

South Derbyshire Area Forum



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Linton

Wednesday
14th July 2010

Rosliston and
Cauldwell Village Hall
Main Street,
Rosliston
DE12 8JW

7.00pm

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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.

COUNCIL	Thursday 8.7.10
Newhall Area Forum, Rowland Memorial Hall, James Street, Midway at 7.00 p.m.	Tuesday, 13.7.10
Swadlincote Area Forum, St. George's and St. Mary's Parish Rooms, Church Street, Church Gresley at 7.00 p.m.	Thursday, 15.7.10
Etwall Leisure Centre, Etwall Leisure Centre, John Port School, Etwall at 5.00 p.m.	Monday 19.7.10
Repton Area Forum, Repton Village Hall, Askew Grove, Repton at 7.00 p.m.	Tuesday, 20.7.10
Melbourne Area Forum, Ticknall Village Hall, Ingleby Lane, Ticknall at 7.00 p.m.	Wednesday, 21.7.10
Etwall Area Forum, Findern Village Hall, Castle Hill, Findern at 7.00 p.m.	Thursday 22.7.10
Planning	Tuesday 27.7.10
Planning	Tuesday 24.8.10
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 26.8.10
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 2.9.10
Finance & Management	Thursday 9.9.10
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 15.9.10
Planning	Tuesday 21.9.10
Standards	Tuesday 28.9.10
Audit Sub at 4.00 p.m.	Wednesday 29.9.10
COUNCIL	Thursday 30.9.10

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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(Covering Castle Gresley, Cauldwell, Coton-in-the-Elms, Drakelow, Linton, Lullington, Netherseal, Overseal, Rosliston and Walton on Trent)

**Meeting to be held at
Rosliston and Caldwell Village Hall
Main Street
Rosliston
DE12 8JW**

**on Wednesday 14th July 2010
at 7.00 p.m.**

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

Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Wheeler (Chairman) and Councillors Grant, Jones and Timms.

County Councillors: Councillors Jones and Lacey.

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BUSINESS

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Appointment of Vice-Chairman.
3. Declarations of Interest.
4. Police issues.
5. Chairman's Announcements.
6. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th March 2010 (copy attached).
7. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
8. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
9. County Council issues.
10. District Council issues.
11. Date of Next Meeting.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

LINTON

15th March 2010

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillors Grant and Timms.

M. Alflat (Director of Community Services), P. White (Democratic Services) and C. Lukaszewicz (Helpdesk).

District Council and Derbyshire County Council Representative

Councillor Jones (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)

Derbyshire County Council Representative

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer)

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

S. Jackson and C. Wright (Castle Gresley Parish Council), W. Wadsworth (Coton-in-the-Elms Parish Council), G. Palmer and J. Powell (Linton Parish Council), A. Wing (Netherseal Parish Council), Dr. T. Elson, M. Horne and V. Taylor (Walton-on-Trent Parish Council).

Member of the Public

W. Taylor.

LA/28. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillor Wheeler (Chairman), County Councillor Lacey, Mark Todd, M.P., K. Bradford, J. Pallett, R. Palmer and Derbyshire Constabulary.

LA/29. **POLICE ISSUES**

In the absence of a police representative at the Meeting, the Chairman advised that Sergeant Andy King had provided his contact details, should anyone wish to raise any police issues with him directly.

LA/30. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman provided further information on Liberation Day, which would take place at the Bretby Conference Centre on 20th May 2010. The registration line would remain open until 6th April 2010. This year, priority was being given to people who had not attended before, which should help residents in rural areas to get the much sought after places. It was noted that

residents had to be aged sixty-five or over to attend. To request a place, residents should ring the registration line 01283 595795. Full details were available via the District Council's website.

LA/31. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Linton Area Forum held on 1st February 2010 were noted.

Further to paragraph 2 of Minute No. LA/23, it was confirmed that there was no flooding in the vicinity of Station Road, Walton-on-Trent.

Under paragraph 4 of Minute No. LA/23 in respect of health and safety issues of the blue recycling bags, a parish council representative had brought two blue bags to the Meeting, one with handles previously issued by East Staffordshire Borough Council and one without, in order to demonstrate residents' concerns in lifting the current bags without handles. The Director of Community Services acknowledged the difficulties and advised that it would be acceptable for residents to use additional carrier bags for paper recycling, in an attempt to alleviate this issue. He reminded the Meeting that he had acknowledged at the last Meeting that bags with handles were available. The larger capacity could cause lifting issues for residents and operatives. A parish council representative stated that he also struggled to lift the bag on display. The Director of Community Services also reiterated the possible joint refuse service being explored with East Staffordshire Borough Council, raised at the previous Meeting. It was envisaged that a report would be submitted to the District Council's Environmental and Development Services Committee in June 2010, requesting the undertaking of a feasibility study in respect of the proposals. Residents were concerned that the carrier bags provided by supermarkets were not strong enough to hold any volume of paper recycling. It was noted that all matters of recycling would be considered as part of the future proposals, including the possibility of providing separate bins for paper recycling.

Further to paragraph 3 of Minute No. LA/23, it was advised that an independent safety audit had been undertaken at the Acresford Road/A444 Cricketer's Inn junction, Netherseal. The Parish Council would be notified of the results accordingly. Local residents anticipated that the Police would undertake a speed survey on the A444, near this junction, in due course.

With regard to paragraph 1 of Minute No. LA/24, further discussion was undertaken regarding the County Council's refusal to install traffic calming measures at Hillside Road, Linton.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to discuss this issue further with the Parish Council representative after the Meeting, in order to pinpoint the precise location in question, following which the appropriate County Council Officer would be advised.

Further to paragraph 3 of Minute No. LA/24, the local Ward Member advised of correspondence raising concerns regarding the high volume of traffic travelling over the bridge at Walton-on-Trent, through the village into Barton-under-Needwood. The Forum Liaison Officer advised that he was unaware of any traffic surveys that had been undertaken recently. The last known survey

had been carried out on Station Lane and Main Street in July 2008 to ascertain traffic levels prior to any potential developments in the area. Enquiries had been made of the County Council's Transport Studies Section to clarify whether any more recent surveys had been undertaken. A response was awaited.

Local residents were also concerned about the weight restriction over the Walton-on-Trent Bridge being enforced more stringently. The Forum Liaison Officer advised that this was a matter for the Trading Standards Section and the Police to action. There was particular concern from local residents that this particular route was directed by satellite navigation systems.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to discuss this issue further with appropriate County Council Officers, the local County Council Member and the Police.

Further to Minute No. LA/26 (a), on the Director of Community Services' presentation on the District Council's Core Strategy, parish council representatives advised that they had found the document on the District Council's website to be quite complex and had had difficulties in responding to the questions asked. It was suggested that the questions needed to be simplified and it was also unclear that only a proportion needed to be completed. Some parish councils had submitted their own separate comments on the documents. The Director of Community Services thanked parish council representatives for their feedback, which would be taken into account in further stages of the consultation.

LA/32. REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

A report had been circulated with the Agenda, which gave an update on the issues raised at the previous Meeting. Further discussion had already been undertaken on those matters, as shown above.

LA/33. COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUE – BIG CHOICES – WASTE CONSULTATION

The Forum Liaison Officer publicised a joint consultation by Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council on plans for waste management over the next twenty years. This consultation ended on 9th April 2010 and residents' views were sought to shape the formation of a draft plan, on which further consultation would take place. A copy of the report was available via the County Council's website or by phoning Call Derbyshire.

It was noted that the District Council would also consider this document. The Big Choices Consultation was not site specific at this stage, but residents were encouraged to make their views known, as ultimately, site provision would need to be considered.

Arising from this report, a local Ward Member queried the potential use of microchips or CCTV cameras in recycling bins in order to monitor usage. There was particular concern that some residents did not recycle at all. It was advised that the District Council had considered various methods of promoting recycling and had decided to concentrate on advising residents of particular items that could be recycled. The Director of Community Services advised

that the current recycling collection rate in the District was 50% and it was hoped to achieve a target of 60% or more in the future. Reference was also made to the new EC regulations regarding battery recycling. The recycling of tetra packs at the local recycling centre was discussed.

LA/34. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Details of the dates and venues for future Area Forum Meetings would be circulated to residents in due course.

C. JONES

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 7.45 p.m.

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REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last Linton Area Forum held on 15th March 2010, at the Coton-in-the-Elms Community Centre, the following issues were raised. The issues are listed below, together with progress made to date:-

Derbyshire County Council Issues

WALTON ON TRENT AREA: TRAFFIC MONITORING

Reference was made to a previous meeting, about comments that traffic was being monitored in the Walton on Trent area. It was queried what monitoring was taking place.

The DCC Liaison Officer, having not been present at that meeting, was unsure as to what this referred. He had made enquiries in regard to any recent surveys, but this had not revealed any information. As far as he was aware, no surveys had been carried out since July 2008 – and he understood that they were simply to get a 'before' picture of traffic levels before any potential developments in the area.

As Cllr Lacey was referred to in the notes, the DCC Liaison Officer advised that he would check with him to clarify whether he was aware of any further traffic monitoring. [Further to reference made at the Forum on 1 February 2010 to an alleged survey being undertaken by DCC in the Drakelow area in regard to HGV traffic].

Enquiries with DCC's Transport Data & Analysis Team confirmed that the following surveys have been carried out in the area in recent years:

- 3 automatic speed surveys were carried out between Walton & Drakelow in October 2007.
- 4 automatic speed surveys were carried out in July 2008 along the 4 main routes in and out of Walton.
- 4-way count carried out in July 2008 in the centre of Walton.
- A Department for Transport (DfT) count was carried out in September 2009 in Drakelow.

The most recent count, in September 2009, was just one of the many mandatory sites in the County given to us by the DfT that we have to count annually at around

the same time each year. The Data Team has not carried out any further surveys in the area recently. County Cllr Lacey has also confirmed that he is unaware of any further traffic surveys in the area.

A resident of Station Lane also raised concerns about the amount of traffic using the Bailey Bridge. DCC had previously been asked to carry out a survey. The DCC Liaison Officer advised that, even if a survey concluded that general traffic levels had increased, there was little that could be done to prevent traffic legitimately using the bridge. It was believed that anyone crossing the bridge was doing so because they needed to access the area.

The resident further suggested that vehicles were abusing the weight restriction on the bridge and that it was a regular and recognised route for heavily laden vehicles from the A42-A38. The DCC Liaison Officer advised that he would pass the matter to Trading Standards to see whether any enforcement checks could be carried out. However, there were a limited number of officers who could carry out enforcement and several hundred weight restrictions across the County and so any checks would have to be carried out commensurate with other duties. The Police could also carry out enforcement checks and the Liaison Officer advised that this issue also be passed on to the Police.

A senior DCC Trading Standards officer carried out a 2-hour observation check, on Friday 23 April 2010, in response to the concerns raised at the Forum. During that time 19 vehicles were found to breach the 3-tonne weight restriction, 3 of which also did return journeys. These vehicles will now be traced through DVLA and the companies concerned will be written to.

With DCC enquiries the driver will only get a written warning on a first offence. The Police have the authority to stop vehicles (with the added deterrent of being able to issue a fixed penalty notice to offending drivers). The Trading Standards officer has been in contact with one of the Traffic Police officers, who is going to look at the area with a view to identifying a safe place at which to stop vehicles and carry out enforcement checks. Details have also been passed on to local Police officers in case they are able to carry out enforcement checks also.

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