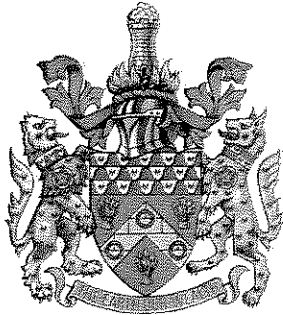


South Derbyshire Area Forum



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Linton

Tuesday
5th July 2011

Netherseal Village Hall
Main Street,
Netherseal DE12 8BZ

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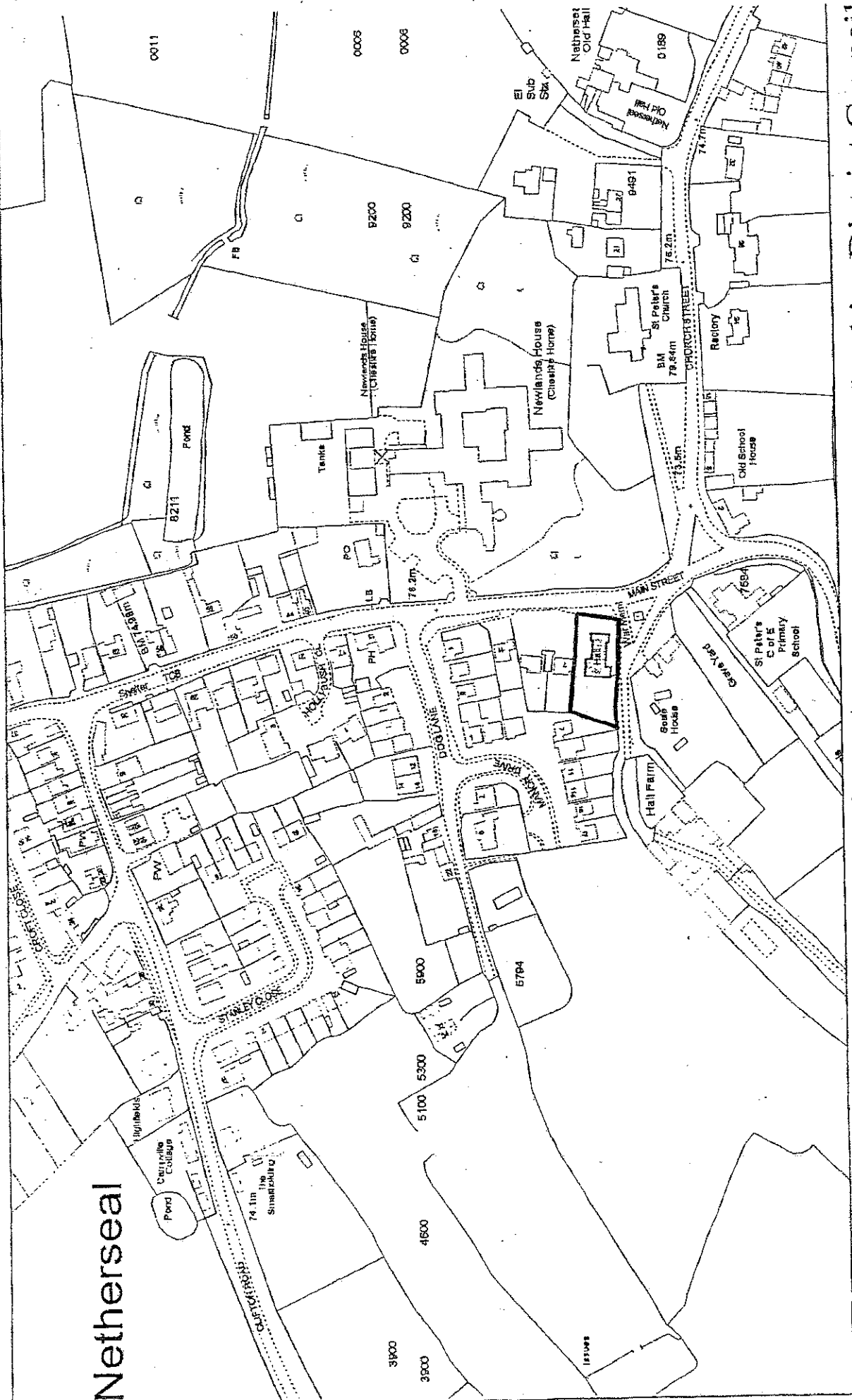
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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

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

COUNCIL	Thursday, 7th July 2011
Planning	Tuesday 12th July 2011
Repton Area Forum, Dethick Hall, Manchester Lane, Hartshorne DE11 7BE at 7.00 p.m.	Thursday, 14th July 2011
Melbourne Area Forum, Stenson Fields Primary School, Heather Close, Stenson Fields, DE24 3JD at 7.00 p.m.	Tuesday, 19th July 2011
Etwall Area Forum, venue to be confirmed at 7.00 p.m.	Tuesday, 26th July 2011
Newhall Area Forum, Rowland Memorial Methodist Church, Community Hall, James Street, Midway DE11 7NE at 7.00 p.m.	Wednesday, 27th July 2011
Swadincote Area Forum, Council Chamber, Civic Offices DE11 0AH at 7.00 p.m.	Thursday, 28th July 2011
Planning	Tuesday 2nd August 2011
Planning	Tuesday 23rd August 2011
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 25th August 2011
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 1st September 2011
Finance & Management	Thursday 8th September 2011
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 14th September 2011
Planning	Tuesday 20th September 2011
Audit Sub at 4.00 p.m.	Wednesday 28th September 2011
COUNCIL	Thursday 29th September 2011
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 6th October 2011
Planning	Tuesday 11th October 2011
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 13th October 2011
Finance & Management	Thursday 20th October 2011
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 26th October 2011
Planning	Tuesday 1st November 2011
COUNCIL	Thursday 10th November 2011

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM LINTON

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

**Meeting to be held at
Netherseal Village Hall
Main Street
Netherseal
DE12 8BZ**

**On Tuesday, 5th July 2011
at 7.00 p.m.**

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

Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Wheeler (Chairman) and Councillors Frost, Mrs. Hall, Jones and Wheeler.

County Councillors: Councillors Jones and Lacey.

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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 26th January 2011 (copy attached).
7. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
8. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
9. County Council issues.
10. District Council issues.
11. Date of Next Meeting.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

LINTON

26th January 2011

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Wheeler (Chairman) and Councillor Timms.

M. Alflat (Director of Community Services), P. Spencer (Democratic Services) and C. Lukaszewicz (Helpdesk).

Derbyshire County Council Representative

Councillor Lacey.

P. Jameson (Democratic Services) and L. Morris (Derbyshire Children's Centre).

Derbyshire Constabulary Representative

Sergeant J. Thompson.

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

J. Pallet (Castle Gresley Parish Council), A. Lees (Coton-in-the-Elms Parish Council), J. Powell (Linton Parish Council), P. McGibbon (Netherseal Parish Council) and M. Horne (Walton-on-Trent Parish Council).

Members of the Public

M. Hall, H. Kreft, S. Lees, Y. Monchuk, S. Mills, O. Pallett.

LA/19. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillor Grant, T. Elson, S. Jackson, S. Jones and Mr. & Mrs. Taylor.

LA/20. **POLICE ISSUES**

Sergeant Thompson gave an update on crime statistics, referring initially to the slight increase in burglaries in the area. He reminded of the Safer Neighbourhood priorities for the area, which had recently been reviewed. A report was provided on break-ins at non-residential premises and the officer referred to recent arrests of individuals thought to be responsible for the burglaries. Statistics were also provided on motor vehicle thefts and theft from vehicles, together with anti-social behaviour, including damage to properties. The Officer then referred to operation "Safe Drive", which had taken place on the A444 on 25th January 2011. This was a multi-agency initiative, focussing

on driving enforcement and education. Statistics were provided on the types of offences identified during the five hours of this operation.

Other issues reported included rural crime and the Safer Neighbourhood team's involvement, covert operations to monitor known criminals and the police surgeries that were held.

A question was submitted on responsibility for dealing with fly tipping. This was an area that the District Council pursued and the resident was also advised of the Clean Team, which provided responsive maintenance to deal with fly tipping. A question was asked about a recent case at court involving travellers and details were sought of the outcome. The Police Officer offered to investigate this and respond to the individual. Information was also provided on the rural farm watch initiative being undertaken by PCSO McMillan. Residents were asked to report details of any suspicious vehicles in rural areas.

LA/21. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman publicised a circulated document inviting residents to attend "drop-in" events about neighbourhood planning and he gave further information on this review of the planning process. The Chairman also publicised a tree planting event at the Rosliston Forestry Centre, as part of Holocaust Memorial Day.

LA/22. **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES – PRESENTATION ON CHILDREN'S CENTRES**

Liz Morris (Children's Centre Co-ordinator), gave an overview of the County's Children's Centres. She advised that these had developed from a Surestart programme in 1999, and Children's Centres worked with all families. Children's Centres were also monitored in the same way as schools by receiving OFSTED inspections.

Further information was provided on the centres within South Derbyshire. Reference was made to the new Children's Centre in Coton in the Elms and details were sought of planned publicity for its formal opening. A Coton representative reported some local concerns relating to this Centre. The officer agreed to research and provide further information relating to the traffic plans and internet service to the Centre.

LA/23. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Linton Area Forum held on 10th November 2010 were noted.

LA/24. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

With reference to Minute No. LA/17, a resident reiterated the concerns about the poor condition of a footway in Coton Park, Linton, leading to the recreation ground. The narrow width of the pavement meant children had to walk in the road and the resident wished to ensure that a full width footpath was provided

by the summer. Reference was also made to a nearby nature reserve, which was likely to attract additional visitors to this area.

It was agreed that this matter be investigated and a further report be submitted to the next Area Forum Meeting.

LA/25. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

With regard to the paper recycling scheme, it was questioned how long the current blue polythene bags would be used for. A resident displayed a bag and complained about how the bags became ripped and often got very dirty. A District Councillor agreed with the views expressed and provided further information, which the Director of Community Services agreed to pursue with the contractor. The Authority was seeking to improve its recycling arrangements, including the future kerbside collection of plastic materials. A resident pointed out the lack of available plastic recycling banks within the southern parishes and it was requested that one be provided. The planned kerbside collection service should reduce the need for such recycling centres, but the suggestion would be investigated. It was also questioned whether the Council had stopped issuing larger wheeled bins for composting.

It was agreed to investigate these issues and to submit a report to the next Area Forum.

LA/26. **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

The Area Forum received a presentation on the Council's budget for 2011/12. Information had been circulated at the Meeting showing current council tax levels and the proportion that was received by the District Council. Charts also showed how the District Council was funded, its net general fund expenditure for 2010/11 and the initial budget for 2011/12. A key issue was the financial settlement for the period 2011 – 13 and the reduction in Government grant funding levels. This had resulted in key challenges for 2011/12 and the need to identify savings and efficiencies. The Council's aims were to reduce the deficit, maintain reserves and keep council tax low, through cutting costs not services. The presentation concluded with the budget timetable and where residents could find out more information on the budget process.

Questions were invited and an update was sought about plans for a joint depot with East Staffordshire Borough Council. It was confirmed that the Council was progressing with a new depot for South Derbyshire and was looking at some joint working arrangements with the neighbouring authority.

R. WHEELER

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.05 p.m.

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5th July 2011

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last Linton Area Forum held on 26th January 2011, at the Coton-in-the-Elms Community Centre, the following issues were raised. The issues are listed below, together with progress made to date:-

Derbyshire County Council Issue:
Coton Park, Linton: Inadequate Footpath

A resident expressed dissatisfaction about the footpath leading to the recreation ground at Coton Park. It was explained that the footpath had been narrowed following building work. The footpath was now so narrow that it could not accommodate a pushchair for mothers taking their children to the recreation ground. The resident would like to see the kerbs lifted and the footpath widened as soon as possible. It was requested that an update be sought.

DCC's Maintenance Manager for the area has advised that a footway reconstruction scheme has been added to the capital programme, which will restore the footway to an acceptable width. The scheme will require briefing, designing and programming into a works schedule. As such, there is no start date as yet, but it is hoped that the works can be carried out in the late spring.

South Derbyshire District Council Issues:
Children's Centre in Coton in the Elms

There were some local concerns relating to this Children's Centre. It was agreed to provide further information relating to the traffic plans and internet service and this was actioned by the local District Member passing the information to the Parish Council.

Recycling Issues

With regard to the paper recycling scheme, it was questioned how long the current blue polythene bags would be used for, as the bags became ripped

and often got very dirty. A resident pointed out the lack of available plastic recycling banks within the southern parishes and it was requested that one be provided. It was also questioned whether the Council had stopped issuing larger wheeled bins for composting. It was agreed to investigate these issues and a verbal report will be provided to the Area Forum.