak to the land owner and get their agreement before anything can be done.

In conclusion, they've promised to come back to us before the end of January with their proposals for the site and we'll chase it if they don't.

It's hoped that the matter is proceeding towards an appropriate outcome.

Alan Barrett

Planning Enforcement Officer
South Derbyshire District Council

4. Overgrown flower beds at the Tollgate Island

A resident stated that the Tollgate Island at Woodville was becoming an eyesore, with flower beds next to the old police station overgrown and full of rubbish. He asked who was responsible for maintaining these beds.

The flower beds by the library are the district council's responsibility and the winter works on them are up to date.

Tom Sloan

Service Assistant

South Derbyshire District Council