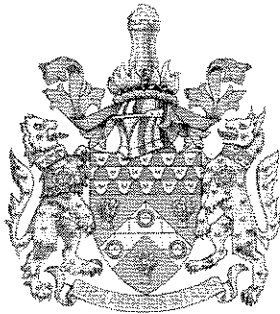


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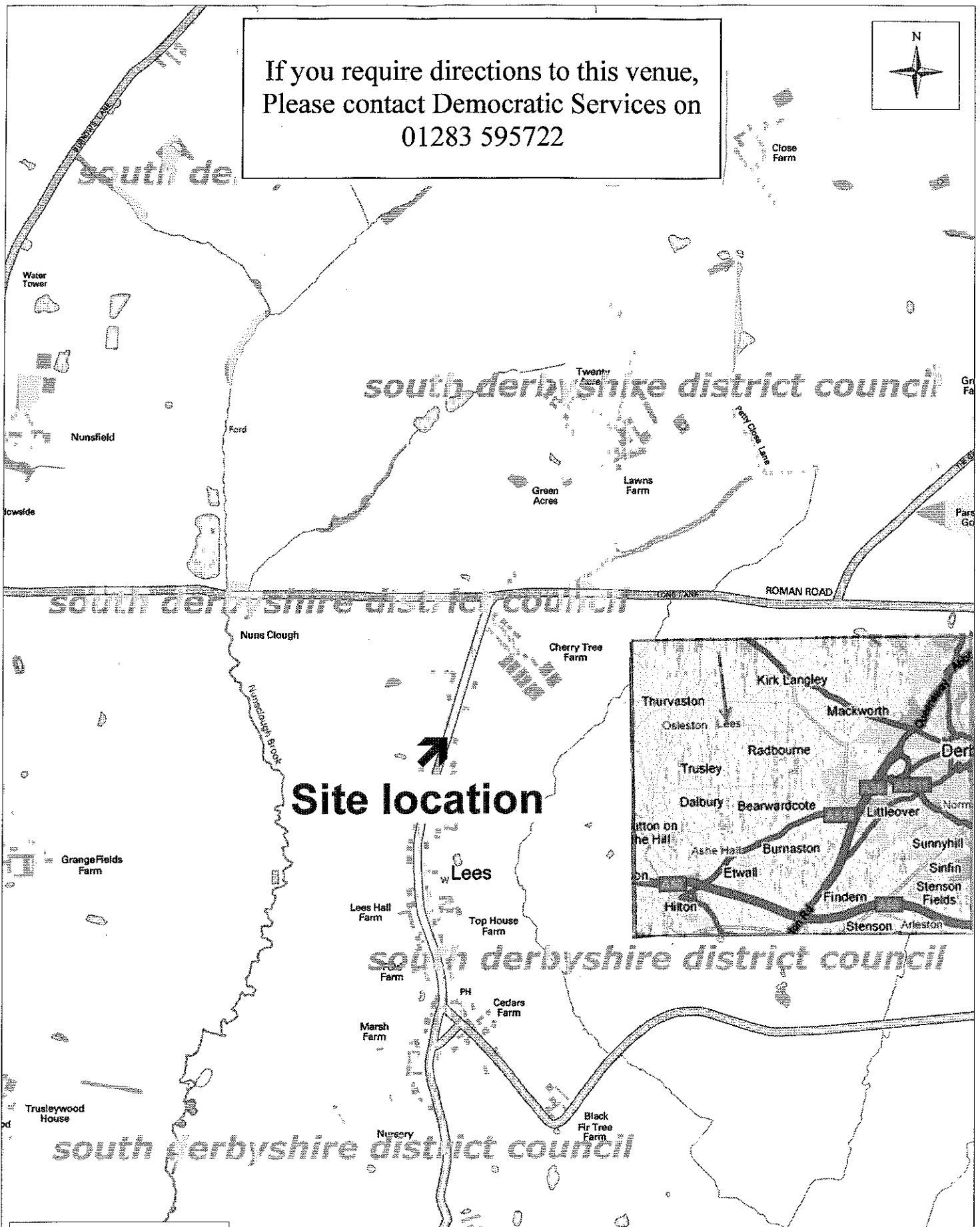
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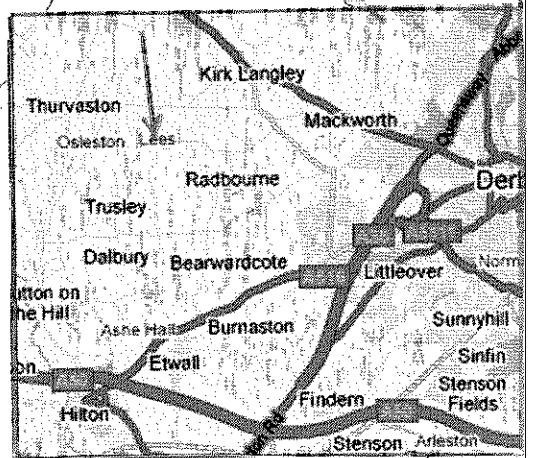
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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

Development Control	Tuesday 16th June 2009
Audit Sub - 4pm	Wednesday 17th June 2009
Finance & Management	Thursday 18th June 2009
Finance & Management (Special –Final Accounts)	Thursday 25th June 2009
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 1st July 2009
Development Control	Tuesday 7th July 2009
COUNCIL	Thursday 9th July 2009
Etwall Leisure Centre - 5pm, John Port School, Etwall	Monday 20th July 2009
Development Control	Tuesday 28th July 2009

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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM ETWALL

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**Meeting to be held at the
Village Hall,
Dalbury Lees**

**on Wednesday 24th June 2009
at 7.00 p.m.**

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

Members:

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

County Councillors: Councillors Ford and Mrs. Patten.

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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 1st April 2009 (copy attached).
7. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
8. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
9. Presentation by Homestart.
10. County Council issues.
11. District Council issues: Feedback on Local Priorities Consultation.
12. Dates of Future Meetings:

10th November at Findern Village Hall.
3rd February 2010 at Hatton Centre.
10th March (venue to be confirmed).



SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM
ETWALL

1st April 2009

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Lemmon (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Plenderleith (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Ford, Mrs. Hood, Mrs. Patten and Roberts.

M. Alfiat (Director of Community Services) P. Spencer (Democratic Services) and K. Ward (Helpdesk).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillors Ford and Hood.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

Derbyshire Constabulary

Sergeant A. Wright.

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

P. Coultas (Dalbury Lees Parish Council), B. Cowley and C. Gerrard (Egginton Parish Council), N. Ireland and B. Payton (Etwall Parish Council), L. Nash (Findern Parish Council), M. Adcock (Foston and Scropton Parish Council), C. Thurman (Hatton Parish Council), G. Banton and L. Kolkman (Hilton Parish Council).

Members of the Public

S. Avery, J. Bates, J. Bilbie, K. Bowler, M. Cramp, G. Green, H. Hague, K. James, R. Mathews, P. Riley, and G. Wale,

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillor Mrs. Brown, T. Beresford (Foston and Scropton Parish Council), I. Smith (Etwall Parish Council) J. Clarke and V. Stewart.

EA/18. POLICE ISSUES

Sergeant A. Wright gave an update on policing issues in South Derbyshire. He referred to the economic climate and a related increase in certain crime statistics. He reminded residents of the need to be security conscious. Overall, there had been a 5.7% year-on-year reduction in crime statistics. The Sergeant then spoke about the Policing Pledge and further information was available via the Helpdesk. He referred to the Safer Neighbourhood Meetings and the next for this part of the District would be held at the Frank Wickham Hall on 10th June 2009 at 6.30 p.m. The Officer then referred to recent press publicity on a policing review, working with victims of crime, where offenders

would be required to do community service. It was envisaged that this would be appropriate in about 5% of cases.

Questions were invited and the first concerned the increase in the numbers of burglaries. Compared to other areas, South Derbyshire still had low levels of burglaries and detection rates were very good. A resident of Hatton repeated previously reported concerns about vehicles with number plates that did not comply with the required standards. **This matter would be pursued with the local beat officer, PC Bateman.** A number of concerns were reported about speeding cars and motor cycles, particularly along the A516, in the early evening in a 40 mph speed limited area. The use of Speed Watch was suggested, but the resident did not feel that this would be appropriate. **The Sergeant agreed to respond to the resident directly on this matter.** Further the along the A516 towards Mickleover, concerns were also reported about speeding traffic. There was a discussion about the merits of using speed detection equipment to provide statistics on the numbers of vehicles that were exceeding speed limits in these areas.

EA/19. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Etwall Area Forum held on 4th February 2009 were noted. An update was provided, to clarify the concerns raised at the previous meeting about the problems caused by dog waste in plastic bags being thrown into verges along the Mickleover to Egginton cycle path. This matter was being pursued by Derbyshire County Council and a further report would be provided to the next Meeting.

EA/20. REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

A report had been circulated with the agenda, to provide feedback on the issues raised at the previous meeting. There was further discussion about the traffic calming along Main Street in Hilton and a site meeting was requested. The County Council's Officers were due to contact Hilton Parish Council to arrange a site meeting shortly. The local County Councillor provided further background on this matter. Thanks were recorded for the positive response after the last meeting and progress with pedestrian crossing facilities in Station Road at Hatton. Similarly, a Member welcomed the 40 mph speed limit introduced in the Willington to Findern area. Clarification was then provided on the location of damaged verges, at Etwall Road, Willington, that had been raised after the last Meeting.

EA/21. PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS

A number of highway related concerns were reported, which the Forum Liaison Officer agreed to refer to appropriate colleagues at Derbyshire County Council. These comprised the poor quality of works to dropped kerbs in various parts of Hilton and concerns about speeding traffic along Welland Road and Marston Lane in Hilton. It was requested that a 50 mph speed limit be introduced between Hilton and the Salt Box cafeteria in Hatton. The Officer explained that a County-wide review was being undertaken of speed limits and he would check on the status of the road in question. A resident thanked the County Council for the dropped kerbs provided at Station Road in Hatton, but

explained that no tactile paving surface had been provided at one of the locations.

There were concerns about potentially dangerous trees at Sutton Lane, going towards Church Broughton. Branches were being shed into the adjacent brook and some were so large that they would require specialist equipment to remove them. It was considered that the trees required pollarding. In Dalbury Lees, footpath refurbishment works were sought and the representative would speak to the Forum Liaison Officer after the Meeting.

In Egginton, there were a number of reported problems with footways, particularly in Duck Street, the Elmhurst Estate and Etwall Road. Local representatives explained the nature of the problems, with potholes and broken edging kerbs. It appeared likely that some patching works were due to be undertaken, but the residents felt these areas needed re-surfacing.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to refer these issues to colleagues at Derbyshire County Council and would provide a further report to the next Meeting.

EA/22. DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES – UPDATE ON VISION AND PRIORITIES

The Area Forum received a presentation from Mark Alflat, Director of Community Services at the District Council. This provided an update on the Council's Corporate Plan for the period 2009-11. The Director explained the evidence and consultation undertaken prior to approving the Plan and actions for the next year. There was a new vision "Making South Derbyshire a Better Place to Live, Work and Visit" together with four new themes. These comprised Sustainable Growth and Opportunity, Safe and Secure, Lifestyle Choices and Value for Money. Examples were given to demonstrate each of the themes and their underpinning targets. The presentation concluded with information on the Council's values.

Questions were invited and in response to a discussion about reducing the carbon footprint in Walton-on-Trent, it was agreed to receive further information on this at the next Area Forum. There was discussion about rail services and integrated bus shuttle services, to make use of the recently established Parkway rail facility. Tourism was of growing importance for the area. A further issue discussed was the ability of commuters to travel to the London 2012 Olympics. Related to sustainability, a question was submitted about a recently determined planning matter for the provision of a Children's Centre in Etwall. Concerns were voiced that such a facility should have been provided in Hilton, rather than Etwall. Hilton Parish Council sought the re-siting of this facility. The Director of Community Services explained that the strategic siting of the Centre was outside the Council's scope of planning issues and this was a matter for the applicant.

The Chairman referred to the Council's new vision and the current economic climate. The District Council was working in partnership with the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) to try and help those in difficulties, by identifying potential problems at the earliest possible stage. Related to this, a Member spoke of the CAB's outreach work at the Hilton Surgery, which would save

local residents travelling to Swadlincote. Also raised under this item were the centres of excellence for various sports being established in South Derbyshire and an update was given about a traveller encampment at the Dove Valley Park.

EA/23. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The dates for the Etwall Area Forum for the next municipal year would be confirmed shortly.

J. LEMMON

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 7.45 p.m.

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24th June 2009

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last Etwall Area Meeting held on 1st April 2009, at the Hatton Centre, the following issues were raised. The issues are listed below, together with progress made to date:-

Derbyshire County Council Issues

1. Back Lane/Dove Rise/Field Close, Hilton: Inadequate Kerbing

Complaints were raised in regard to the general condition of dropped kerbing in the Dove Rise/Back Lane/Field Close area of Hilton. The kerbing is loose and felt to be dangerous. Officers from the DCC Rapid Response Team and area Maintenance section have inspected the kerbing at this location. Reference was also made to the dropped kerbs that had recently been installed at the entrance to Dove Rise which were considered to be of particular concern.

Loose tactiles were identified on the Field Close junction and arrangements have been made for them to be re-bedded.

2. Hilton: Speeding Concerns

A resident raised concerns about speeding traffic and queried whether there were any speed reduction measures that DCC could implement. The DCC Area Traffic & Safety Manager has reported that there are no plans to introduce traffic calming measures on either of the following roads at present:

(a) Welland Road, Hilton

Welland Road, running through a housing estate, has a series of bends and roundabouts which makes it difficult for vehicles to gather speed. A check of the recorded personal-injury collision history for this road shows that there has been one collision in the past 3 years, resulting in slight injury; speed was not considered to be a contributory factor.

(b) Marston Lane, Hilton

Marston Lane is rural in nature with only a small number of properties and, therefore, relatively low traffic levels. We would not expect to have to introduce traffic calming on such roads. The recorded collision history shows that there have been no collisions

resulting in personal injury over the past 3 years.

Speed enforcement is the responsibility of the Police and these concerns have been passed for the attention of local officers to investigate and take any action deemed appropriate.

3. Derby Road, Hilton-Hatton: Request For 50mph Restriction

A request was made for DCC to give consideration to the lowering of the stretch of national speed limit on Derby Road – between Hilton and the Salt Box Cafe junction – down to 50mph.

The Area Forum officer advised that DCC were currently carrying out a speed limit review of all national speed limits with a view to lowering them to 50mph, where appropriate. The review was at various stages and the officer advised that he would pass this request on to the relevant officer.

A countywide speed limit review is ongoing and Derby Road will most likely be incorporated into the review of C-roads when it is carried out next year.

4. Station Road, Hatton: Dropped Kerbs

Thanks were given to DCC for the recent installation of 4 sets of dropped kerbs on Station Road. However, clarification was sought on why the dropped kerbs outside the chip shop had no tactile paving?

Dropped kerbs are introduced for pedestrians who would otherwise experience problems crossing a road – e.g. wheelchair users, scooters, prams, people with mobility problems, etc.

Tactile paving is primarily added to dropped kerbs for the benefit of blind and partially sighted pedestrians – to indicate an appropriately narrow crossing point. The road at this point is considered too wide for blind and partially sighted pedestrians to cross (as suggested by the hatched markings) and to add tactiles would give the misconception that the road is narrow enough to cross safely when it is not.

5. Sutton Lane, Church Broughton: Overhanging Trees

Concerns were raised about overhanging trees on Sutton Lane; the trees are on the first 200-300yds of Sutton Lane – from the junction with Derby Road. Heavy branches have fallen off into the brook and also blocked some ditches; it was suggested that mechanical equipment would be required to remove the branches from the brook. The trees are considered dangerous and requests were made for them to be cut back.

The trees have now been cut back and the branches removed from the ditch. No further action is considered necessary at this time.

6. Dalbury Lees: Footpath Resurfacing

It was stated that DCC had promised that a stretch of footpath (near the School House) was to be resurfaced during the 2008/09 financial year but this had not been carried out. The footpath resurfacing here has now been carried out.

7. Duck Street, Egginton: Footpath Deterioration

A local resident complained about the state of the footpath on Duck Street, stating that a child had recently fallen over in a pothole. The resident was aware that this footpath was on a programme for resurfacing but that DCC did not have it listed as a high priority.

Some potholes had recently been marked with white paint. Could these potholes please be repaired as quickly as possible?

This request has been passed to the relevant Officers within the area Maintenance Care Team for attention.

8. Elmhurst/Dove Grove, Egginton: Damaged Kerbing

Concerns were raised over the edging stones on Elmhurst and Dove Grove. The stones had broken up and become loose; in some areas they had separated away from the footway, creating a gap and a trip hazard.

Maintenance officers have been asked to investigate these concerns and take any remedial action necessary.