

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

SWADLINCOTE

4<sup>th</sup> July 2012

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council Representatives**

Councillor Tilley (Chairman) and Councillors Bell, Mulgrew, Murray, Rhind, Southerd and Stuart.

M. Alflat (Director of Operations), M. Holford (Environmental Health Manager) and D. Townsend (Democratic Services Officer).

**Derbyshire County Council Representatives**

Councillor Murray.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

**In attendance**

Councillor M Lacey

**Parish Council Representatives**

J. Pallett and C. Wright (Castle Gresley Parish Council), C. Dobson and A. Jones (Hartshorne Parish Council) and M. Gee & S. Orme (Woodville Parish Council).

**Members of the Public**

D. Bird , R. Causer, H. D. Harrison, C. Horridge, S. Horridge, M. Hudson, W. Jackson, E. Lumes, M. Lunn, L. G. Sergent, M. Shepherd, A. C. Sheriff and R. Thomas.

SA/1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

It was noted that Councillor Tilley had been appointed Chairman of the Swadlincote Area Forum at the Annual Council Meeting.

SA/2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Mrs. Farrington, Mrs. Heath, Taylor and O. Pallett and K. Dicken.

SA/3. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was agreed that Councillor Southerd be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Swadlincote Area Forum for the ensuing year.

SA/4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Tilley wished that thanks be recorded for Councillor Taylor, the previous Chairman of Swadlincote Area Forum.

SA/5. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Swadlincote Area Forum held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012, were noted, subject to an amendment to SA/31, which should read train station, not tram station.

SA/6. **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.

A resident felt that the recycling survey, which was considered at the last meeting, had not been distributed very widely, and asked that the Tenants and Residents Association be involved in the tender process. The Director of Operations reported that this survey was done over a reasonable amount of time, and had been considered at Area Forums and on the internet. He reported that 75% of respondees supported additional recycling and 70-80% wanted a green bin. He added that the tender process could not involve residents. However he did give a commitment that he would keep people informed, and would also consider any representations that had been received.

**It was agreed to send a copy of the recycling consultation paper to the resident concerned.**

Further to the item regarding pedestrian access to the new retail park, a resident queried whether consideration could be given to introducing a zebra crossing on the old section of the road.

**The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to looking into this request and report back to a future meeting.**

The Forum Liaison Officer was thanked for his actions which had resulted in white lines being re-installed in the area. However, it was pointed out that there had been an accident at Regent Street/Oak Lane Junction, and there were no markings in this area.

**Forum Liaison Officer agreed to look into this issue and report back to the next meeting.**

With regard to crossing facilities at Woodville surgery, concern was raised at the response provided by Derbyshire County Council, and it was felt that it was evident that pedestrian numbers would rise in this area. The Forum Liaison Officer confirmed that Derbyshire County Council's Traffic & Safety Team would review this situation once the pharmacy was open.

With regard to the Market Hall Car Park in Swadlincote, the Director of Operations reported that he was working with the Chamber of Trade to consider opening during additional times.

A resident reported that there were a minimum of 40 faults on the edging slabs on the Delph, and some were not stable. It was also pointed out that many of the electric point covers were also broken or cracked.

**The Director of Operations agreed to ask the Design Excellence Officer to contact the resident concerned.**

With regard to Swadlincote Station, it was reported that this referred to the train station, not the tram station. Due to the ongoing interest in this site, the Director of Operations requested that the Heritage Officer be invited to the next meeting, to discuss listed building criteria etc.

SA/7. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

It was reported that there were no ordinary bins or dog fouling bins on Coppice Side. It was also felt that the Clean Team had not attended very quickly when this matter had been reported. There was also broken glass adjacent to the roundabout.

**The Director of Operations agreed to request that Safer Neighbourhood Wardens attend this area, and also that the Clean Team be made aware of these issues.**

It was asked if there was a programme to cut back the trees on the left hand side of Coppice Side.

**The Director of Operations agreed to look into this matter and report back to the next meeting.**

It was reported that there was broken glass and dog fouling on the Woodville Park play area.

**The Director of Operations agreed to request that the Clean Team attend this area.**

It was reported that Vicarage Road, Woodville was in a very bad state. The Director of Operations reported that as this was an unadopted road, neither the District or the County could take responsibility for work in this area.

It was reported that during the recent heavy rain, a wall on Coppice Side had been washed away, and asked if this was now a dangerous structure.

**The Director of Operations agreed to request that Building Control look at this and take further action if necessary.**

Residents reported that many areas in Swadlincote Town Centre had been flooded during the recent heavy rain. The Director of Operations responded that Gullies were regularly cleaned, however, many had been overwhelmed during the recent bad weather. The District Council were looking at any issues arising from this.

An update was requested on the Burton Road crossing. The Forum Liaison Officer reported that further legal work was being undertaken, and it was expected that this would take until the end of August 2012. Any further updates would be made available to a future Area Forum.

SA/8. **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES – DOG CONTROL ORDER CONSULTATION**

Matt Holford (Environmental Health Manager) reported on Dog Control Order consultation, which was taking place throughout the district. He reported that the District Council had powers under legislation relating to dogs and open spaces. Consultation had already been undertaken with parishes, and a report had been submitted to the District Council's Environmental and Development Services Committee, where it had been requested that further, wider consultation take place. Consultation would take place over the next two months, and outcomes would be reported back to the Committee, where members would make any further decisions.

SA/9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

N. Tilley

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.30 p.m.