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Safer Neighbourhood
Area 1- North West
(6.15pm to 7.15pm)

and

Etwall Area Forum
(7.30pm to 8.30pm)

Tuesday 28th January 2014

John Port School (Exam Centre),
Etwall,
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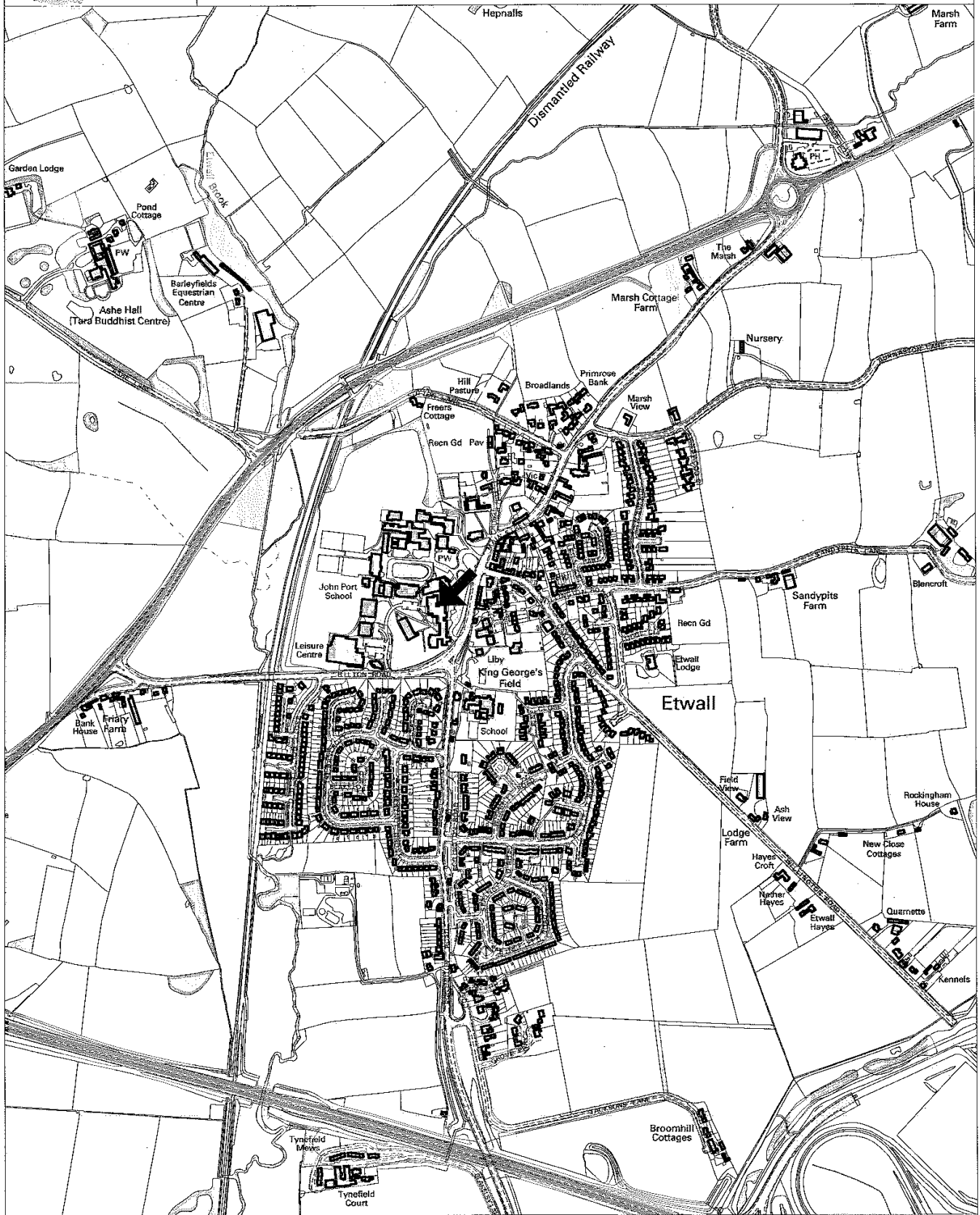
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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

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

2014	
Environmental & Development Services Committee - (Special Budget)	Thursday, 9th January 2014
Housing and Community Services Committee - (Special Budget)	Tuesday, 14th January 2014
Finance & Management Committee - (Special Budget)	Thursday, 16th January 2014
Planning Committee	Tuesday, 21st January 2014
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Wednesday, 22nd January 2014
COUNCIL	Thursday, 23rd January 2014
Finance and Management Committee – (Special – NNDR)	Monday, 27th January 2014
Environmental & Development Services Committee	Thursday, 30th January 2014
Housing and Community Services Committee	Tuesday, 11th February 2014
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Wednesday, 12th February 2014
Audit Sub Committee - (starts at 4.00 pm)	Wednesday, 19th February 2014
Finance and Management Committee	Thursday, 20th February 2014
COUNCIL	Monday, 3rd March 2014
Planning Committee	Tuesday, 4th March 2014
Environmental & Development Services Committee	Thursday, 6th March 2014
Housing and Community Services Committee	Thursday, 13th March 2014
Finance and Management Committee	Thursday, 20th March 2014
Planning Committee	Tuesday, 25th March 2014
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Wednesday, 26th March 2014
Audit Sub Committee - (starts at 4.00 pm)	Wednesday, 2nd April 2014
COUNCIL	Thursday, 3rd April 2014
Environmental & Development Services Committee	Thursday, 10th April 2014
Planning Committee	Tuesday, 15th April 2014
Housing and Community Services Committee	Thursday, 17th April 2014
Finance and Management Committee	Thursday, 24th April 2014
Planning Committee	Tuesday, 13th May 2014
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Wednesday, 14th May 2014
ANNUAL COUNCIL	Thursday, 22nd May 2014
CIVIC COUNCIL	Thursday, 29th May 2014



AGENDA

NORTH WEST SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP - AREA 1

Tuesday 28th January 2014 at 6.15 pm
at John Port School, Etwall (Exam Centre)

(Light refreshments will be served from 5.45 pm)

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 (7.15 pm)

AREA 1 - NORTH WEST SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Present	Date of Meeting	Venue
Lis Kolkman (Chair); Sgt Steve Todd; PC Louise Durham; PCSO Kerry Waite; PCSO Kate Bottomley; SC Allen; Chris Smith (SSDP) Denise Mellor; Cheryl Pidgeon; Olwyn Emery; Chris Hall; Barrie Payton; Norman Ireland; Brian Myring; Cllr M Bale; David Peacock; Steve Cooper; Lynn Eley; Cllr M Ford; Sue Carter; Tony Beresford; Cllr A Plenderleith; Cllr J Patten; Cllr A Billings; J Foxon; Cllr L Brown; Joy Nichols; M Paleman; Ian Bennett Also present: Sally Wigginton (SSDP)	Wednesday 6 th November 2013	Hilton Village Hall

1	Chair's Introduction, Apologies	Action
	Lis Kolkman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made from the panel. Apologies were received from Cllr John Lemon, Insp Nigel Lidsey.	
2	Minutes of last meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions	
	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.	
3	Safer Neighbourhood Sergeant's Overview / Priorities Update	
	Sgt Todd discussed year to date crime figures for the current period. Previous meeting's priority was graffiti. The beat team did extra patrols and late shifts to try and apprehend the perpetrators. There have not been any further incidents reported. Overall crime rates for DS01 are generally low with the area considered to be safe. The volume of crime is low but the % figures can be high because of this. Violent crime: 60 % were not serious without injury of which 2/3 had a positive outcome. Sexual offences: Increase of 3 crimes, with 100% positive outcomes. Theft: Remains the same. Dwelling burglary: Remains the same. Non Dwelling burglary: down 17 crimes (19% decrease). Other thefts: Up 12 crimes (18% increase). Shoplifting: Up 3 crimes. Vehicle crime: Down 12 crimes. Criminal damage and arson: Up 23 crimes. Overall victim based crime: up 44 crimes over 7 months. Drug offences: 9 All crimes are up 17% across the area with the positive outcome rate being 31.7%. ASB: Up 10% but an overall reduction of 11% across the district. Twitter account and immobilise details given out. Pc Durham discussed Op Bonnington, proactive work being done to increase drug related intel. Positive arrests and stop searched have been done. Proactive work is being rolled out in schools. PCSO Bottomley discussed Pubwatch and the potential roll out in Hilton, Etwall and the surrounding villages. All licensed premises have been visited and a positive response has been received. The first meeting will take place in the next few weeks. PCSO Waite mentioned the Forecourt Watch scheme which is in place across the district.	

	<p>Also the preventative work being done in schools such as the Suzy Lamplugh Personal Safety Day stand that was held in John Port School and the sessions at High Grange School.</p> <p>Residents advised not to report crime via Twitter or the Beat mobile. All incidents must be phoned through to 101 or 999 in an emergency.</p>	
4	Partnership update / funding / new project ideas	
	<p>Liz will be chairing the meeting for the next 12 months. Andy Billings has been nominated as Vice Chair and will take over in June 2014.</p> <p>The Fire Service are going through a period of consultation until 23/12/13 and are facing cuts. They are proposing a retained station at Hilton and the loss of Melbourne Fire Station. Further details can be found on the website.</p> <p>Get Safe Online campaign has been promoted during October and the beginning of November in local schools.</p> <p>Etwall cleanup received £500 of funding during the summer.</p> <p>Two bids for funding have been received: One from South Derbyshire Sports Development Team's Village Games Officer, for £2k (£500 from Hilton) for activities in the rural areas (Agreed). The other from Steve Smith to kick start the Saturday Night Project at Etwall Leisure Centre for £1k (Agreed).</p> <p>Summer Vibe was a reasonable success and has been evaluated so that more cost effective activities can be provided next summer.</p> <p>Ongoing work in schools to promote fire safety, personal safety etc.</p> <p>Disability Hate crime work on awareness is being rolled out within the community. Hoping to get it up to Hilton area in the new year.</p> <p>Suzy Lamplugh Personal Safety Day was extended to a week in the district and involved safety stands in schools, coffee morning talks and general personal safety education to members of the public.</p>	
5	Local issues – open forum	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Patten congratulated the team on their work to reduce crime. Asked if there had been an increase in the theft of catalytic converters in the area following a national news report. Sgt Todd assured her that this was not the case in the district. • Graffiti- raised as the existing pieces have not been removed. Chris Smith explained the funding position re: removal and will organise for a graffiti removal kit to be taken to the Parish Clerk for use by the residents. • Ongoing issues at Heathfields at Hatton with parking. • My Local Police section of the DC website has not been updated locally since 26th July 2013. Sgt Todd explained that there have been issues with the Media department at HQ and that this can not be updated at a local level due to force policy. • John Port School leaver's day caused traffic issues again this year. Police were involved this year but congestion further up the road caused a bottle neck and the congestion. Highways to be involved in the future. Cllr Brown's working group with the school will raise at the next Governor's meeting. The main problem is up near Blenheim. • Cllr Plenderleith raised concerns around Halloween safety education and the amount of young people out this year. Pc Durham assured Cllr Plenderleith that this had been done this year and some responsibility does lie with the parents. • Etwall Neighbourhood watch are happy with the signs in the village. Although the speed monitoring strips and 30mph sign coming from Hilton needs moving due to increase in traffic. Chris Smith to contact Mike from Highways. • Future flooding between Foston and Scropton requiring diversion needs to be checked before it is put in place. Police confirmed this is nothing to do with them and is a highways issue. 	
6	Agreed priorities	
	<p>Graffiti</p> <p>Speeding</p>	
7	Any Other Business / Date of next meeting	
	TBC	

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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM ETWALL

(Covering Ash, Barton Blount, Bearwardcote, Burnaston, Church Broughton, Dalbury Lees, Egginton, Etwall, Foston & Scropton, Hatton, Hilton, Hoon, Marston-on-Dove, Osleston & Thurvaston, Radbourne, Sutton-on-the-Hill and Trusley)

**Meeting to be held at the
John Port School
(Exam Centre)
Etwall
DE65 6LU**

**on Tuesday 28th January 2014
at 7.30 p.m.**

Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Mrs. Brown (Chairman) and Councillors Bale, Lemmon, Mrs. Patten (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. Plenderleith and Roberts.

County Councillors: Councillors Ford and Mrs. Patten.

BUSINESS

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. Chairman's Announcements.
4. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th November 2013 (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
 - Budget 2014-15
9. Date of Next Meeting.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

ETWALL

6th November 2013

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillors Mrs. Brown (Chairman) and Councillors Roberts; Bale; Ford; Mrs. Patten and Mrs. Plenderleith.

Kevin Stackhouse (Director of Finance and Corporate Services) & C Smith (Safer Communities Manager).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Ford and Mrs. Patten.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

M. Paleman and J. Nichols (Dalbury Lees Parish Council), S. Cooper (Hilton Parish Council); I. Bennett, B. Myring and D. Muller (Etwall Parish Council), S. & M. Nesbitt (Egginton Parish Council), T. Beresford (Foston and Scropton Parish Council).

Members of the Public

G. Wale, C. Pidgeon, D. Mellors, O. Emery, D. Peacock, C. Hall, S. Jolly, T. Wherly.

EA/9 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor John Lemmon.

EA/10 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

EA/11 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A Neighbourhood Plan Workshop is taking place at SDDC on 12th November and all Parish and District Councillors have been invited to attend.

The Chairman announced that recycling in South Derbyshire soared by 188 per cent in the first two weeks of the new service being rolled out. The District Council has heaped praise on residents for the way they have taken to the third bin, which allows them to recycle more than ever before. 417 tonnes of material was recycled during the 2 weeks in October, compared to 144.9 tonnes over the same period in 2012.

A resident asked if the figures included local recycling collection points. Director of Finance and Corporate Services confirmed that it would if it was a council owned site.

Draft Local Plan – last workshop was taking place tonight at Mickleover Country Park. The Chairman gave an update from the Planning Policy Manager on the Hilton, Etwall and Hatton consultation events and some of the key issues raised:

Etwall

- The majority of those who attended the event were concerned about the proposed 100 dwellings at Etwall largely on the basis of loss of countryside/views and impact on traffic congestion at the junction of Willington Lane and High Street.
- Concern about on street parking in the village, particularly at school start and finish times.
- Concern that the relocation of the Etwall cricket pitch to the proposed housing site was not mentioned in the relevant housing policy.
- Concern over primary and secondary school provision within the area. Some consultees mentioned that the primary school was at capacity and some children from the village had to go to primary schools in neighbouring villages. There was also concern over capacity at John Port School.
- Concern over the potential Rail Freight Terminal
- Some consultees asked why dwellings are proposed for Etwall in the Draft Local Plan, whereas previously in the Preferred Growth strategy Etwall was a non-preferred site.
- Query as to whether small scale housing at Sutton Lane would be acceptable.

Hatton

- Some expressed concern over the existing road capacity of the village and how it would be affected by the proposed development
- Concern was expressed over primary school capacity of Hatton, however consultees were told that an extension to the primary school would be required as part of the housing development
- Some concern over secondary school capacity was expressed.
- Flooding concerns at the proposed housing site and potential to exacerbate flooding beyond the site.
- Interest in the provision of alternative access to the expanded Nestle site from Derby Road, to the north.
- View from the owners of the proposed housing site that retail provision should be at the former Trent Barton Depot, closer to the centre of the village, rather than forming part of the housing site itself.

Hilton

- Some expressed concern over primary school provision and how this would be addressed
- Some concern over secondary school capacity was expressed
- Some consultees asked why dwellings are proposed for Hilton in the Draft Local Plan, whereas previously in the Preferred Growth strategy Hilton was a non-preferred site
- The recent expansion of Hilton and the lack of infrastructure to provide for the population
- Flooding concerns at the site

The deadline for consultation responses is 15th November.

Pig Farm at Foston – The decision will ultimately be determined by Derbyshire County Council. The Environment Agency (EA), a most important consultee, is still considering the waste licensing aspect of the application and its opinion is expected by 30 November. Only when the EA decision has been received by DCC will the application be submitted to the DCC Planning Committee for determination. This is likely in the New Year.

Rail Head at Egginton Common – This application of national significance will come forward in due course and likely, well into next year. The proposal will be examined by the planning inspectorate and determined by the relevant Government Minister due to its size. There will be 2 rounds of consultation and the District Council will agree on a consultation strategy with the applicant. Specialist consultants appointed by the Developer will produce reports on each and every aspect and impact of the proposal.

EA/12 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Etwall Area Forum held on 18th June 2013 were noted.

There was a request from the floor to put the location that the meeting took place onto the Area forum minutes.

EA/13 REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

The Chairman read out the following update on the Ash Dieback disease:

1. Three local sites are now confirmed to have the disease, they are;
 - Pick triangle at Albert Village
 - Feandock Woods
 - Willersley Woods
2. Any sites within 1.5km are presumed to be infected and confirmation therefore is not required. Swadlincote Woodlands is within this catchment area

3. The Government are looking into lifting restriction on Ash imports from countries where the disease is not out in the wide environment and lightening the restrictions on movement of infected timber. Arboricultural groups are lobbying Ministers to ensure the current restrictions are retained.
4. At Swadlincote Woodlands, where trees are exhibiting signs of the disease, these will be included in our annual thinning programme of woodland management. We have implemented a simple action plan based on F.C. guidance, which includes the introduction of biosecurity measures and disposal of infected material, by burning on site.

Following the update provided by the Tree Officer on Ash Dieback, a request was made for the Tree Officer to attend the next meeting.

Tree officer to be approached to attend the next meeting

A resident raised that a tetra-pak recycling bank is present in Hatton and questioned why this was not available through the SDDC recycling scheme. The Chairman confirmed that the Council were looking into this as they would like to be 100% on recycling.

Senior Waste Manager to provide info on whether there are plans to recycle Tetra Packs

EA/14 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

A resident asked if anything was discussed during the previous Safer Neighbourhoods meeting on the proposed Railhead, the Chairman confirmed that it wasn't.

A resident asked if there was any progress with wind turbines. Another resident replied that there had been a meeting about a proposed Turbine in Long Lane near Thurvaston.

A resident raised that 375 more houses were to be built in Hilton. If it wasn't for the rail link then Egginton and Hilton would be one village. It was asked if the proposed houses were due to the rail head. The Chairman stated that it was more down to the requirement of South Derbyshire to have over 13,000 new homes by 2028. It was asked if flooding had been considered as part of the local plan proposals.

There was a comment that there was little mention of the rail head proposals in the Local Plan documentation.

A resident asked about public consultation on St Modwen's housing and new primary school development proposal. The Chairman confirmed that the developers are encouraged to have consultation with the public and there is a meeting scheduled for 20th November at Hilton Village Hall.

A resident stated he was concerned that elected members were not always informed by the Council of pre-application discussions on planning applications.

Resident raised concerns about a housing stock letter, which came out with a postage stamp from Edinburgh. It made it look like it could have been bogus. The Chairman confirmed that the company in Edinburgh would have been consultants that the Council had used to distribute the letter and that it was genuine. It would have been useful for a note to have been added to the, letters stating the council had appointed the consultants to issue the letter.

A further resident added it would have been useful to have detail of this letter on the Council website as there had been previously.

Information to be fed back to Housing.

A resident asked what's happening with Hilton level crossing as there had been a recent serious accident. Cllr Patten stated that the police had confirmed the recent accident was human error. A resident stated that the existing crossing will be removed as part of Network Rail's programme of upgrading the line.

A question was raised on schools in Hilton and with the proposed new housing was there plans for a new secondary school. The Chairman confirmed there was a statutory obligation for DCC to provide schools and SDDC planning dept are liaising with the Education Authorities. As John Port is an academy will it not be part of DCC discussions although the Chairman confirmed that they have a good relationship.

It was raised that the cardboard container isn't large enough; the Chairman confirmed she will feedback to Gillian Coates at SDDC. One resident complimented the council as they were still collecting the bins at 7.30pm which was beyond the call of duty.

EA/15 **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

The DCC Forum Liaison Officer provided a DCC update.

Digital Derbyshire –

- A significant step forward was taken in August when DCC signed a £27.75m contract with BT to make fibre broadband available to a further 88,000 premises across the county; bringing superfast speeds to more than 95% of homes & businesses by 2016. The project builds on BT's existing commercial fibre deployment in the county.
- The project aims to ensure all remaining premises will also see an uplift in speed and deliver a minimum of 2mbps to almost all

homes & businesses (i.e. fast enough to use online services such as BBC iplayer).

- The Digital Derbyshire programme is separate from any commercial activity and exists to plug the gap where the commercial market either has not, or does not intend to invest in superfast broadband (up to 2015). DCC are keen to ensure that no one gets left behind digitally; the programme funding will be used to make areas currently deemed as not commercially viable, commercially viable.
- The funding is made up of a £12.87m contribution from BT, DCC contributing £4.9m, £7.4m from BDUK, as well as £2.5m from the European Regional Development Fund.
- Openreach (BT's local network division) have now begun work on the ground with engineers surveying locations around the county and analysing the best way to roll-out the programme. There will be a phased approach to the roll-out, with the first areas predicted to be upgraded in 2014.
- If you have internet access and go onto the Digital Derbyshire page on DCC's website, there is a map of the county showing the expected roll-out. The map is high level only; so it's not accurate at premises/postcode level. Still at an early stage so the expected deployment plans will be subject to change as further work is progressed.
- There are no specific details of which areas will get what and when at this stage; phased announcements will be made when available.
- The role of Broadband Champions is being re-launched as Digital Champions – details of what that will entail and how to get involved are provided in the hand out.
- Essentially, as the programme moves into the delivery phase, DCC are looking for Digital Champions who can act as 'agents' in their community; to showcase the benefits of broadband locally – i.e. the convenience of internet banking, price comparison sites, social networking, etc. Encouraging people to get online.
- In the new role, there will be no requirement to attend regular meetings. There may only be one a year as most of the information will be contained on the new website when launched.

Cllr Patten was disappointed not to hear more specifics on areas which will get uplift and when. The Forum Liaison Officer was asked to see if he could obtain more info on a timescale and feedback to Cllr Patten.

A question was raised as to why are more users being encouraged to become broadband champions before speed has been improved.

The Chairman asked if an officer with more technical knowledge could attend future meetings. The Forum Liaison officer said he would ask the question but only one officer was doing the project so probably wouldn't be able to attend couldn't all meetings.

Forum Liaison officer to enquire and feedback at a future meeting.

It was stated that Hatton, Scropton and Etwall all use an exchange located outside of Derbyshire (in Tutbury) so will they benefit from Digital Derbyshire? Forum Liaison Officer confirmed that Digital Derbyshire should cover all Derbyshire regardless of where the exchange is.

It was mentioned that Drop down box on Gold Card application form online doesn't recognise certain areas.

Customer Services to provide feedback for next meeting.

EA/16 **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

None provided.

EA/17 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

MRS L BROWN

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.30 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

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28th January 2014

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last Etwall Area Forum held on 6th November 2013 at Hilton Village Hall, the following issues were raised and a progress report is provided:-

Digital Derbyshire Update

We are still at a very early stage in the process with BT engineers working out how best to roll-out the programme. Announcements will be made when it has been established where the first phase of improvements.

The Digital Champions role is focused on supporting those who do not use the internet, to raise confidence and to champion the benefits that broadband can bring into everyday life.

The deployment of the network will be completed by September 2016 so it is not 'putting the cart before the horse'; this is actually clear planning as the transition from being a non-internet user to someone who is confident and is seeking to purchase their own device and connection takes a considerable amount of time. Furthermore, the statistics for those actually using broadband in Derbyshire clearly evidences the need to support people online.

I understand that the improvements will mainly be through fibre to the cabinet technology.

The authority is responsible for all premises within its own boundaries, regardless of where the exchange is. On this basis, residents in Foston and Scropton could potentially receive improvements if the area falls into the eligible ('white') areas.

We only have one officer dedicated to what is a very complex countywide project. With respect, there are numerous meetings such as this and if the officer were to attend every meeting where there was an interest in broadband provision she

would never be in the office.

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Ash Dieback Tree Disease

An outbreak of Chalara dieback of ash trees caused by the *Chalara fraxinea* fungus has been confirmed in trees in a wider-environment situation in Derbyshire for the first time. The affected trees are close to the southern border of the county with Leicestershire, and in reality form part of an infection site just across the boundary at Pick Triangle Wood, near Swadlincote, which was confirmed as the first such site in Leicestershire in August 2013.

Questions and Answers:

1. Is this the beginning of the end for ash trees in Derbyshire?

It is too early to predict precisely how the disease will play out in the county and over what period. We cannot stop it spreading, but a number of factors can influence the rate of spread, such as the weather, temperature, and how heavily infected the site is. The most likely scenario is that any spread is likely to happen gradually over a number of years.

2. What is the threat to the Peak District National Park's ash woodlands?

The site is more than 20 miles from the National Park boundary, and the main ash woodlands in the Park are up to 40 miles away, so there is unlikely to be any immediate threat from this outbreak. We will, however, monitor the disease in the area. Derbyshire people, and tree-care professionals in particular, can help us by reporting suspected new cases to us through our Tree Alert app or on-line reporting form at www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara, where there is also guidance to recognising the symptoms.

3. What will happen to the infected trees? Will they be destroyed?

We need to consider whether this would prevent spread of the disease from the site further into the wider environment. If it appears that destroying the trees would be too late to prevent spread, the trees can be left standing to continue to provide wildlife habitat and landscape and biodiversity benefits, unless they become unsafe. Leaving them also allows us to watch for any which survive exposure to the fungus, and which therefore could contribute to Chalara-resistant breeding stock for the future. The owners, however, can choose to destroy them, which must be done on site, and plant replacement trees.

4. Where exactly is the site/what's the name/address etc?

It is a piece of mostly open ground at Woodville, southern Derbyshire.

(If required: The grid reference is SK3108918178.)

5. Who owns the trees?

We have not yet been able to confirm the site's ownership.

IF NEEDED: Why have you not done this yet? We have had no operational reason to confirm the identity of the owners.

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Gold Card application form online

There is no longer an on-line application form. The resident is referring to the renewal form we had on the website during the renewal period last year and which was taken off last May.

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Housing Stock Letter

Diane confirmed that the letter was sent out by consultants Opinion Research Services on Behalf of the District Council. The letter did state ' South Derbyshire District Council have commissioned Opinion Research Services (ORS) to undertake an independent survey which will help them to understand the housing issues affecting local communities and inform their future housing plans'.
The survey was also available on the District Council Website.

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