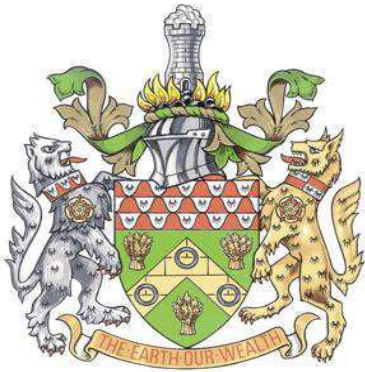




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Area 6 - South  
(6.15pm - 7.15pm)**

**Interval with light  
refreshments 7.15 - 7.30pm**

**and**

**Linton Area Forum  
(7.30pm - 8.30pm)**

**Tuesday,  
February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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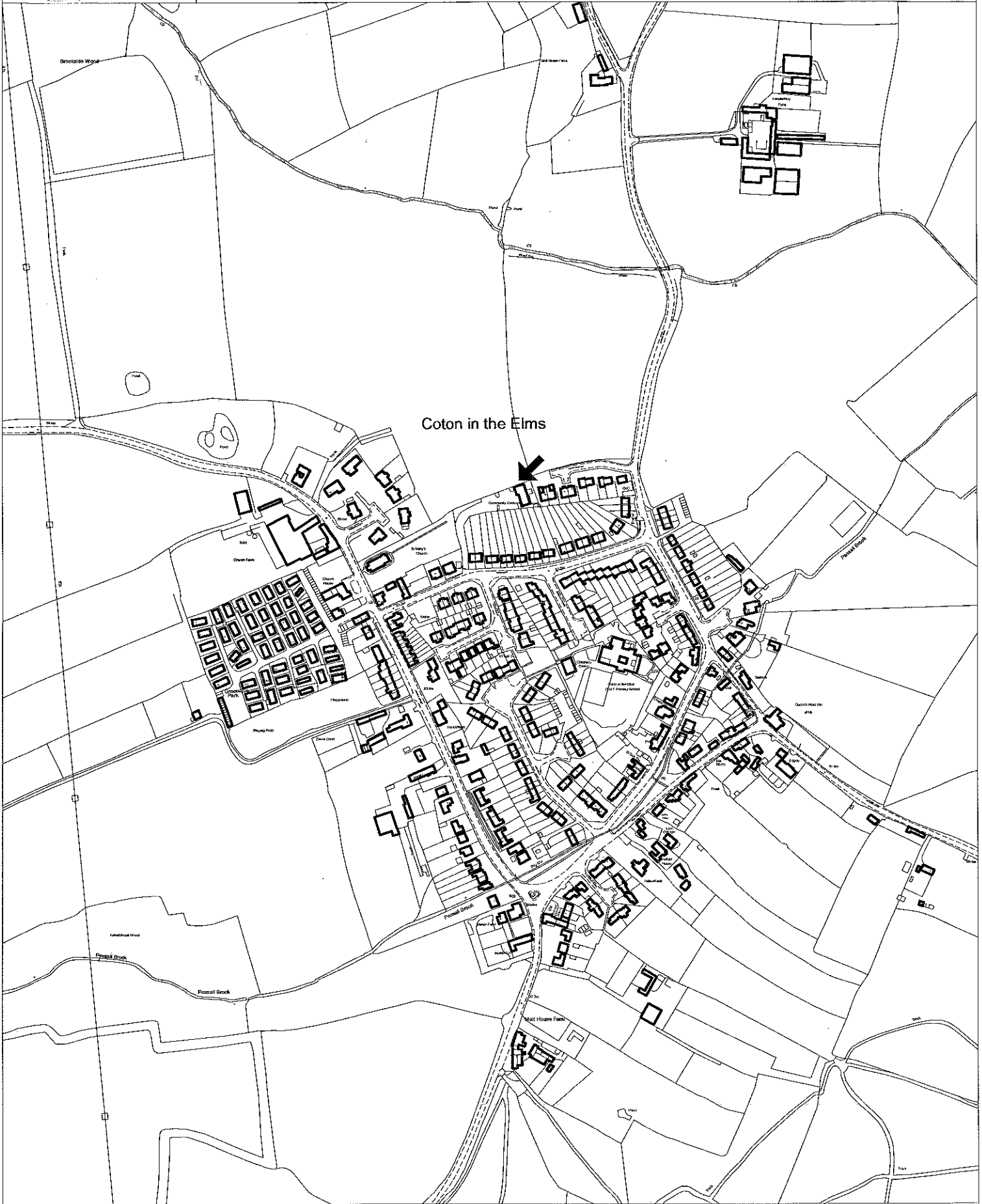
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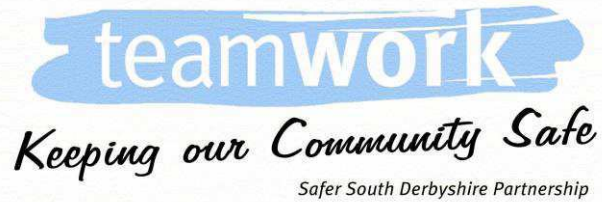
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# COTON IN THE ELMS COMMUNITY CENTRE



**SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS – JANUARY TO MAY 2018**

<b><u>Committee</u></b>	<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
<b><u>JANUARY 2018</u></b>		
Environmental & Dev (Special-Budget)	Thu	04.01.18
Housing & Com Services (Special-Budget)	Tue	09.01.18
Etwall JMC	Wed	10.01.18
Finance & Management (Special-Budget)	Thu	11.01.18
Planning	Tue	16.01.18
Overview & Scrutiny	Wed	17.01.18
COUNCIL	Thu	18.01.18
Employee H & S Committee	Wed	24.01.18
Environmental & Development Services	Thu	25.01.18
Overview & Scrutiny	Wed	31.01.18
<b><u>FEBRUARY 2018</u></b>		
Housing & Community Services	Thu	01.02.18
Planning	Tue	06.02.18
Audit Sub	Wed	14.02.18
Finance & Management	Thu	15.02.18
COUNCIL	Mon	26.02.18
Planning	Tue	27.02.18
<b><u>MARCH 2018</u></b>		
Environmental & Development Services	Thu	01.03.18
Housing & Community Services	Thu	08.03.18
Finance & Management	Thu	15.03.18
Planning	Tue	20.03.18
Audit Sub	Wed	21.03.18
Overview & Scrutiny	Wed	21.03.18
<b><u>APRIL 2018</u></b>		
Planning	Tue	10.04.18
Etwall JMC	Wed	11.04.18
COUNCIL	Thu	12.04.18
Environmental & Development Services	Thu	19.04.18
Employee Health & Safety Committee	Wed	25.04.18
Housing & Community Services	Thu	26.04.18
<b><u>MAY 2018</u></b>		
Planning	Tue	01.05.18
Finance & Management	Thu	03.05.18
ANNUAL COUNCIL	Thu	17.05.18
CIVIC COUNCIL	Thu	24.05.18



## **AGENDA**

### **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP - AREA 6**

**Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6.15pm at  
Coton in the Elms Community Centre**

**(Light refreshments will be served between 7.15 and 7.30pm)**

1. Chair's introduction. Apologies.
2. Minutes of last meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions.
3. Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's overview / priorities update.
4. Partnership Update / Funding / New project ideas.
5. Local issues – open forum (20 minutes).
6. Agreed priorities.
7. Date of next meeting (TBA).

Meeting close (7.15pm)

**AREA 6 – LINTON AREA SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP**

Present	Date of Meeting	Venue
<p>Janice Pallett (Chair), Hardyal Dhindsa (Derbyshire Police &amp; Crime Commissioner), Sgt Graham Summers, PCSO Dave McMillan (Derbyshire Police), Chris Smith (Safer South Derbyshire).</p> <p>Stuart Batchelor (SDDC), Jane Beebee, Claire Bradford, Karen Bradford, Councillor Beth Hall, Mary Horne, Sheila Jackson, Carole Knight, Alan Lees, Philip McGibbon, Councillor Pat Murray, Oliver Pallett, John Powell, Louise Ross, Steve Sharpe, Lynda Smout, Lynn Sullivan, Carol Talbot, Councillor Bob Wheeler, Brian Wilson, Gwen Wilson.</p> <p>Also present: Tom Sloan (Clerk), Beth Pridding (Burton Mail).</p>	<p>Wednesday, October 25, 2017</p>	<p>Netherseal Village Hall</p>

1	Chair's Introduction. Apologies	Action
	Stephanie Marbrow.	
2	Minutes of last meeting (to be agreed)	
	The minutes were approved as a true and correct record.	
3	Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview / Priorities Update	
	<p>PCSO Dave McMillan reported that crime and ASB had been low in Area 6 in the previous three months. However, he'd attended Overseal Parish Council and rural crime issues had been raised, including two thefts of JCB telehandlers at Lullington. They were then used to break into cash machines at Rosliston and Stapenhill.</p> <p>PC Paul Russell was going to be seconded to Area 6 to set up a Farm Watch scheme and act as a rural crime officers. Sgt Graham Summers added that there was no Rural Crime Team in South Derbyshire. The North Division had a dedicated officer but the South Division were having to use an SNT officer instead. There were also two reactive officers from a farming background who would get involved.</p> <p>An operation had been conducted on the A444 to combat a variety of road traffic offences. A total of 21 tickets were issued in only three hours, just over half of them for using a mobile phone while driving. The offence now warranted a £200 fine and six penalty points. Councillor Pat Murray asked if it was worth doing more operations of the same type. Sgt Summers replied that he was about to change the shift pattern of officers at the SNT. As of January, officers would be on a two-shift system which could potentially free up officer time. A similar operation was</p>	

	<p>also due to take place in Shardlow. The A444 would be revisited in future but sending out a message was as important as prosecuting drivers. Councillor Murray thanked the police for their efforts on the A444 and asked for more of the same.</p> <p>PCSO McMillan updated on the situation in Woodville Road, Overseal. A lot of work had gone into dealing with John Doherty. There was a lot of frustration among local residents but a lot of work from PC John Anwar among others led to a 38-week sentence and a Criminal Behaviour Order for Mr Doherty. One foot wrong from him would mean a return to prison.</p> <p>Sgt Summers reported that Swadlincote SNT won Derbyshire SNT of the Year at an awards ceremony at Pride Park. It largely came off the back of using new tools and powers to combat ASB.</p> <p>A resident asked if criminals were often caught. Sgt Summers replied that the detection rate was around 30 per cent. Organised crime groups were often involved in rural offences.</p> <p>A member of the public asked why farmers didn't put trackers on their valuable vehicles. Sgt Summers replied that it would be part of the advice PC Russell would give. PCSO McMillan added that thieves often knew where the tracker was located and would remove it.</p> <p>Councillor Murray asked if there were any plans to use Public Space Protection Orders outside schools to combat anti-social parking. Sgt Summers replied that there would have to be a proven need for one and Chris Smith added that one would have to be put on every school in the district. Furthermore, Sgt Summers said policing every school's traffic situation would be impossible.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Police &amp; Crime Commissioner's update</b>	
	<p>Hardyal Dhindsa reported that he was the second ever Police and Crime Commissioner in Derbyshire and previously served as the deputy. He set policy for the Chief Constable and had set seven key objectives, including the provision of strong and effective partnership working, tackling the threat of alcohol and drugs and improving the way IT and technology was used by police.</p> <p>A resident asked if the age of mens rea could be reduced due to the number of under-10s causing problems without any comeback. Mr Dhindsa replied that it was a difficult question to answer. It was a decision for Government to make. Currently, it was a case of finding out who the families with problems were and dealing with them under current legislation.</p> <p>A Linton resident raised the issue of a problem family who had been moved into the village. There was a systemic behaviour pattern and the family simply didn't fit into the area. More police were needed to tackle the problems. Mr Dhindsa replied that funding had gone down and down for the police. He couldn't fully compensate for it as Council Tax counted for only a third of the total cost. He, along with others, was trying to get the Government to reconsider its funding decision across the country. In the previous eight years, Derbyshire had lost 400 police officers, 20 PCSOs and 100 staff. Police were having to find more innovative ways of working.</p>	

	<p>A resident asked if positive discrimination was taking place with regard to recruitment of police officers. Mr Dhindsa replied that such a policy would be illegal. There was a campaign of positive action to make people from minority ethnic groups realise the police was a good career. However, all recruitment was on the basis of ability.</p> <p>A member of the public asked if there was a programme to recruit police cadets. Mr Dhindsa confirmed that there was.</p> <p>Councillor Murray said that in one part of the country a chief constable was looking at dispensing with his force's PCSOs. Were there similar plans in Derbyshire? Mr Dhindsa said he thought it was completely wrong to get rid of PCSOs and he had no such plans.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Partnership Update/ Funding/ New Project Ideas</b>	
	<p>Mr Smith updated the meeting that Stapenhill Bowls Club had applied for £2,500 towards £7,000 of security improvements. There would be 50-50 match funding with East Staffordshire Borough Council. There had been four incidents of criminal damage in 2017 alone. Councillor Wheeler asked if the club was in Area 6. Mr Smith confirmed it was. The meeting gave unanimous approval to the spending. It left £1,500 in the bank for the rest of the financial year.</p> <p>Mr Smith said the Safer Homes Scheme was still up and running providing free security checks for the elderly.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Local Issues – open forum (20 minutes)</b>	
	<p>A resident complained about drivers shooting the red light at the Bailey Bridge at Walton. Sgt Summers replied that he used the route himself and often saw drivers overtake him and shoot the red light. A member of the public also complained about cyclists using the footway across the Bailey Bridge. Sgt Summers said that issues at the Bailey Bridge would cease when an officer was in attendance and then start again as soon as they left. All the police could do was continue to support DCC in its efforts to tackle issues at the bridge.</p> <p>Councillor Murray reported that he'd seen a motorbike use the footway across the Bailey Bridge. Sgt Summers reiterated that it was an issue for DCC to solve.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Agreed Priorities</b>	
	No priorities were agreed.	
<b>8</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	
	The date and location of the next meeting would be announced in due course.	



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Carol Wright

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Area 6 Police are on Twitter [www.twitter.com @SwadRuralSNT](https://www.twitter.com/SwadRuralSNT)  
Crime Statistics for your area - [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)  
Safer South Derbyshire Partnership [www.south-derbys.gov.uk/ssdp](http://www.south-derbys.gov.uk/ssdp)  
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# SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM LINTON**

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

**Meeting to be held at  
Coton in the Elms  
Community Centre  
Elms Road  
DE12 8HD**

**On Tuesday, February 13, 2018  
at 7.30pm.**

### Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Pat Murray (Chairman), Councillor John Grant, Councillor Mrs Beth Hall and Councillor Bob Wheeler.

County Councillor: Councillor Pat Murray.

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## **BUSINESS**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of interest.
3. To receive the minutes of the meeting held on October 25, 2017 (copy attached).
4. Report back on issues raised at the last meeting.
5. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
6. County council issues.
7. District council issues.
8. Date of next meeting (TBA).

**SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM**

**LINTON**

Wednesday, October 25th, 2017 at Netherseal Village Hall

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council Representatives**

Councillor Pat Murray (Chair), Councillor Mrs Beth Hall, Councillor Bob Wheeler.

Stuart Batchelor – Director of Community and Planning Services  
Tom Sloan – Clerk.

**Derbyshire County Council Representatives**

Councillor Pat Murray.

**Parish Council / Meeting Representatives**

Claire Bradford (Coton in the Elms Parish Council), Karen Bradford (Coton in the Elms Parish Council), Mary Horne (Walton Parish Council), Sheila Jackson (Castle Gresley Parish Council), Carole Knight (Overseal Parish Council), Alan Lees (Coton in the Elms Parish Council), Janice Pallett (Castle Gresley Parish Council), Ollie Pallett (Castle Gresley Parish Council), John Powell (Linton Parish Council), Louise Ross (Rosliston Parish Council), Steve Sharpe (Overseal Parish Council), Tony Stone (Netherseal Parish Council), Lynn Sullivan (Rosliston Parish Council), Carol Talbot (Walton Parish Council).

**Members of the Public**

Jane Beebee, Bethany Pridding (Burton Mail), Lynda Smout.

LA/10 **APOLOGIES**

Councillor John Grant, Stephanie Marbrow.

LA/11 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

LA/12 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

LA/13 **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 28, 2017**

The minutes were approved as a true and correct record.

LA/14 **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

**Derbyshire County Council issues**

**Ivy growing on the pavement at Hillside Road, Linton**

Regarding the lack of response from DCC to an overgrown footway in Linton, Councillor Pat Murray reported that the loss of Paul Jameson as Area Forum Liaison Officer meant that an excellent go-between had been lost. DCC was looking at the situation and he hoped to have some information soon.

**HGVs turning in Station Lane, Walton and damaging properties**

Councillor Murray reported that DCC was working on a plan regarding signage to help combat the issue of HGVs entering Station Lane. It would hopefully help residents. A resident said they'd been told there was no chance of a camera being installed. Councillor Murray replied that there were no cameras available.

**Traffic mounting the pavement in Lullington Road, Overseal**

Councillor Murray reported that DCC had visited the location on many occasions in the previous few years but there was nothing which could be done about the situation. A resident added that it was highly frustrating having to deal with ageing infrastructure which was unsuitable for modern levels of traffic – yet still new developments were being built. Another resident said that Overseal had been defined as a key service village by SDDC, yet it fell far short of the requirements for one. Stuart Batchelor replied that the Local Plan Part I stood up under scrutiny. Highways specifications were based on national standards. He recommended that parish councils attend an SDDC parish and member briefing on the subject to have it explained by DCC experts. The process for getting improved signage and cameras was long and laborious. The only solution was the third river crossing at Walton.

Councillor Bob Wheeler updated that the developer wanted the bridge built so 2,000 extra houses could be built along with an industrial development. Regarding the new bridge, discussion were apparently being held with potential investors and the bridge was not dead and buried. The issue was a developer having enough funds up front to pay for the bridge and it was

about £12 million before any houses had been sold. From a cash flow point of view, it was difficult. When the bridge was announced by former Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg, the £7m he alluded to was never actually there. There was £2.5m in place from the local economic partnership.

A resident complained that clerk Tom Sloan had failed to get DCC Highways officers to the meeting to answer questions on the subject. Mr Batchelor replied that DCC policy was now to not send an officer to the Area Forums. A better option would be to get an officer to a parish and member briefing.

A member of the public said they felt the new Woodville Relief Road would make traffic “like the M25” through South Derbyshire. Councillor Wheeler replied it would improve the situation at the Clock Island, which was already fouled up at peak times. A planning application for the road was expected soon.

LA/15 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

A resident raised a problem with push bikes and motorbikes using the footpath across Walton Bridge to avoid the queue of vehicles. Could an S-gate be put across the footpath to discourage this?

**ACTION: Tom Sloan to forward request for an S-gate to Derbyshire County Council**

A member of the public asked if a sign could be placed at the bottom of Gorse Lane in Netherseal telling HGVs to use the A444 rather than coming through the village. Signage in place at the Robin Hood and the Crickets was poor, with the latter facing the wrong way and covered in vegetation.

**ACTION: Councillor Pat Murray to raise issue with Derbyshire County Council Highways**

A resident asked if a meeting could be arranged with Highways so residents could air their views. Councillor Wheeler replied that he had written to the responsible director regarding a lack of response to questions posed by the forum. The situation was unacceptable and the answers might not be what was wanted, but the forum would at least like a reply. He was still awaiting a response to his email. Mr Batchelor added that there was a review of Area Forums and Safer Neighbourhood Meetings as there was a concern over dropping attendances. It was hoped that in the absence of an officer at the meetings, DCC would provide an officer to give adequate responses. It was important that residents got to speak about issues pertinent to them and their local area.

A resident stated that developers were hammered for not using wheel-washers at building sites. Why did the same not seem to apply to farmers? As a cyclist, they felt it was quite dangerous at times. Mr Batchelor replied that he couldn't answer the question. It would likely be a DCC enforcement issue.

A member of the public asked why so much lobbying was needed to get so little public money spent on various schemes to do with highways. Mr Batchelor replied that meetings took place across Derbyshire and with resources being finite, the most needy got money awarded. It was necessary to show how serious an issue was to attract spending with DCC.

LA/16 **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

None.

LA/17 **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

Mr Batchelor reported that Part II of the South Derbyshire Local Plan would go to Full Council the following week. SDDC would then have a full local plan in place up to 2028. Part II governed where small developments of less than 100 houses would be located. It also contained design guidance and guidelines around open spaces and payments for community facilities.

The Open Space, Sport and Community Facilities Strategy had been to committee at SDDC. Any community projects could still be put in the plan, however.

On November 15 there would be a South Derbyshire Partnership refresh even at Toyota. Any community groups interested were welcome to attend.

The procurement process for Rosliston Forestry Centre was reaching its end. A new operator would be in place by April 1. The centre would remain free at point of entry. A resident asked if the current staff would remain. Mr Batchelor replied that a TUPE (Transfer of Undertaking) process would be undertaken for staff. Another resident said that dog bins were overflowing at the centre. Mr Batchelor replied that he would report the issue to the management at Rosliston.

A resident reported that the lease for the Coton in the Elms playing fields had expired. There was no legal tenure so grant funding couldn't be obtained. Mr Batchelor replied that it was SDDC policy to pass control on to the local level and he would investigate

**ACTION: Stuart Batchelor to provide a report back on the status of the playing fields in Coton in the Elms**

LA/18 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting would be advised in due course.

**Councillor Pat Murray  
Chair**

The meeting terminated at 8.28pm.

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**SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**LINTON AREA FORUM**

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

**Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

At the last Linton Area Forum held on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at Netherseal Village Hall, the following issues were raised and a progress report is provided.

**Derbyshire County Council issues:**

**1. Request for an S-gate at the Bailey bridge, Walton**

A resident raised a problem with push bikes and motorbikes using the footpath across Walton Bridge to avoid the queue of vehicles. Could an S-gate be put across the footpath to discourage this?

**ACTION: Tom Sloan to forward request for an S-gate to Derbyshire County Council**

**Any potential barrier, while deterring cyclists, would need to allow access for legitimate pedestrian use, such as users of wheelchairs, mobility scooters and pushchairs. The cost of this type of barrier is high and generally speaking for a barrier to be installed there would need to be evidence that a footpath had been persistently misused over a considerable length of time – demonstrating a significant road safety issue – to justify the significant expenditure required. However, at this location there is insufficient available width to install any suitable barrier.**

**It is worth noting that The Highway Code states:**

- **In Rule 64 that cyclists MUST NOT cycle on a pavement.**
- **In Rule 145 that all drivers and riders MUST NOT drive on or over a pavement, footpath or bridleway except to gain lawful access to a property, or in the case of an emergency.**

This reported behaviour generally constitutes a civil misdemeanour which, in itself, is not a police enforceable offence. However, this type of footpath misuse may be considered anti-social behaviour and the police might be able to offer further advice on the matter. The parish council would be advised to bring its concerns to the attention of the local Safer Neighbourhood Team, which can be contacted via the police's 101 non-emergency number, or via the following link to their website: <http://www.derbyshire.police.uk/My-Local-Police/South-Division/South-Derbyshire-LPU/Linton-Overseal-and-Lullington/Linton-Overseal-and-Lullington.aspx>

We are sorry that this response has to be a negative one, but trust that we have explained the reasoning behind the decision.

**Traffic and Safety Team**  
Derbyshire County Council

## **2. HGV signage at Gorse Lane, Netherseal**

A member of the public asked if a sign could be placed at the bottom of Gorse Lane in Netherseal telling HGVs to use the A444 rather than coming through the village. Signage in place at the Robin Hood and the Crickets was poor, with the latter facing the wrong way and covered in vegetation.

**ACTION: Councillor Pat Murray to raise issue with Derbyshire County Council Highways**

**Councillor Murray to give a verbal update at the meeting.**

**Tom Sloan**  
Service Assistant  
South Derbyshire District Council

## **South Derbyshire District Council issues:**

### **1. Playing fields at Coton in the Elms**

A resident reported that the lease for the Coton in the Elms playing fields had expired. There was no legal tenure so grant funding couldn't be obtained. Mr Batchelor replied that it was SDDC policy to pass control on to the local level and he would investigate.

**ACTION: Stuart Batchelor to provide a report back on the status of the playing fields in Coton in the Elms**

The land is currently leased to the parish council by way of a lease dated July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1975, with full maintenance responsibility. I'm aware that the parish council wishes to obtain grant funding. However, I've consulted the Grounds Maintenance Team and

**discovered that SDDC is carrying out all maintenance at the site (including inspections of play equipment) at its expense. No costs appear to be re-charged to the parish council. If SDDC is to grant a new lease on similar terms and for a 21-year term in order to obtain grant funding, then the parish council should be carrying out all maintenance at its own expense. I discussed the above with Malcolm Roseburgh (Cultural Services Manager), and we agreed I will contact the parish council to arrange a meeting to discuss terms.**

**James Houghton**  
Property Surveyor  
Property Services  
South Derbyshire District Council

**SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**LINTON AREA FORUM**

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

**Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**MISSING REPORT BACK AT THE LAST MEETING**

At the last Linton Area Forum held on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at Netherseal Village Hall, no report back was available on the following issue. One has now been provided by Derbyshire County Council.

**Derbyshire County Council issues:**

**1. Ivy growing on the pavement at Hillside Road, Linton**

Mr Powell raised the issue of ivy encroaching onto the footway at Hillside Road, Linton. He said residents had been informed that it wasn't wide enough for prams and buggies as the only pavement at the location. He thanked DCC for its work to clear the pavement. However, the work needed to be completed as there was around a foot of pavement still under the bank. A retaining concrete kerb was needed to ensure the pavement kept its full width.

**ACTION: Report back required from Derbyshire County Council as to the state of the pavement**

**This appears to be an ongoing enquiry that relates to a housing developer, Lychgate Homes Limited. Our Highways Hub has as recently as October 31, 2017, sent an email to the developer regarding this matter as it appears the issue may be on land outside of the highway boundary. The developer emailed our Highways Hub on November 10, 2017, to confirm that it has cut back the overgrown vegetation. Following this, we sent an email to SDDC on November 13 requesting that the road sweeper attend this location as the leaf fall was of such an extent that it was causing an obstruction issue to the footway.**

**Richard Handbury**  
Project Engineer  
Economy, Transport and Environment  
Derbyshire County Council