

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

SWADLINCOTE

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at Goseley Community Centre, Hartshorne

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council Representatives**

Councillor Rhind (Chairman) and Councillors, Richards, Southerd, Stuart, Tilley, Mulgrew and Mrs Heath.

B Ledger (Director of Housing and Environmental Services) and S Winfield (Service Assistant); K Allies (Environmental Development Manager)

**Derbyshire County Council Representatives**

Councillor Dunn and Mrs Chilton

**Parish Council/Meeting Representatives**

J Burley, K Coe; M Mycock (Hartshorne Parish Council); M Gee (Woodville Parish Council)

**Members of the Public**

L Milsom; P Delaney; S Delaney; T Morgan; S Clamp; R Causer; M Crouch; P Tribe; S Squires; V Musson; V Suddaby; J Hopper; H Eames; A Wright; Mr & Mrs T Haywood; A D Hardwick; J Hardwick; Mr & Mrs Hunt; Mrs Smith; D Staley; N Parry; J Slawson; P Slawson; M Lunn; L Johnson; Mr & Mrs J Thompson; C Tubey; A Wood; B Wood; P McKay; J McKay; J McKinstry; T McKinstry; J Seaton; S Rowland; D Rowland; M McGarry; N Reid (Swadlincote Times); H Kreft (Burton Mail); Mrs McGarry; J Mountney; J Cable; J Roth; P Jules; T Long; N Richardson-Day; S Greaves; M Ashmore; A Batchelor; D Shuttleworth; J Woodward; J Bird; H Wild; N Fenwick; A Clarke; C Landenberger; M Shepherd; R Thomas;

SA/1 **TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Rhind was appointed Chairman of the Swadlincote Area Forum at Annual Council

SA/2 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from P Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer) Councillor Murray and Bell; C Horridge; S Horridge

SA/3 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Mulgrew was appointed Vice Chairman of the Swadlincote Area Forum

SA/4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

SA/5 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

SA/6 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Swadlincote Area Forum held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2014 were noted.

SA/7 **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

In the absence of the Forum Liaison Officer, the Chairman referred the meeting to the report back annexed to the minutes.

Item 9 - loose gulley covers. Resident confirmed that the Forum Liaison Officer has now instructed Severn Trent to address this issue

SA/8 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

Resident raised that speeding was a serious issue along Sandcliffe Road, Midway. It was considered that, due to a lack of signage and deterrents to slow drivers down, this was making the area dangerous. A Community Speedwatch scheme has been running to gather evidence and Derbyshire County Highways have been approached on a number of occasions to address this issue. Hartshorne Parish Council have agreed funding towards traffic calming measures. Residents are currently putting together a petition, which will be submitted to DCC by County Councillor Chilton. Residents feel the new development at the former Mason's Arms will exacerbate the situation, together with the proposed bypass from the Broomy Farm development. There is currently no signage along the whole of Sandcliffe Road.

***ACTION - Forum Liaison Officer to make enquiries regarding additional signage and report back to a future meeting.***

Resident discussed the proposed development at Broomy Farm Hartshorne identified in the Local Plan. A recent consultation meeting was held at Granville School to discuss this development and residents expressed disappointment in the advice available. At that meeting residents were advised that a traffic survey had been carried out, which showed a reduction in traffic but this only took into account the A511 and not the road from Swadlincote to Woodville or Woodville to Hartshorne. Resident expressed concern over the amount of traffic using the Clock Island roundabout, the additional vehicles created from Wards and Jeffrey's Haulage industrial areas, together with the proposed 440 houses at Broomy Farm.

Councillor Rhind stated that all South Derbyshire Labour Councillors disagree with the proposals in the Local Plan

Councillor Dunn confirmed there was not a DCC representative at the Granville School meeting and that County Council have not carried out a traffic impact survey. Any traffic surveys will have been carried out by Hallam Land Management.

Goseley Liaison Group raised issues with parked cars on Goseley Avenue and that it was difficult to see oncoming traffic or manoeuvre round them resulting in some vehicles having to reverse out onto the main road. It was requested that it be made into a one-way system.

***ACTION - Forum Liaison Officer to make enquiries into a one-way system on Goseley Avenue and report back to a future meeting.***

Resident raised concerns over the proposed bypass in that additional traffic will be travelling through Hartshorne village and using Sandcliffe Road to avoid the hold ups along the A511

Resident raised issues of speeding from the Clock Island towards Hartshorne. 200 letters were sent to County Highways asking for a representative to attend the Area Forum. Many accidents have occurred over the years and evidence of speed has been obtained from Speedwatch schemes. An additional 400 plus homes on the Broomy Farm development will make this situation worse. Hallam Land Management have released a statement to confirm they have instructed specialist highway consultants to advise on the potential impact of this development. They feel that the proposed link road would be beneficial infrastructure. They confirm that resident's concerns will be considered. Their consultants have undertaken assessments in peak hour traffic and accept that there is strong local concern about traffic flow. They have confirmed that they will discuss current speed limits with DCC Highways. The public's input was welcomed by Hallam Land Management. Residents confirmed that they have support from all agencies to reduce the speed limit and introduce traffic calming measures, together with improvements to pavements at Hartshorne Primary School.

***ACTION - Forum Liaison Officer to make enquiries with Highways with regard to reducing speed limits and introducing traffic calming measures along Hartshorne Road, Woodville and Woodville Road, Hartshorne and also improving pavements at Hartshorne Primary School.***

Residents raised concerns over the amount of wildlife lost with large scale construction and that plenty of brown field sites are available in the area before developing farmland.

Resident raised that Hartshorne Road was already dangerous without the proposed Broomy Farm development. The proposed 440 houses on 80 acres of land is small scale compared to a possible 1200 houses on that amount of land (based on 15 per acre). Resident discussed Section 106 Agreements between the developer and the District Council, which can provide funding to address the road issues. Dr's Surgeries and the highway.

Resident raised that existing plots of land include 6 acres along Nadin Way, two plots near Aldi in Swadlincote and a multitude of brown field sites around Swadlincote which are ready to develop with existing road infrastructure.

Councillor Taylor discussed Section 106 Agreement monies being subject to profit from the development. The Area Forum was not a meeting arranged for Broomy Farm, but covered issues from the surrounding area. Councillor Taylor confirmed that he did not support the Broomy Farm development and was well aware of the impact on the surrounding area. Certain sites are not suitable and Broomy Farm was one.

Resident supported Councillor Taylor's views and discussed the Tesco development on the High Street and the impact that has on traffic through Woodville. Resident stressed the need to improve the infrastructure in the area.

Councillor Chilton confirmed that she was working closely with the residents in Sandcliffe Road and stressed that County Council and the District Council do have a close working relationship. Cllr Chilton stated that some brown field sites were not in the right position.

Resident discussed flooding issues on Hartshorne Road. Issues are with storm drains and building on farm land will make this worse as it is a natural drainage area. Old reed beds have already been developed. It was raised that an environmental assessment hasn't been carried out. Councillor Rhind confirmed that this would only be done once a planning application was received.

The Director of Housing and Environmental Services discussed the purpose of the meeting and that it was not arranged specifically to discuss Broomy Farm. Resident's views will be reported back to relevant officers. Some brown field sites are being progressed but some are in private ownership and are small in size.

Resident raised that the right turn on the island towards Bridge Street, Albert Village in Church Gresley has very bad visibility due to overgrown verges

***ACTION - Director of Housing and Environmental Services to make enquiries and report back to a future meeting.***

Coppice Side pipeworks development - resident raised that the island was going to be cut back but this has not been done.

***ACTION – Director of Housing and Environmental Services to contact SDDC grass cutting team and report back to a future meeting.***

Serious potholes on Albert Road, Church Gresley

***ACTION- Forum Liaison Officer to make enquiries and report back to a future meeting.***

Drainage issues were discussed along Hartshorne Road, specifically storm water draining capacity. Water flows into the brook and the capacity of the pipes is insufficient. It was requested that Severn Trent be invited to a future meeting to address these problems.

***ACTION Severn Trent Water to be invited to a future meeting.***

SA/9 **UPDATE ON ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERING**

Postponed to a future meeting

SA/10 **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

None

SA/11 **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

None

SA/12 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Meeting would be confirmed in due course.

G RHIND

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.30 pm