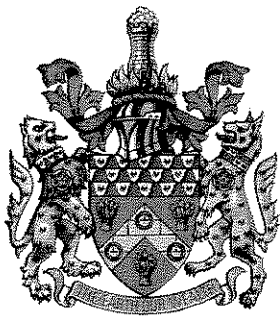


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Swadlincote

Thursday
15th July 2010

St George's &
St Mary's Parish Rooms,
Church Street,
Church Gresley,
DE11 9NP

7pm

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Swadlincote Area Meeting Parish Rooms Church Gresley



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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

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

Planning	Tuesday 6.7.10
COUNCIL	Thursday 8.7.10
Newhall Area Forum, Rowland Memorial Hall, James Street, Midway at 7.00 p.m.	Tuesday, 13.7.10
Linton Area Forum, Rosliston & Cauldwell Village Hall, Main Street, Rosliston at 7.00 p.m.	Wednesday, 14.7.10
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 DE65 6GR at 7.00 p.m.	Tuesday, 20.7.10
Melbourne Area Forum, Ticknall Village Hall, Ingleby Lane, Ticknall DE73 7JQ at 7.00 p.m.	Wednesday, 21.7.10
Etwall Area Forum, Findern Village Hall, Castle Hill, Findern DE65 6AL 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

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM SWADLINCOTE

(Covering Church Gresley and Swadlincote)

**Meeting to be held at;
St George & St Mary's Parish Rooms
Church Street
Church Gresley
on Thursday 15th July at 7.00 p.m.**

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

Members:

District Councillors: Councillors Taylor (Chairman), Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Lane, Lane, Rhind, Southerd and Tilley.

County Councillors: Councillors Jones and Mrs. Farrington.

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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 16th March 2010 (copy attached).
8. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
9. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
10. County Council.
11. District Council issues.
12. Date of Next Meeting.



SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

SWADLINCOTE

16th March 2010

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Taylor (Chairman), Councillor Tilley (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Lane, Rhind and Mrs. Wheeler.

J. Jones (Director of Corporate Services), J. Twomey (Environmental Protection Manager), D. Townsend (Democratic Services) and C. Lukaszewicz (Helpdesk).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillors Mrs. Farrington and Lacey.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

Members of the Public

B. Aldridge, J. Aldridge, M. Brotherhood, R. Causer, K. Dicken, B. Farrington, J. Green, J. Grew, C. Horridge, S. Horridge, E. Key, E.M. Key, C. Lenton, M. Lunn, J. Pallet, O. Pallett, Mr. Rose, Mrs. Rose, M. Shepherd, A. Sheriff, Mr. R. Smith, R. Thomas, J. Williamson, C. Wright and P. Yates.

SA/26. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Lane and Southerd, and S. Tomlinson.

SA/27. **POLICE ISSUES**

It was reported that a Officer of Derbyshire Constabulary was not available to attend this Meeting. However, if there were any police issues, they could be raised during public question time, and would be forwarded to the police representative.

SA/28. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman provided further information on Liberation Day, which was due to take place at the Bretby Conference Centre on 20th May 2010. The telephone line for registration 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 were advised to ring the registration line on 01283

595795 to book their place. Full details were available via the District Council's website.

SA/29. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Swadlincote Area Forum held on 26th January 2010, were noted, subject to an addition to Minute No. SA/23 to read as follows: 'A District Councillor pointed out that the schemes identified were already in the pipeline, and wanted to know what new projects would be delivered by the new administration at Derbyshire County Council.

SA/30. **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.

With regard to the question on noise nuisance, Jack Twomey (Environmental Protection Manager) reported that he had made further enquiries, and he confirmed that if a call was made to the police, and was about, for example, a noisy party, they had no power to deal with it, and would refer the call to South Derbyshire District Council. However, the Council had no out of hours service, and would follow this up the next working day. He added that the District Council only received between 5 and 10 complaints on this issue per year and the provision of an out of hours service was considered too costly. He also added that residents could contact South Derbyshire District Council directly if they wished.

It was asked how the Police would deal with an incident that was reported to them.

It was agreed to refer this query to the Police for a response at the next Meeting.

It was reported that the 'No Cycling' signs on Swadlincote High Street had been replaced and re-sited.

With regard to the parking on Coppice Side, the Chairman gave a brief overview of the background to this item and the Forum Liaison Officer reported that a letter and petition had been received in relation to the congestion on Coppice Side and Hastings Road. Further investigations had taken place and two timed seven day traffic surveys had been instigated. County Councillor Mrs. Farrington added that she had spoken to the Cabinet Member on this issue and had arranged a meeting with residents to discuss this further and to consider possible solutions.

It was requested that a further report be brought back to the next Meeting.

It was reported that the bottom of Coppice Side had been resurfaced and on the right-hand side, there was now 60 yards of standing water.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to look into this issue and report back to the next Meeting.

It was also reported that, with regard to an issue at 18 Coppice Side, a complaint had now been logged with a senior officer at Derbyshire County and this matter would be dealt with directly with the resident concerned.

A resident thanked the District Council for clearing the litter on the footpath adjacent to Tesco store in Hearthcote Road, but added that this was becoming increasingly littered again. The Environmental Protection Manager responded that the District Council had the power to serve a Street Litter Control Notice on a local business, making them take responsibility for the litter from their business.

SA/31. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

It was reported that the weight limit signs leading from Herbert Wragg Way needed reviewing as the signage was not adequate.

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

It was reported that large shrubs were obstructing visibility for motorists on the island adjacent to Morrisons on Coppice Side.

It was agreed that Officers of both Derbyshire County Council and South Derbyshire District Council look into this, as it was unclear whose responsibility this was.

It was requested that it be noted that there was some disappointment and concern that there was no police presence at this Area Forum.

It was agreed to make Derbyshire Constabulary aware of this concern.

A resident pointed out that he had experienced difficulty when ringing South Derbyshire District Council, and then being transferred to Derbyshire County Council. He added that he had waited for South Derbyshire to answer the call, and was then put through to Derbyshire County Council's switchboard, who then had to refer it onwards.

The Director of Corporate Services agreed to forward this to the Head of Customer Services at the District Council to see if any action could be taken to streamline this service.

Residents of Harebell Close presented a petition to close the footpath adjacent to their properties, due to increasing levels of anti-social behaviour. They added that the Police were aware of the level of nuisance, which was becoming totally unacceptable.

Councillor Mrs. Farrington and the Forum Liaison Officer agreed to report back on this item at the next Meeting.

It was requested that an update be given on the disposal of Bretby Crematorium, which had recently been reported in the press. The Director of Corporate Services confirmed that this was being dealt with by East Staffordshire Borough Council, and that South Derbyshire District Council had very limited information at this time.

Residents of Appleby Glade reported that dust from building work at the golf course and also from Lafarge was becoming unacceptable.

The Environmental Protection Manager agreed to look into both of these issues.

It was asked if contractors vehicles exiting the proposed golf course site on Nadin's Way should be subject to a 'wheel wash'. The roads were becoming very muddy and large vehicles were constantly entering and exiting this site.

The Environmental Protection Manager agreed to look into this and an update would be provided to the next Meeting.

SA/32. COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES – 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.

Arising from this report, a resident asked questions with regard to the recycling of plastics. The Chairman responded that the District Council had had a desire to do this for sometime, but it was a very expensive process. However the Authority were considering all options for the future.

It was suggested that a Waste Management Officer be requested to come to the next Meeting to discuss recycling.

SA/33. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

S. TAYLOR

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 7.55 p.m.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM - SWADLINCOTE

(Covering Church Gresley and Swadlincote)

15th July 2010

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last meeting held on 16th March 2010, a number of issues were raised. These issues are listed below, together with progress made:-

1. NOISE NUISANCE

In terms of a noise complaint the Police's powers are limited and most reports would be referred to South Derbyshire District Council. However, if someone reports a noise complaint out of hours, and if the operator deems it necessary to create an incident, it will be allocated to an Officer to follow up. The time that this may take will depend on what other demands there are in terms of calls for service, but someone will respond to the incident.

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2. PARKING ON COPPICE SIDE

An update on this matter will be provided at the Meeting.

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3. STANDING WATER ON COPPICE SIDE

DCC Maintenance Officers have reported that the gullies had been jetted and found to be working. It has also been confirmed that South Derbyshire District Council did not report any defects in their routine inspections of either January or February 2010.

Enquiries were made with local Officers to ascertain whether water stands on the carriageway even

though the gullies were working. In response to this, it has been advised that water only stands as small puddles or, in heavy conditions, it runs down the kerb channels. Standing floods had never been witnessed.

Routine inspections will continue to be carried out and, if any defects are found, the necessary action will be taken.

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4. WEIGHT LIMIT SIGNS – HERBERT WRAGG WAY

This question referred to an 'all routes' sign that had been erected on the approach to Coppice Side.

The purpose of this directional sign was to deter vehicles from driving into the supermarket car park in error.

Both Sir Herbert Wragg Way and Coppice Side are subject to the environmental 7.5t weight limit (except for access). If HGV's require access to properties on these two roads, or roads directly off them, then they are entitled to do so. The 'all routes' sign should not be misdirecting HGV traffic, as only HGV's requiring legitimate access should be on this road.

If residents believe that HGV's are using these roads for any other reason than legitimate access, both the Police and Trading Standards have the power to enforce the weight limit (subject to available resources).

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5. OBSTRUCTED VIEWS – COPPICE SIDE ISLAND

An update on this matter will be provided at the Meeting.

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6. FOOTPATH ADJACENT TO HAREBELL CLOSE

A petition was received at the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport on 25 March 2010, where it was determined to ask the Strategic Director – Environmental Services to investigate the issues raised.

The petitioners will be informed of the outcome of the investigations in due course.

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7. DUST ON APPLEBY GLADE

Dust arising from the Golf Course is dependant on what is happening, the weather and the bowser activity on the site. We have had several complaints from residents where the dust appears to be periodic rather than constant. This is often during times of increased activity, equipment failure or very dry periods where the wind is high and blowing relatively strongly towards one particular area. To prevent and reduce the dust arising, the site management have installed a wheel wash, installed a large high volume dispensing water bowser and have covered all fine soils with a more cohesive 'capping' soil to prevent wind taking dust from the site. It is testament to these works, witnessed through the visits of our Environmental Health Officers who have advised the site of the problems, that these appear to have significantly reduced dust even during prolonged dry periods by the absence of new complaints and return of detailed log sheets detailing when problems occur. Such mitigating actions have been installed and witnessed as being operational and successful during visits on site in April, May and June.

We can also communicate that over the next few months into autumn the site should start to look green, as the importation will slow and final levels will be engineered and seeded. This will again reduce dust arising as roots will hold onto the soil; it will also begin to look better and be less aesthetically intrusive. This is dependant on progress and other associated works being successful.

It is worth remembering that whilst all precautions to minimise dust are being taken and monitored by Environmental Health and the Environment Agency with the site importing and moving soil materials there will always be dust associated with this. However should you feel that dust levels become unacceptable, the incident may be reported to the Environment Agency Incident Line on 0800 807060 or Environmental Health on 01283 595795.

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8. WHEEL WASH – NADINS WAY

In the early days of the site, there were problems with regards to dust and mud arising from the wagons entering and leaving the site. Since that time, the entrance and exit have been re-engineered to deal with this issue. Clear entrance and exit traffic routes were installed, hardcore was used to give a stable 'road' surface and reduce contact with soils and mud, a wheel wash was put into place and a road sweeper is on site to wash away any debris that now arises from the site, to prevent what were unacceptable levels of mud and dust. Since this time complaints regarding the road and associated issues have been minimal, though several officers travel down William Nadins Way daily and have been keeping the operators aware of any unacceptable levels of road dirt from the site.

Again if you feel that these issues become unacceptable again in the future, please contact Environmental Health on 01283 595795.

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9. SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL CUSTOMER SERVICE (RE: TRANSFER OF PHONE CALLS)

A response to this matter will be provided at the meeting.

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