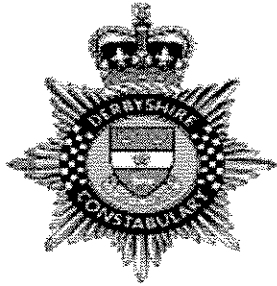
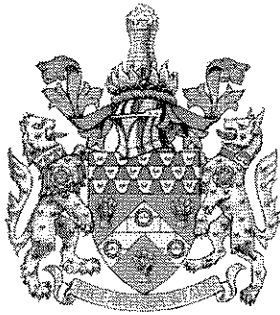


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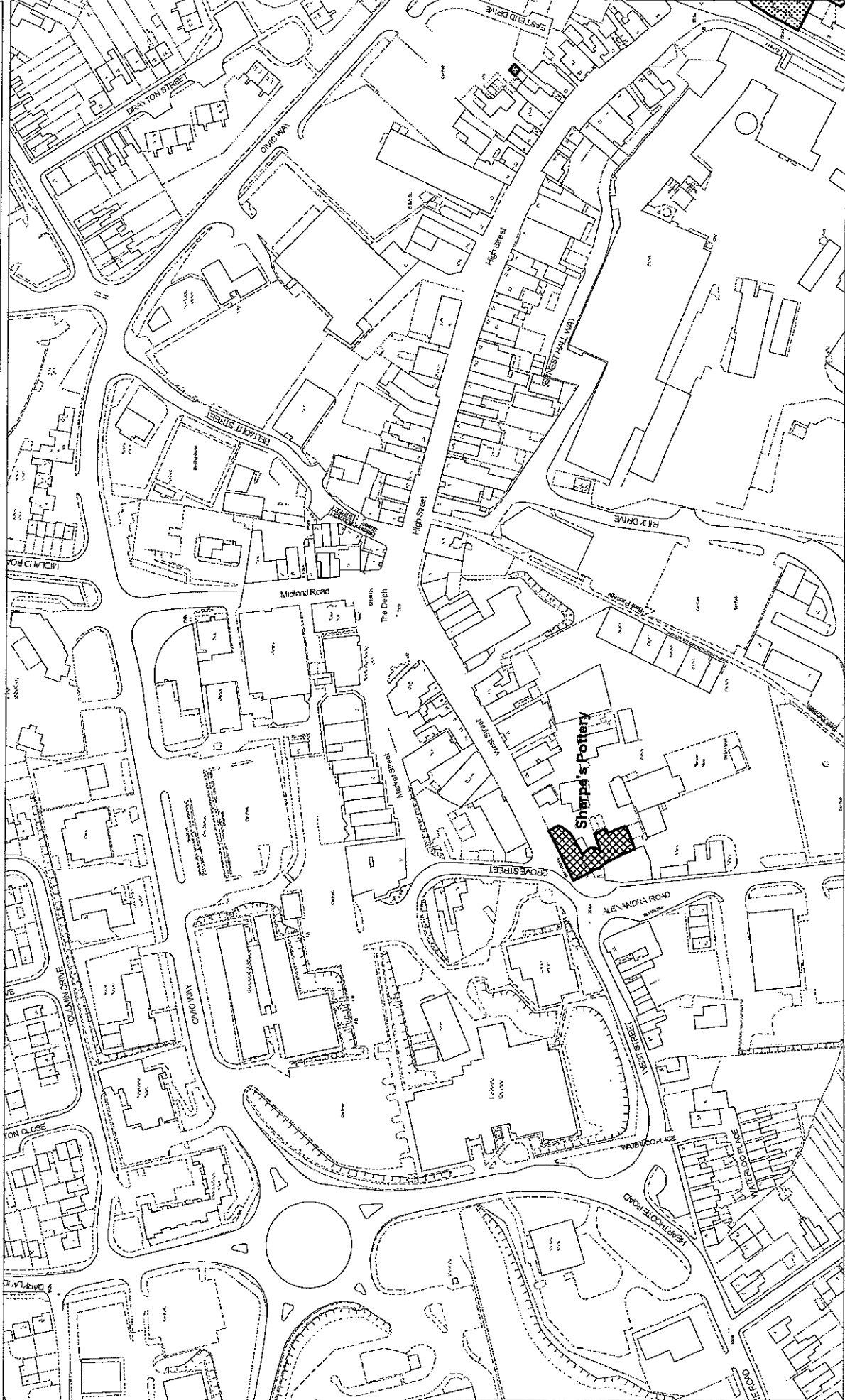
Swadlincote

Tuesday
20th October 2009

Sharpe's Pottery
Museum
West Street
Swadlincote
7pm

South Derbyshire Changing for the better

Swadlincote Area Meeting Sharpe's Pottery West Street Swadlincote



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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

Development Control	Tuesday 13.10.09
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 15.10.09
Finance & Management	Thursday 22.10.09
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 28.10.09
Development Control	Tuesday 3.11.09
Newhall Area Forum at 7.00 p.m. at Stanton Village Hall	Wednesday, 4.11.09
Etwall Area Forum at 7.00 p.m. at Findern Village Hall	Tuesday, 10.11.09
COUNCIL	Thursday 12.11.09
Repton Area Forum at 7.00 p.m. at Repton Village Hall	Monday, 16.11.09
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 19.11.09
Development Control	Tuesday 24.11.09
Linton Area Forum at 7.00 p.m. at Overseal Village Hall	Wednesday, 25.11.09
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 26.11.09
Finance & Management	Thursday 3.12.09
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 9.12.09
Development Control	Tuesday 15.12.09
Audit Sub (4.00 p.m.)	Wednesday 16.12.09

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

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM SWADLINCOTE

(Covering Church Gresley and Swadlincote)

**Meeting to be held at;
Sharpes Pottery Visitor Centre
West Street
Swadlincote
on Tuesday 20th October at 7.00 p.m.**

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

Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Taylor (Chairman), Councillor Tilley (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Lane, Lane, Rhind and Southerd.

County Councillors: Councillors Jones and Mrs. Farrington.

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BUSINESS

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. Police issues.
4. Chairman's Announcements.
5. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th July 2009 (copy attached).
6. Presentation by Money Spider Credit Union Limited.
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;
 - Electoral Review of South Derbyshire by Boundary Committee for England.
11. Date of Next Meeting – 26th January 2010 at 7.00 p.m. at The Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote.



SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

SWADLINCOTE

16th July 2009

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Taylor (Chairman) and Councillors Mrs. Gillespie, Rhind, Tilley and Mrs. Wheeler.

F. McArdle (Chief Executive), D. Townsend (Democratic Services) and C. Lukaszewicz (Helpdesk).

Derbyshire County Council Representative

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

Derbyshire Constabulary

Sergeant N. Pitt.

Members of the Public

M.G. Brotherhood, M.E. Barsby, R. Causer, M. Edwards, C.R. Horridge, W. Jackson, A. Lager, E. Lockwood, C. Rose, A.C. Sheriff.

SA/1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

It was noted that Councillor Taylor had been appointed Chairman of the Swadlincote Area Forum at the Annual Council Meeting.

SA/2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Mrs. Lane and Lane, M. Todd, M.P. and S. Horridge.

SA/3. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was agreed that Councillor Tilley be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Swadlincote Area Forum.

SA/4. **POLICE ISSUES**

Sergeant Nick Pitt addressed the Meeting, advising that he was the new Safer Neighbourhood Sergeant for the area, replacing Sergeant Andy Wright. He advised that crime figures for the area were currently available via the Internet, and that the level of crime for the area was reported as being average when compared to the rest of Derbyshire. A 'Safer Neighbourhood Teams' newsletter was available at the Helpdesk.

He reported that the Police had commenced the Restorative Justice Initiative on 1st April 2009. This was an initiative giving Officers more discretion on how

they dealt with lower level offences, which included asking the victims how they would like the matter dealt with. The Police would then attempt to facilitate this.

A resident asked about the ways in which crime statistics were recorded, commenting that as the methods used were changing, it was very difficult for them to be used as an effective tool against crime.

It was asked if it was possible for businesses or individuals to get addresses from number plates from the DVLA. It was also reported that supermarkets were accessing this information as they were sending out parking enforcement letters.

It was agreed that the District Council attempt to gain further information and report back to the next Meeting.

It was reported that two police vans had been parked outside Swadlincote Police Station, and it was considered that they were causing an obstruction.

Sergeant Pitt to look into this matter and report back to the next Meeting.

SA/5. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Swadlincote Area Forum held on 31st March 2009, were noted.

SA/6. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

The Chairman reviewed those items raised at the last Meeting and reported the progress made in each case.

With regard to Church Street, Church Gresley, it was suggested that raising the kerbs would make no difference to the tactile crossing in this area. It was suggested that pedestrian rails could be installed, with a gap for people to cross, as there were continued problems. A resident cited an example of a Securicor van, which continued to park irresponsibly and provided photographic evidence.

The Forum Liaison Officer responded that he would provide a further response to the next Meeting.

SA/7. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

It was asked when the wall, outside the Leisure Centre on West Street, Swadlincote would be repaired.

It was agreed that a response be provided to the next Meeting.

It was pointed out that the trees at the bottom of Alexandra Road, also adjacent to the Leisure Centre, were trailing on the floor, causing an obstruction to pedestrians.

It was agreed that the District Council provide a response on this matter to the next Meeting.

Concern was raised by residents reporting that many cars were parked on the road on Coppice Side, and this was becoming very dangerous. It was

requested that off-street parking be considered in this area. The Chairman responded that this had been considered by Derbyshire County Council, however it was requested that the County Council review their response and visit this area again during a busier time.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to look into this, and would report back to the next Meeting.

It was reported that there was an area near the Memorial Club that always flooded in bad weather.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to request that the gullies be inspected in this area.

A discussion ensued on travellers, and whether they could be charged with fly tipping, and breaking onto land. The Chief Executive responded that although legislation existed, it was very difficult to gain a prosecution without evidence. He added that the Environment Agency also had powers to impound vehicles carrying unlicensed waste.

It was also reported that at Blackshed Island approaching Common Side from Tesco, a very large hawthorn tree was blocking motorists view.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to look into this matter and report back to the next Meeting.

Outside the Swadlincote library, there was a sign that pointed to the old Post Office, which may be confusing for visitors to Swadlincote.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to look into this matter and report back to the next Meeting.

SA/8. COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES

The Forum Liaison Officer reported that Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council had jointly begun preparing new plans, which would set out where and when new minerals and waste development would take place over the next 20 years. Further information was circulated to all those present, which explained more about the plans. The County Council was carrying out further consultation, and asked if any residents had any opinions about what the minerals and/or waste plans should contain, that they express their views. In addition, they would also include any person or organisation that wished to be consulted regularly in their list of consultees. It was pointed out that residents could get involved at any stage, but it was important to register interest early in the process if they wished to influence the plans from the start.

To express a view or register, it was requested that people email: wasteminsldf@derbyshire.gov.uk or write to Andrew Hollyer, Development Plans Team, Environmental Services Department, Derbyshire County Council, Shand House, Dale Road South, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 3RY.

SA/9. DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES – FEEDBACK ON VISION AND PRIORITIES

The Chief Executive advised that a booklet had been circulated entitled "Local Priorities Consultation – Summary of Key Findings". He reported that during 2008 and early 2009, the District Council had consulted key stakeholders on

priorities for the District. A wide range of consultation methods were used and the results had informed two key documents, the Council's Corporate Plan and South Derbyshire's Sustainable Community Strategy. The booklet gave a summary of key findings following this consultation. He thanked residents for giving their views.

The Chief Executive also gave an update on achievements to date with regard to the regeneration of Swadlincote. These were listed as:-

- Feedback had been received from a public consultation exercise on West Street, The Delph and Ernest Hall Way and had been fed into design development.
- The Shop Watch Walkabout had taken place with the Safer Communities Team, emergency services and shopkeepers, to consider crime hotspots.
- The Ernest Hall Way grant scheme had commenced.
- The design of Ernest Hall Way street improvements had commenced.
- Confirmation of DDEP funding for West Street had been received.
- Detailed engineering design for West Street was progressing.
- The contractor had been chosen for the West Street construction.
- The District Council had been presented with an award for the East Midlands Region for sustained commitment to the conservation area, through a partnership scheme in a conservation area project, and for its strong community engagement and exemplary interpretation for visitors at the Sharpe's Pottery Museum.

The Chief Executive gave an update on the Hepworth site, and confirmed that work was commencing to demolish buildings. He was also working very hard to attract large businesses onto this site.

SA/10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Meeting would be confirmed.

S. TAYLOR

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.10 p.m.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM - SWADLINCOTE

(Covering Church Gresley and Swadlincote)

20th October 2009

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last meeting held on 16th July 2009, a number of issues were raised. These issues are listed below, together with progress made:-

1. INFORMATION FROM DVLA

A handout will be provided at the meeting.

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2. KERBS AT CHURCH STREET, CHURCH GRESLEY

Investigations have revealed that the Enforcement Officers have paid a total of 88 visits to Church Street since the commencement of Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE), equating to a total of 8 ½ hours patrol time. Only 3 notices have been issued during this time (figures provided on 24/7/09).

Enforcement Officers will allow a discretionary period to allow for loading/unloading. Furthermore, the security vehicle is more than likely exempt from the restrictions due to the need to load money into the vehicle.

The CPE Manager has made contact with Tesco, who will contact the security company and ask them to phone DCC to discuss the matter. However, it should be noted that there needs to be a compromise between the short-term safety of the security company's staff and problems encountered by pedestrians/passing traffic at the pedestrian refuge.

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3. WALL OUTSIDE THE LEISURE CENTRE, SWADLINCOTE

Repairs to the boundary wall outside the Leisure Centre have now been completed.

Chris Mason
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4. TREES – ALEXANDRA ROAD

A considerable amount of over-hang from the trees on Alexandra Road has been cut back.

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5. PARKING ON COPPICE SIDE

DCC's Traffic & Safety Manager for the area has confirmed that the site has been visited by officers on numerous occasions and at varying times of the day. On none of these visits have any problems been witnessed.

Parking restrictions are not going to be considered - unless different reasons are identified why they should – and certainly not in view of what 'might' happen due to future development. As such, the situation will not be reviewed again at this time.

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6. FLOODING - MEMORIAL CLUB

A Highways Inspector for the area has reported that the gullies are working but that the gully gratings often get blocked with leaves off the trees. Once the leaves are removed from the gratings the water is able to drain away quickly.

More frequent road sweeping during the times when the leaves are falling would help considerably.

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7. BLACKSHED ISLAND

A DCC Highways Inspector has investigated this matter. A small bush and area of foliage – around the foot of a tree – have been identified as obstructing visibility and are to be removed in order to improve the situation.

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8. POST OFFICE SIGN

An update will be provided at the Meeting.

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