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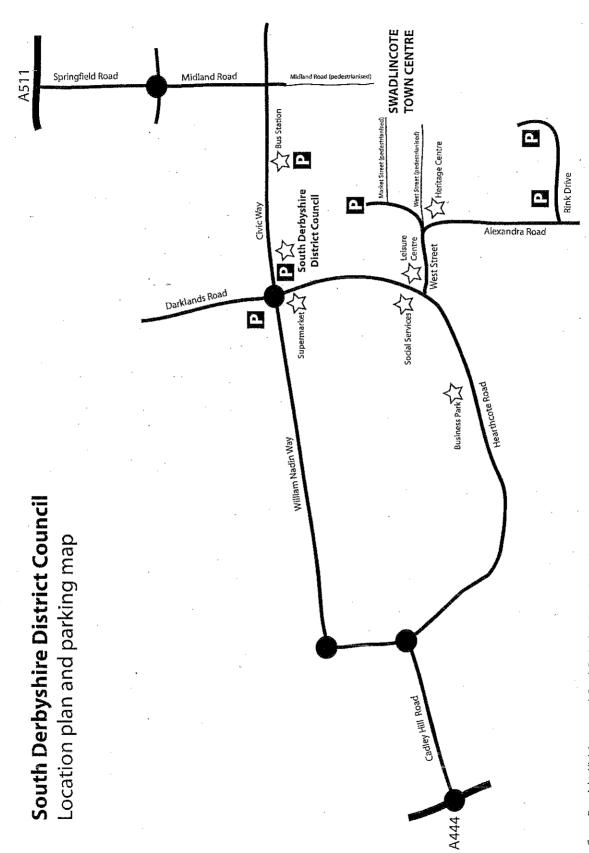
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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

Unless stated otherwise, all meetings will be held at the Council's Civic Offices and will start at 6.00 p.m.

Newhall Area Forum, Rowland Memorial Methodist Church, Community Hall, James Street, Midway DE11 7NE at 7.00 p.m.	Wednesday, 27th July 2011
Swadincote Area Forum, Council Chamber, Civic Offices DE11 0AH at 7.00 p.m.	Thursday, 28th July 2011
Planning	Tuesday 2nd August 2011
Planning	Tuesday 23rd August 2011
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 25th August 2011
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 1st September 2011
Finance & Management	Thursday 8th September 2011
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 14th September 2011
Planning	Tuesday 20th September 2011
Audit Sub at 4.00 p.m.	Wednesday 28th September 2011
COUNCIL	Thursday 29th September 2011
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 6th October 2011
Planning	Tuesday 11th October 2011
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 13th October 2011
Finance & Management	Thursday 20th October 2011
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 26th October 2011
Planning	Tuesday 1st November 2011
COUNCIL	Thursday 10th November 2011

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM SWADLINCOTE

(Covering Church Gresley and Swadlincote)

Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber Civic Offices Swadlincote on Thursday, 28th July 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

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

Members:

District Councillors: C

Councillor Jones (Chairman) and Councillors Mrs. Heath,

Mulgrew, Rhind, Southerd, Stuart and Tilley.

County Councillors:

Councillors Jones and Mrs. Farrington.

BUSINESS

- 1. To note the appointment of the Chairman at the Annual Council Meeting.
- 2. Apologies for absence.
- 3. To appoint a Vice-Chairman of the Area Forum.
- 4. Declarations of Interest.
- 5. Police issues.
- 6. Chairman's Announcements.
- 7. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st February 2011 (copy attached).
- 8. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
- 9. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
- 10. County Council issues.
- 11. District Council issues.
- 12. Date of Next Meeting to be confirmed.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

SWADLINCOTE

1st February 2011

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Taylor (Chairman), Councillor Tilley (Vice-Chairman) and Councillor Rhind.

F. McArdle (Chief Executive), D. Townsend (Democratic Services) and C. Lukaszewicz (Helpdesk).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillors Mrs. Farrington and Lacey.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

Derbyshire Constabulary

Sergeant Thompson and P.C. Careras.

Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service

S. White.

Members of the Public

M.E. Barsby, M.G. Brotherhood, L. Brooks, R. Causer, K. Dicken, M. Draper, N. Heath, C.R. Horridge, S.E. Horridge, Mr. & Mrs. E. Key, Mrs. Lacey, M. Lunn, J. McCarthy, J. Pallett, O. Pallett, J. Sargent, B. Stuart, R. Thomas, J. Williamson,

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Mrs. Gillespie, Lane, Mrs. Lane and Southerd and Mrs. N. Jackson.

SA/16. POLICE ISSUES

Sergeant Thompson gave an update on issues raised at the previous Area Forum.

With regard to the Remembrance Day Parade at Church Gresley, he reported that police officers would be present for the 2011 event.

He also advised that with regard to speeding traffic on Coppice Side, all officers had now been trained to use the laser speed gun, and this area would be given attention.

All local police staff were aware of cyclists riding on Swadlincote High Street, and were dealing with this appropriately when an incident was observed.

Sergeant Thompson also reported that the Police Inspector for the area did attend public meetings and might attend Swadlincote Area Forum in the future.

An update was provided on crime statistics in the area, which compared September to November 2010 to the same period of the previous year. He reported that crime had reduced by 7.7%, and burglary had reduced by 28%. In addition robbery, vehicle crime and anti-social behaviour had all decreased and a successful operation ran over Christmas, which had reduced violent crime considerably. Sergeant Thompson gave full details of incidents between December 2010 and January 2011.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team was running a number of surgeries, which were being advertised locally. All the Safer Neighbourhood Team were also being trained on the use of the laser speed gun. They had recently run Operation Safe Drive where they had dealt with seatbelt offences, mobile phone use, serious defects on vehicles, driving without due care and attention and those using red diesel.

Sergeant Thompson also reported that the Police were dealing with speeding traffic on Gresleywood Road, as well as other areas, and were introducing Community Speed Watch in this area. He added that the Police were looking for volunteers to operate this scheme.

SA/17. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that a series of drop-in events had been arranged by the District Council, beginning in February, to talk to local people about planning for their neighbourhood.

The events followed the Coalition Government's localism proposals to abolish centrally imposed building targets, and encouraged local people to get more involved with deciding how their neighbourhoods should change. Details were provided of dates and times of these events.

It was reported that an additional event would take place in Newhall, which would be announced within the next few days.

SA/18. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Swadlincote Area Forum held on 17th November 2010 were noted.

SA/19. <u>DERBYSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE - SERVICE PLAN</u> <u>CONSULTATION</u>

S. White introduced the budget consultation of Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service. They had received their financial settlement from Central Government for 2011/12 and 2012/13, and were now in a position to consult in more detail on the budget for 2011/12 after an initial consultation on service priorities. A

consultation document was provided for all present, and it was requested that these be completed and returned to the Fire Authority.

SA/20: REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

The Chairman reviewed those items raised at the last Meeting and reported the progress made in each case.

An update was provided on the development at Wilmot Road, and it was confirmed that the contractor had been requested to make this area good. Following this, road markings would be renewed. Residents were concerned that markings in this area had diminished and posed a danger.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to raise this concern and report any progress back to the next Meeting.

The Forum Liaison Officer reported that Derbyshire County Council had not looked any further at the flooding on Coppice Side. However, it would be reconsidered as soon as possible. A resident expressed concern at the amount of time this was taking, and maintained that road levels were still not correct.

It was reported that the site at Blackshed Island had still not been cleared. It was agreed to report this back to the Senior Enforcement Officer.

SA/21. PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS

A resident had read in the local press that the Council intended to look inside dustbins to investigate what rubbish was being put inside. The Chief Executive responded that the District Council needed intelligence on how well they were doing with recycling, to see if further education was needed. He confirmed that when the bin was on the highway, the District Council did not need permission to look inside. However, attempts would be made to advise residents that this was being done. He added that by the end of the summer the District Council would understand how successful residents were at recycling.

It was pointed out that a resident had attempted to warn the Police of a possible new encampment of travellers. However, this was on the border of Leicestershire and Derbyshire, and it was very difficult to contact the correct Police Force. The Chief Executive responded that he couldn't speak on behalf of the Police, but, if a resident needed to understand where boundaries were, they could look on the South Derbyshire website.

A resident requested that staff be commended for their bin collection service over Christmas, as a number of residents had left out the wrong bin and the Refuse Collectors had attempted to swap them for the correct bin where possible.

The Clean Team were also commended for cleaning up after travellers at the Memorial Club Site.

A lengthy discussion took place with regard to evicting travellers from common land and the Chief Executive confirmed the current legislation. He added that measures were being taken to secure the land at the Memorial Club, as to keep issuing Orders to evict travellers incurred ongoing expenditure.

Concern was expressed that over the Christmas period when residents had left out both the normal bin and recycling bin, both were being emptied into the same lorry.

It was agreed that a response on this matter be provided for the next Meeting.

A resident who had attended the Meeting regarding travellers, in the Leisure Centre, asked if the Police were using further powers to evict travellers, and what the Government was proposing to do about these issues. The Chief Executive responded that under the Localism Bill, changes were proposed to make it fairer to more permanent residents. However, the full effect of this Bill was as yet unknown.

It was reported that there were many roads within Swadlincote that were becoming very dirty due to various developments that were taking place around the town. Those that were mentioned included Wilmot Road, Coppice Side and Church Street.

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

An update on the footpath at Harebell Close was requested. The Forum Liaison Officer replied that Derbyshire County Council had received two petitions, one in favour of closing the footpath and one requesting that it remained open. He added that there had been a lot of investigations taking place, and this matter was nearly concluded. A report was being drafted to go to the Cabinet Member who would make the decision. Once a decision was made, it still would have to go through a lengthy legal process. It was also noted that, should the report recommend closure, it was likely that public consultation would have to be carried out.

It was asked why personal information on Gold Card holders had been transferred to Matlock. The Chief Executive responded that the District Council only acted as agents for Derbyshire County Council, which was why all information was held there.

It was reported that lorries attempting to access the golf course site, were queuing up to get on to the site and blocking the road from 6 a.m.

The Chief Executive agreed to look into this and report back to the next Meeting.

It was pointed out that following refurbishment works at The Delph in Swadlincote, the West Street disabled parking had partially gone. The Chief Executive responded that the markings would be put back onto the highways shortly, and he would request that an Officer contact the resident concerned to confirm disabled parking areas.

It was asked who owned an area of land at Blackshed Island, which needed maintaining.

It was agreed to look into this item and report back to the next Meeting.

It was asked if there were any restrictions on the proposed tables and chairs which were allowed outside Wetherspoons on The Delph, and, in particular, if there was to be no smoking outside. In addition to this, it was asked if the café's also on The Delph, had permission to put tables and chairs outside.

It was agreed to look into this item and report back to a future Meeting.

SA/22. DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES 2011/12 BUDGET

The Area Forum received a presentation on the Council's budget for 2011/12. Information had been circulated at the Meeting showing current council tax levels and the proportion that was received by the District Council. Charts also showed how the District Council was funded, its net general fund expenditure for 2010/11 and the initial budget for 2011/12.

A key issue was the financial settlement for 2011 – 13, and concerned the reduction in Government grant funding levels. This had resulted in key challenges for 2011/12 and the need to identify savings and efficiencies. The Council's aims were to reduce the deficit, maintain reserves and keep council tax low through cutting costs not services. The presentation concluded with the budget timetable and with advice on where residents could find out more information on the budget process.

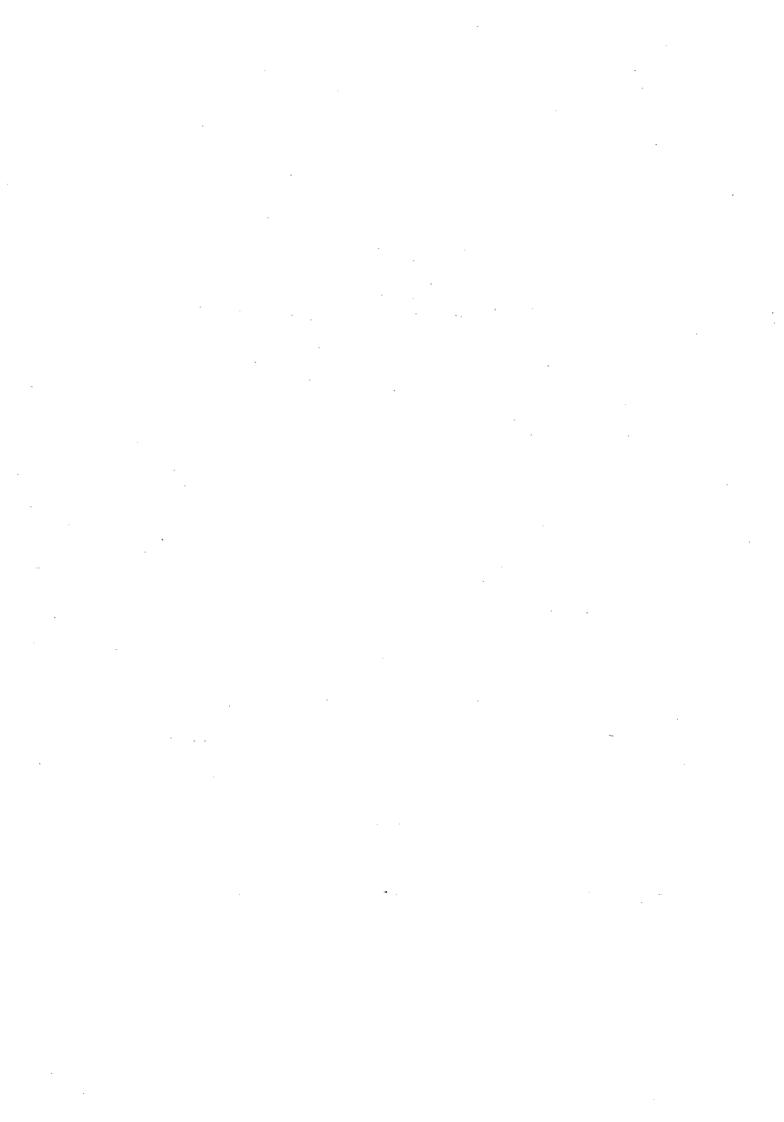
SA/23. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Swadlincote Area Forum Meeting would be confirmed in due course.

S. TAYLOR

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.30 p.m.



SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM - SWADLINCOTE

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28th July 2011

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last meeting held on 1st February 2011, a number of issues were raised. These issues are listed below, together with progress made:-

1. WILMOT ROAD, SWADLINCOTE

Instructions have been re-issued for the pedestrian crossing to be re-marked.

2. MUD ON CARRIAGEWAYS

Coppice Side, Swadlincote (carrying mud onto Coppice Side and Herbert Wragg Way).

DCC's Clerk of Works for the area inspected the site on 10.2.11, at which time no problems were found.

This site, since opening in October 2010, had been a problem during the 'muck shift' process. The Clerk of Works and SDDC's Planning Officer attended site daily during this time and enforcement action was taken as necessary. A wheel wash is now in place and a sweeper is maintained on site, daily, in case of any accidental deposit of mud on the public highway. The site continues to be monitored.

Wilmot Road, Swadlincote.

The site was inspected on 10.2.11 and no problems were found at this time.

DCC's Clerk of Works has spoken with the Site Manager, informing them not to allow mud to be deposited onto the public highway. The situation will continue to be monitored during site inspections of this development.

Church Street, Swadlincote.

The site was inspected on 10.2.11 and no problems were found at this time.

DCC's Clerk of Works has spoken to the Site Manager for the new development complex on Hall Farm Road, and requested that they ensure that mud is not transferred onto the surrounding roads and, if it happens accidentally, it must be cleaned, using a sweeper. The site is monitored regularly.

P. Jameson

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3. BLACKSHED ISLAND CLEARANCE

An update will be provided at the Meeting.

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4. REFUSE COLLECTIONS

In a number of areas the winter weather conditions prevented crews making the last compost bin collections of the year, and a second collection was arranged to ensure residents were not left with compostable waste for many weeks. With only one spare refuse freighter, which provided cover for breakdowns and vehicle servicing, it was not always possible to provide two vehicles in an area to collect black bin and brown bin waste separately whilst catching up. Unfortunately, in order to provide residents with a full service, it was necessary to mix both refuse and compost collections while catching up, in a limited number of streets.

This was not a decision made lightly and the Council remains committed to recycling the maximum amount of waste possible.

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5. ENTRANCE TO THE GOLF COURSE SITE

The site owners were contacted and the issues are starting to dissipate as the materials brought onto the site are reduced, and the site nears the next phase of its development.

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6. LAND OWNERSHIP - BLACKSHED ISLAND

An update will be provided at the Meeting.

7. THE DELPH, SWADLINCOTE

It is not possible to stop customers who choose to smoke outside a public house under current legislation. Derbyshire County Council enforce the activities of a Street Pavement Cafe Licence, (although it may also relate to the Licensing Act 2003 for the licensing of alcohol and late night entertainment, which are the responsibility of the District Council).

All cafes with outside seating should have sought permission to obtain a street pavement cafe licence with the County Council Highways Department if they are on Council land/pavement. Cafes on private land do not require permission from the County Council, but liaison with the Police/Council is required.

In addition, planning permission is required from the District Council for the use of tables and chairs outside.

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