

**SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM**

**AREA 1 – ETWALL**

**Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at Sutton on the Hill Village Hall**

**PRESENT:-**

**South Derbyshire District Council representatives**

Councillor Mrs Lisa Brown (Chair), Councillor Andy Billings, Councillor Martyn Ford, Councillor David Muller, Councillor Mrs Julie Patten, Councillor Mrs Amy Plenderleith.

Frank McArdle – Chief Executive.  
Dennis Bateman – Senior Safer Neighbourhood Warden.  
Tom Sloan – Clerk.

**Derbyshire County Council representatives**

Councillor Martyn Ford, Councillor Mrs Julie Patten.

**Parish Council / Meeting representatives**

Ian Bennett (Etwall Parish Council), Norman Ireland (Etwall Parish Council), David Neal (Etwall Parish Council), Carol Smith (Hilton Parish Council), Mike Smith (Hilton Parish Council), C Timmins (Dalbury Lees Parish Council).

**Members of the public**

Jo Bagley (South Derbyshire CVS), SM Creeth (Scropton Neighbourhood Watch), AR Creeth (Scropton Neighbourhood Watch), R Dutton, R Dutton, Sharon Freeman, GM Wale.

EA/11 **Apologies**

Councillor Andy Roberts.

EA/12 **Declarations of interest**

None.

EA/13 **Chair's announcements**

Councillor Mrs Lisa Brown updated the meeting on several planning applications, including the New House Farm development near

Mickleover, a wedding venue at Sutton on the Hill and building at Egginton Road, Etwall. She also reported that an application related to the rail interchange between Egginton and Etwall was unlikely to be forthcoming soon.

EA/14 **To note the minutes of the meeting held on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (copy attached)**

The minutes were approved as a true and correct record.

EA/15 **Report back on issues raised at the last meeting**

Councillor Mrs Brown reported that Derbyshire County Council's response to several questions put to it had been extraordinarily disappointing. The meeting wanted to liaise and bring back responses. DCC's Area Forum Liaison Officer post had been vacated but she hoped it would be filled again. Councillor Mrs Brown apologised for a lack of response to issues which had been raised, which included an update on street light repairs in Hatton, a query regarding A-frames left at the roadside in Etwall and a request to review the speed limits in Hilton. Councillor Martyn Ford said that the current administration had only been in place for three weeks when the previous meeting took place. The new administration had dispensed with Local Area Meetings – it was a case of point taken regarding getting someone down from County Hall. He was seeing the director responsible that week. Councillor Mrs Brown said she would write a letter to the leader of DCC on the subject.

**Maintenance of King George V playing fields**

A resident asked who would be responsible if a child was hurt on play equipment. It was confirmed that Etwall Parish Council had public liability insurance for the playing fields.

EA/16 **Public questions on issues raised by residents**

A resident again raised the issue of recycling. A leaflet had been circulated from Derbyshire County Council. However, what South Derbyshire District Council and its contractor recycled didn't necessarily tally with the leaflet's contents. There was a mish-mash of what residents could and couldn't do.

A resident reported that there was no pavement in the first section of Burnaston Lane, Etwall, as it left the village. A solution had been pursued in years past and DCC was favourable but a landowner wouldn't sell the land to create a pathway. The resident would like to see the issue pursued once more with DCC – with compulsory purchase if needed.

**ACTION: Tom Sloan to seek a report back on the area in question**

Councillor Ford raised the issue of a car going through a shop window in Chestnut Grove, Etwall. Simon Tilley, an officer from DCC, had visited the scene to look at possible measures from a highways point of view, but he had moved on to other duties. Councillor Ford would again raise the problem at County Hall and see if the haphazard parking at the location could be tackled by the provision of better parking.

**ACTION: Councillor Martyn Ford to report back on the issue**

A resident raised the new traffic island for the New House Farm development near Etwall. A signpost for the new roundabout had been placed too close to it and the error was later realised and the sign moved. However, the post had been left in place. A sign reminding motorists they were coming out of a 70mph limit into a 60mph limit on the A514 had also gone as part of construction. A contractor's sign was also left in the road. Councillor David Muller said he would bring it up at a liaison meeting with developers.

**ACTION: Councillor David Muller to report back from developers liaison meeting**

EA/17 **County council issues**

Councillor Ford reported that the managerial structure at DCC had been changed, with the chief executive departing. There was now a structure of strategic directors.

Councillor Mrs Julie Patten updated that the jet patchers had been operational, repairing potholes in Derbyshire's roads. Councillor Ford added that an extra £6 million had been earmarked for highways maintenance. LED lighting was also being looked at for the county's street lights.

Councillor Mrs Brown reported that a fracking application had been made in North Derbyshire. Councillor Ford confirmed that it was in the Dronfield area and there could be the opportunity to drill.

A resident stated that it was disappointing that the previous DCC administration had removed street lights which could have been put into use with new LED lights. Councillor Ford replied that the structures could have been removed due to corrosion.

EA/18 **District council issues**

Frank McArdle gave an update regarding recycling in South Derbyshire after residents asked for clarity on what could go in their green bin. A total of 93,500 bins per month were collected in the 84,000 acre district. During four years with the contractor, the rejection rate for recycling bins was

1.8% – it was impressive how good the people of South Derbyshire were at recycling. In the last 12 months, the rate was 3.8% and in May-June it rose to 6.5%, mainly due to the presence of egg boxes in recycling bins. It was quite a dilemma for SDDC. Since a meeting between Mr McArdle and the contractor, the recycling rates had improved.

Egg boxes were not recyclable and had to go in the black bin with general waste, black food trays contained certain dyes and couldn't be put in with other plastics and pizza boxes couldn't be recycled due to grease penetrating the cardboard. SDDC's website contained a list of do's and don'ts for resident – or they could ring for information. Councillor Mrs Brown added that a new SDDC website was about to go live and it would be a great help to residents.

In answer to a request by Dalbury Lees Parish Council to take over grounds maintenance in the village, Mr McArdle reported that his next initiative regarding the subject was to consider a joint partnership with another borough council in a part public, part private sector initiative. The aim was to improve the standard of service while driving down costs. A trial would take place and Mr McArdle was hopeful it would have a positive outcome.

EA/19 **Date of next meeting**

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

**Councillor Lisa Brown  
Chair**

The meeting terminated at 8.10pm.