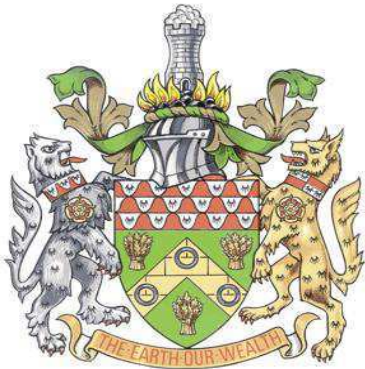




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**Safer Neighbourhood  
Area 3 - North East  
(6.15pm - 7.15pm)**

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

**and**

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

***Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>,  
2017***

***Recreation in Aston  
(Recreation centre  
at playing fields)  
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Aston  
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## COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS 2017/18

Committee	Day	Date
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday	01.06.17
Planning	Tuesday	06.06.17
Housing & Community Services	Thursday	08.06.17
Audit Sub	Wednesday	14.06.17
Finance & Management	Thursday	15.06.17
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	21.06.17
Finance & Management (Special – Final Accounts)	Thursday	22.06.17
Planning	Tuesday	27.06.17
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>29.06.17</b>
Etwall JMC	Wednesday	12.07.17
Planning	Tuesday	18.07.17
Finance and Management (Special)	Thursday	20.07.17
Planning	Tuesday	08.08.17
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday	17.08.17
Housing & Community Services	Thursday	24.08.17
Finance & Management	Thursday	31.08.17
Planning	Tuesday	05.09.17
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	06.09.17
Audit Sub	Wednesday	20.09.17
Finance & Management (Special - Final Accounts) 5pm	Thursday	21.09.17
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>21.09.17</b>
Planning	Tuesday	26.09.17
Etwall JMC	Wednesday	27.09.17
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday	28.09.17
Housing & Community Services	Thursday	05.10.17
Finance & Management	Thursday	12.10.17
Planning	Tuesday	17.10.17
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	18.10.17
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>02.11.17</b>
Planning	Tuesday	07.11.17
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday	16.11.17
Housing & Community Services	Thursday	23.11.17
Planning	Tuesday	28.11.17
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	29.11.17
Finance & Management	Thursday	30.11.17
Audit Sub	Wednesday	13.12.17
Planning	Tuesday	19.12.17
Environmental & Development Services (Special - Budget)	Thursday	04.01.18
Housing & Community Services (Special – Budget)	Tuesday	09.01.18
Etwall JMC	Wednesday	10.01.18
Finance & Management (Special – Budget)	Thursday	11.01.18
Planning	Tuesday	16.01.18
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	17.01.18
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>18.01.18</b>

## **COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS 2017/18**

Environmental & Development Services	Thursday	25.01.18
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	31.01.18
Housing & Community Services	Thursday	01.02.18
Planning	Tuesday	06.02.18
Audit Sub	Wednesday	14.02.18
Finance & Management	Thursday	15.02.18
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>26.02.18</b>
Planning	Tuesday	27.02.18
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday	01.03.18
Housing & Community Services	Thursday	08.03.18
Finance & Management	Thursday	15.03.18
Planning	Tuesday	20.03.18
Audit Sub	Wednesday	21.03.18
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	21.03.18
Planning	Tuesday	10.04.18
Etwall JMC	Wednesday	11.04.18
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12.04.18</b>
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday	19.04.18
Housing & Community Services	Thursday	26.04.18
Planning	Tuesday	01.05.18
Finance & Management	Thursday	03.05.18
<b>ANNUAL COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>17.05.18</b>
<b>CIVIC COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>24.05.18</b>



## **AGENDA**

### **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP - AREA 3**

**Tuesday, October 24, at**  
**6.15pm at Recreation in Aston**

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

1. Chair's introduction. Apologies
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

Meeting close (7.15pm)



### **AREA 3 – MELBOURNE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<p>Ed Hicklin (Chair), Chris Smith (South Derbyshire District Council Communities Manager), PC Paul Russell, PCSO Emma Guest (Derbyshire Police).</p> <p>Councillor Neil Atkin, Rachel Cheshire, Councillor Linda Chilton, Councillor John Harrison, Councillor Jim Hewlett, Jean Longley, Margaret Sharpe, Councillor Peter Watson, M Wheatley.</p> <p>Also present: Tom Sloan (clerk), Lucy Stephens (Village Voice).</p>	Monday, June 19, 2017	Melbourne Assembly Rooms

<b>1</b>	<b>Chair's Introduction. Apologies.</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Councillor Hilary Coyle, Michelle Skinner (CVS).	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of last meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions.</b>	
	<p>The minutes were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting. Chris Smith had an action to contact Derbyshire's Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the 101 non-emergency police number. He had received correspondence saying the police were putting systems in place to alleviate the number of unanswered calls. A report had been compiled by the PCC's office and could be seen here <a href="http://www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/Document-Library/Meetings/SGB-Meetings/2017/27-March-2017/Combined-SGB-March-17.pdf">http://www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/Document-Library/Meetings/SGB-Meetings/2017/27-March-2017/Combined-SGB-March-17.pdf</a>. A call abandonment rate of 20% in December, 2015, had fallen to 8.87% by April and the average delay in answering a call was down to 75 seconds.</p> <p>Mr Smith reported that a meeting had taken place between himself, SDDC's Licensing team, the police and the owner of Amalfi White in Melbourne. The Licensing officer was happy with what the restaurant was doing and there was always going to be an issue with parking in the locality. The number of calls regarding the venue had decreased.</p> <p>Regarding data protection – an issue which former DCC member Rob Davison had been tasked with following up – a resident had received a letter explaining it to him. He was satisfied with the response and had now met new PC Paul Russell, who had visited to introduce himself.</p> <p>Councillor Peter Watson said he was surprised how low fines were for overweight vehicles using Swarkestone Causeway when levied by the police</p>	

	instead of Trading Standards. Tom Sloan informed him that a Fixed Penalty Notice handed out by police had a maximum fine at a lower level than those levied by DCC's Trading Standards unit.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview / Priorities Update.</b>	
	<p>PCSO Emma Guest said it was business as usual in Area 3. She had been visiting schools to keep an eye on parking issues and had given a talk at Weston on Trent Primary School on the subject. Schools at Aston and Melbourne had not seen too many problems, with only a few parking issues.</p> <p>There had been various sporadic targeting of dwellings and non-dwellings around the villages. Van break-ins were also still happening in the area. It was believed to be travelling criminals. Police had some leads on whom they believed it might be, but it was a case of proving it – which was difficult when dealing with professional criminals.</p> <p>There had been an outbreak of ASB among youths at the Melbourne Pool. There had been a couple of calls for service to Staunton Harold about a couple of youths messing about with boats. It was the time of year for it. PCSO Guest had taken alcohol off some minors as well.</p> <p>Councillor Linda Chilton said she was finding the parking in Melbourne getting worse. Packhorse Lane was a problem with drivers parking on bends and wholly on pavements. When the Adult Education Centre was down there the problem would only get worse. PCSO Guest replied that police weren't getting calls about it.</p> <p>Councillor Watson asked about the investigation into a serious assault on a pensioner in her home in Main Street, Melbourne. PC Paul Russell replied that travelling criminals were responsible but it was another incident where proof was difficult. It was an upsetting incident for the victim, who was elderly and in her home alone. It was also harrowing for the officers who had responded to the call. However, it was pleasing to see the work the detectives were doing, although no convictions had yet been secured.</p> <p>PC Russell introduced himself to the meeting. He had only been in the area for a short time but he was getting to know it. He had 25 years' service and his first area had been Peartree in Derby and he had spent a lot of time in specialist roles, including as a criminal intelligence officer.</p> <p>Councillor Chilton asked if crime figures were available. Mr Smith replied that the figures were just starting to come through again following a change in computer system.</p> <p>PCSO Guest reported that there was a lot of vehicle crime on Boulton Moor, especially thefts from vehicles.</p> <p>Councillor Jim Hewlett asked if police would issue a warning letter to a member of the public whose vehicle was causing an obstruction on a pavement. PCSO Guest replied that unless there was someone there who couldn't get through, there was technically no obstruction.</p>	



	Councillor Chilton asked if the Civil Parking Officers just turned up randomly. Mr Smith replied that SDDC had some say over what they did.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Partnership update / funding / new project ideas</b>	
	<p>Mr Smith reported that a rogue trader had been operating in the Hatton area. He had botched a job after taking payment up front and police and Trading Standards were investigating. Anyone concerned could take advantage of DCC's Trusted Trader scheme to ensure they got honest tradespeople to carry out work at their home.</p> <p>Liberation Day had proven a great success, with hundreds of local over-60s gathering at Gresley Old Hall and being entertained as well as meeting service providers and hearing a speech from Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Kevin Gillott.</p> <p>A Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators' meeting had taken place in April, with more than 20 groups from across the area attending.</p> <p>Regarding Safer Neighbourhoods Funding, £3,000 of £4,000 available in the previous year had been spent. There was another £4,000 available in 2017-18 for any scheme related to crime or community safety. Councillor Chilton added that DCC could add to schemes money-wise and the organisations should liaise over it.</p> <p>Councillor Chilton added that there was no Neighbourhood Watch scheme remaining in Melbourne.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Local issues – open forum (20 minutes)</b>	
	<p>A Melbourne resident brought up issues around parking near to their shop in the village. Two parking tickets had been issued in the previous three months, one on Easter Monday and one on June 3 at 5.55pm on Saturday afternoon. They had agreed to no parking signs being put up on their building stating no-one could park from 8am to 6pm. Trade in Melbourne was suffering as a result of these tickets. Sending a parking officer at the times the tickets were handed out was ludicrous. Ed Hicklin replied that he wasn't sure what the meeting could do to help. Councillor Chilton said she'd written to the parking wardens but was yet to receive a satisfactory answer regarding their hours of work. A resident said some common sense needed to come into play.</p> <p>Councillor John Harrison reported that double yellow lines were needed outside Melbourne Sporting Partnership. Councillor Chilton replied that it would be happening and the order was being processed by the Highways department.</p> <p>Councillor Watson said he had reported three four inch deep pot holes in Ingleby eight weeks previously. He told DCC that there were potential pot holes in the area which could be prevented, only to be told that preventative measures weren't taken. The holes were repaired and the areas Councillor Watson identified as worsening were left alone when they could've been remedied at the same time. The whole process was a waste of time and</p>	

	<p>common sense was needed.</p> <p>PCSO Guest reported that the SNT meetings weren't being advertised as visibly as in the past. Could she please have posters for the Police Station and shop? Mr Hicklin confirmed that posters had reached notice boards in his parish and Councillor Watson confirmed that three had been sent to Ingleby.</p> <p>A Melbourne resident complained about the continual smell of cannabis in Lothian Gardens. PCSO Guest said police had received no calls about the issue.</p>	<p><b>ACTION: Tom Sloan to ensure six posters were supplied to PCSO Guest</b></p>
<b>6</b>	<b>Agreed priorities</b>	
	No priorities were agreed.	
<b>7</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	
	The meeting closed at 7.10pm. Next meeting date and venue were to be advised.	

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# **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MELBOURNE**

(Covering Aston-on-Trent, Barrow-on-Trent, Elvaston, Melbourne, Shardlow & Great Wilne, Stanton-by-Bridge, Swarkestone and Weston-on-Trent)

**Meeting to be held at  
Recreation in Aston  
Shardlow Road  
Aston  
DE72 2AN  
on Tuesday, October 24,  
2017 at 7.30pm.**

Members:

District Councillors: Councillors John Harrison (Chairman), Neil Atkin, Mrs Hilary Coyle, Jim Hewlett, Peter Watson.

County Councillors: Councillors Neil Atkin and Mrs Linda Chilton.

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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 June 19, 2017 (copy attached).
5. Report back on issues raised at the last meeting.
6. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
7. County council issues.
8. District council issues.
9. Date of next meeting (TBA).

**SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM**

**AREA 3 – MELBOURNE AREA**

**Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Melbourne Assembly Rooms**

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council representatives**

Councillor John Harrison (Chair), Councillor Neil Atkin, Councillor Jim Hewlett, Councillor Peter Watson.

Kevin Stackhouse (Director of Finance and Corporate Services), Tom Sloan (Clerk).

**Derbyshire County Council representatives**

Councillor Neil Atkin, Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton.

**Parish Council / Meeting representatives**

Rachel Cheshire (Barrow Parish Council), Edward Hicklin (Aston Parish Council), Jean Longley (Aston Parish Council), Avril Record (Weston Parish Council), Margaret Sharpe (Melbourne Parish Council).

**Members of the public**

Lucy Stephens (Village Voice), M Wheatley.

MA/1 **Apologies for absence**

Councillor Mrs Hilary Coyle, Michelle Skinner (CVS).

MA/2 **Declarations of interest**

None.

MA/3 **Chairman's announcements**

Councillor John Harrison announced that Part II of South Derbyshire's Local Plan was out for consultation. The aim was to have the consultation completed and the plan in place by the end of the year.

MA/4 **The minutes of the meeting held on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

On the proposition of Councillor Peter Watson, the minutes were AGREED as a true and correct record.

MA/5 **Report back on issues raised at the last meeting**

**Missing sign in Weston on Trent**

Councillor Watson said the missing sign was at Cuttle Bridge and should tell motorists that there was a narrow bridge. In the previous minutes, at MA25, Derbyshire County Council Highways officer Dave Connell stated that two signs were being installed on the road to Weston. Where were these signs?

**ACTION: Tom Sloan to ask Derbyshire County Council for a report on the signs**

**Swarkestone Causeway**

Councillor Watson said he was unhappy with the electronic weight limit signs which had been introduced as they weren't a long-term solution to the problem. Lorries were ignoring them and driving straight across the bridge. How many overweight vehicles had been reported on the causeway since January, 2016 – and how many of these had been prosecuted? How many HGVs had been warned by the signs and changed route and how many had continued over the causeway? Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton said there would be an officer or two at the next meeting to answer questions regarding the causeway. Highways officer Neill Bennett had asked for data showing the number of overweight vehicles which had been recorded going over a monitoring station to the south of the causeway. He said that DCC was taking action where it could, but the new signs didn't record the number of vehicles which triggered them. He had also reported that it was difficult to get a Moving Traffic Order (needed for cameras) outside of London – the Department of Transport had turned down a request.

Councillor Harrison added that it had been some years since a traffic count had been undertaken on the causeway. He recalled that 25,000 cars a day used the road but suspected the number was now significantly higher. He thought it warranted another survey.

Councillor Watson asked why two officers were sent from DCC to deal with matters surrounding the causeway – surely this was a waste of public money. Councillor Mrs Chilton replied that the two officers in question – Mr Bennett and Mr Connell – had been to another meeting and were returning home.

Councillor Watson said that weight limit signs around the area needed reinforcing. A resident reiterated this view and said that signage needed



improving as far afield as Woodville. Councillor Mrs Chilton replied that work was ongoing around the issue.

### **Amalfi White**

Councillor Watson reported that a meeting had taken place with the owner of Amalfi White, police and South Derbyshire District Council officers. The restaurant had not done anything illegal and work was being done to solve issues around the venue. Councillor Harrison suggested possible amelioration work by having artificial refuges in the area.

### **Chapel Street, Melbourne**

A resident said they felt Chapel Street was a bigger problem than Derby Road because of a curve which prevented a motorist from seeing oncoming traffic. Councillor Jim Hewlett added that a refuge could be built by the BT building's garden, if a wall was demolished.

**ACTION: Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton to report issues back to Derbyshire County Council**

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### **Public questions on issues raised by residents**

Councillor Harrison said pot holes were so deep in Ingleby that a motorcyclist could easily be killed if they hit one and fell off their bike. Councillor Mrs Chilton replied that £30 million was being invested by DCC to tackle pot holes around the county.

Councillor Watson reported on behalf of a Stanton by Bridge resident that since works at Junction 23A / 24 of the M1 there had been absolute chaos all the way to Kings Newton and continuing to Stanton and beyond, mainly due to a pinch point on the Causeway. Could anything be done to stop this?

A resident said he felt that the problem with Swarkestone Causeway was that vehicles had got wider and it made pinch points an issue. Removing these points would help solve the problem. Councillor Mrs Chilton replied that English Heritage would probably object to such work as the bridge was an ancient monument.

**ACTION: Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton to consult with English Heritage over possible work to pinch points on Swarkestone Bridge**

A resident complained about weeds and grass growing in the gutter in Chapel Street, Melbourne. Could weed killer not be used to combat it rather than workers pulling it out only for it to return?

**ACTION: Tom Sloan to report issue to Derbyshire County Council and ask if alternative approach to weeds could be taken**

Councillor Watson reported that residents of Aston and Weston were still unhappy with the Cuttle Bridge junction. Could lights not be installed as they were at a junction in Willington with Findern Road near the humpback bridge, with the developer of Stenson Marina footing the bill? DCC needed to do a proper investigation into the potential for traffic lights. Councillor Neil Atkin replied that he had been emailed by Simon Tranter from Highways, who was aware of the request for improvements to the junction. He said costly measures had to be justified by a collision history at a location. Traffic signals cost between £70,000 and £200,000 and had to be prioritised along with other requests across Derbyshire. Richard Hanbury from Highways would have another look at the junction, but it would still be difficult to justify lights. Councillor Atkin's view was that officers were blaming driver error. He felt the solution would be to raise the road surface in one or two locations. Councillor Watson felt DCC had passed the buck for years over the issue.

**ACTION: Councillor Neil Atkin and Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton to meet and discuss possible options for the Cuttle Bridge**

MA/7 **County Council issues**

Councillor Mrs Chilton reported that there was a driving course for older people in Swadlincote on July 22. It would test eyesight and hearing.

An extra £30 million was being invested by the Highways department and extra money was also being put into adult social care.

MA/8 **District Council issues**

Kevin Stackhouse reported that SDDC recently produced its accounts for 2016-17 and they were now subject to audit. Full accounts were on the SDDC website and all residents had the chance to talk to external auditors independent of the council between July 3 and August 4.

SDDC's revamped website was due to be launched. Residents should notice a difference from the current site once the new version was operational, which wasn't as user friendly as the new version.

A resident asked if funding was available to help the shopkeepers of Melbourne as the footfall had dropped with the closure of the NatWest Bank. Councillor Atkin suggested that shops in Melbourne needed to stay open later as they did in Aston, with most residents at work during the day and unable to shop during regular hours. The resident replied that SDDC needed to look at the usage of buildings around the village – she felt that too many were becoming offices and not domestic properties which would increase the population of the village.

MA/9 **Date of next meeting**

To be advised in due course.

**Councillor John Harrison**  
CHAIRMAN

The meeting terminated at 8.41pm.

## **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **MELBOURNE AREA FORUM**

(Covering Aston-on-Trent, Barrow upon Trent, Elvaston, Melbourne, Shardlow & Great Wilne, Stanton by Bridge, Swarkestone and Weston-on-Trent)

October 24, 2017

#### **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

At Melbourne Area Forum, held on June 19, 2017 at Melbourne Assembly Rooms, the following issues were raised. They are listed below, together with progress made to date:

##### **Derbyshire County Council issues:**

##### **1. Missing sign in Weston on Trent**

Councillor Peter Watson said the missing sign was at Cuttle Bridge and should tell motorists that there was a narrow bridge. In the previous minutes, at MA25, Derbyshire County Council Highways officer Dave Connell stated that two signs were being installed on the road to Weston. Where were these signs?

**ACTION: Tom Sloan to ask Derbyshire County Council for a report on the signs**

**No response yet received from Derbyshire County Council.**

##### **2. Traffic issues in Chapel Street, Melbourne**

A resident said they felt Chapel Street was a bigger problem than Derby Road because of a curve which prevented a motorist from seeing oncoming traffic. Councillor Jim Hewlett added that a refuge could be built by the BT building's garden, if a wall was demolished.

**ACTION: Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton to report issues back to Derbyshire County Council**

**Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton to provide a verbal update to the meeting.**

##### **3. Pinch points on Swarkestone Causeway**

A resident said he felt that the problem with Swarkestone Causeway was that

vehicles had got wider and it made pinch points an issue. Removing these points would help solve the problem. Councillor Mrs Chilton replied that English Heritage would probably object to such work as the bridge was an ancient monument.

**ACTION: Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton to consult with English Heritage over possible work to pinch points on Swarkestone Bridge**

**Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton to provide a verbal update to the meeting.**

#### **4. Weeds in Chapel Street, Melbourne**

A resident complained about weeds and grass growing in the gutter in Chapel Street, Melbourne. Could weed killer not be used to combat it rather than workers pulling it out only for it to return?

**ACTION: Tom Sloan to report issue to Derbyshire County Council and ask if alternative approach to weeds could be taken**

**No response yet received from Derbyshire County Council.**

#### **5. Cuttle Bridge, Swarkestone**

Councillor Watson reported that residents of Aston and Weston were still unhappy with the Cuttle Bridge junction.

**ACTION: Councillor Neil Atkin and Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton to meet and discuss possible options for the Cuttle Bridge**

**Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton to provide a verbal update to the meeting.**