

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

ETWALL

28th October 2010

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council Representatives**

Councillor Lemmon (Chairman) and Councillors Bale, Mrs. Hood, Mrs. Patten and Wheeler.

J. Jones (Director of Corporate Services), P. Spencer (Democratic Services), K. Bull (Communications), V. Patel, (Northgate) and K. Ward (Helpdesk).

**Derbyshire County Council Representatives**

Councillor Mrs. Patten.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

**Derbyshire Constabulary**

Sergeant A. Sutherland.

**Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service**

B. Bennett and T. Sherwin.

**Parish Council/Meeting Representatives**

K. Cresswell and D. Muller (Etwall Parish Council), L. Nash (Findern Parish Council), T. Beresford (Foston and Scropton Parish Council) and J. Bates and B. Walton-Knight (Hilton Parish Council).

**Members of the Public**

F. Hood, J. Orme, V. Stewart, G. Wale and V. Walton-Knight.

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillors Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Plenderleith (Vice-Chairman), Roberts and Mrs. Wheeler, M.P., from District and County Councillor Ford and from B. Payton, J. Clarke, A. Gifford, N. Ireland and I. Smith.

EA/9. **POLICE ISSUES**

Sergeant Sutherland gave an update on crime statistics for the area, for the period July to September 2010. When compared to the same period in 2009, there had been an overall reduction in crime levels of 3%. Specific reports were given on burglary, robbery, vehicle crime and anti-social behaviour. The

Officer explained an incident in Etwall recently, with an attempted robbery and witnesses were sought. He also referred to problems with “nuisance youths” in the Village on Friday evenings and explained the action the Constabulary had taken to respond to this issue. An update was given on the Safer Neighbourhood priorities for the area and the Next Safer Neighbourhood Meeting would take place on Monday, 29th November 2010 at 6.30 p.m. at the Hilton Village Hall.

A Hilton resident complained about the condition of the recycling centre in the village. The Clean Team was called to tidy the site on two or three occasions each week and there was concern about the fly tipping taking place. This was a joint matter for the Constabulary and the District Council. It was noted that there was covert CCTV equipment used at this site, but the concerns and would be investigated.

Further discussion took place about the problems caused by young people congregating in Etwall on Friday evenings. A particular concern was criminal damage that had recently taken place.

A District Councillor reported an incident in the north-western parishes, where a farm animal had been shot with a crossbow. The Sergeant responded that there had been no similar incidents elsewhere and there was little likelihood of a witness coming forward, due to the isolated nature of the location involved.

EA/10. **DERBYSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – SERVICE PLAN CONSULTATION**

A presentation was made by Trevor Sherwin on the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service Plan for the period 2011-2014. Information had been circulated for residents to read and feedback was sought through a questionnaire contained in the document. Mr. Sherwin explained how the role of the service had been expanded in recent years. He drew residents’ attention to the Fire and Rescue Service’s vision and a diagram, which gave information on the Fire Authority’s expenditure and funding sources. The document included the proposals for effective service delivery.

A question was submitted about plans for a regional call centre for the Service, based at Castle Donington. The Officer provided further information on this project, which came from a Government directive. It was still planned to continue the rollout of regional call centres across the country. A question was also submitted on the payments made to Members of the Fire Authority to which a response was provided. Representatives of the Fire Service were thanked for the presentation.

EA/11. **CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was reported that the Communications Team had circulated a questionnaire, which sought public feedback on the services the District Council provided. Residents were asked to either complete the questionnaire and leave it on the helpdesk after the Meeting, or to return it in the freepost envelope supplied.

The Chairman also referred to the Boundary Committee Review of South Derbyshire. The Boundary Committee had recently publicised its findings and South Derbyshire would continue to be represented by 36 Members, but with different warding arrangements. He explained how the process would be completed in time for the District Council elections in May 2011. It was questioned whether this would lead to a review of the Area Forum boundaries. A Foston representative voiced concerns about the impact of the review for the north-western areas for the District.

EA/12. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Etwall Area Forum held on 22nd July 2010 were noted.

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

A report had been circulated, which gave an update on the issues raised at the previous meeting. A verbal update was provided on the letter received from Network Rail in response to concerns about overgrown vegetation on its land in Findern. This would be made available to Findern representatives after the Meeting.

There was discussion about the proposed introduction of car parking charges at Willington by Derbyshire County Council. Strong objections had been submitted by the District Council and local County Councillors. All the representations submitted, including a petition with 244 signatures would be considered by the County Council's Cabinet. A further report would be provided to a future Area Forum. An update was also given by a Willington resident with regard to the proposed Health Centre in the Village.

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

A Willington resident advised that the following week was National Flood Risk Awareness Week. A statement was sought on how flood defences had been developed over the ten years since the last serious flooding problems and the proposals for the next ten years. Reference was made to the six-monthly Flood Liaison Meetings, which parish representatives were invited to attend. It was noted that only one parish representative had attended the previous Flood Liaison Meeting and attendance was encouraged. **It was agreed to request information about proposed flood defence measures and to submit this to the next Area Forum Meeting.**

EA/15. **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

It was reported that a presentation would be provided to the next Area Forum on Children's Centres. The Forum Liaison Officer also publicised the Kilomathon Road Race, which would take place in 2011 and would pass through Findern.

EA/16. **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

Details were sought of the date of the next Parish Liaison Meeting and it was explained why this had been delayed. It was requested that where possible,

the venues used for Area Forums have a hearing loop system in place. An update was also sought about the Joint Highway Forum Meetings. Derbyshire County Council had been contacted with a view to a Meeting being arranged and the Forum Liaison Officer agreed to pursue this.

EA/17. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Etwall Area Forum would be held on Monday, 31st January 2011 and details of the venue would be confirmed in due course.

J. LEMMON

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8:00 p.m.