

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

REPTON

2nd June 2014 at Repton Village Hall

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Smith (Chairman); Councillors Stanton; Shepherd, Ford & Mrs Hood

F McArdle (Chief Executive); Sarah Winfield (Service Assistant); A Bates (Environmental Education)

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

County Councillor Davison and Mrs Chilton

P Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

R Parker (Newton Solney Parish Council); C Fellows, R Lisewski (Stenson Fields Parish Council); K Overton (Willington Parish Council); A Badger (Bretby Parish Council)

Members of the Public

S Lloyd; P Pearson; G Varty; F Hood; J Juneau; L McLean; H Hall; C Egan; M Evans; D Melen; J Melen; B Hanson; D Eastman; S Toone; J Orme; A Brown; Mrs Brown; K Abell; S Skelton; D Mapplebeck; I Nelson

RA/1 **To note the appointment of the Chairman.**
Councillor Smith was duly elected by Annual Council as Chairman of the Repton Area Forum

RA/2 **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Councillor Chahal and Lynette Nash (Findern Parish Council)

RA/3 **Appointment of Vice Chairman.**
Councillor Smith thanked Cllr Shepherd for chairing the Area Forum over the last year. Councillor Stanton was elected as Vice Chairman of the Repton Area Forum

RA/4 **Declarations of Interest.**
None

RA/5 **Chairman's Announcements.**

None.

RA/6 **To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th February 2014**

Page 2 - Riverbank footpath at Willington – the public meeting will take place at Willington Village Hall

Page 3 - Stenson Parish Council raised the issue of the speed limit to be reduced to 30 mph and that their comments were not included in the minutes. See below.

The concerns of the Parish Council's representatives have again been brought to the attention of the Traffic & Safety Team, but officers concur with the response provided at the forum and comments made previously. It was agreed to review the speed limit with the Police, on completion of the development.

Page 3 - Councillor Stanton confirmed that the entrance to Ticknall Village Hall had now been repaired.

RA/7 **Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.**

The Chairman reviewed those items raised at the last meeting and the Forum Liaison Officer reported the progress made in each case.

Drainage issues on Bretby Lane

It is proposed to replace a section of drainage along the problem section of Bretby Lane, to increase capacity. During previous site investigations it was established that the outfall is damaged and permission has been gained to enter private land to carry out repairs to this, prior to the works in the carriageway.

Collapsed wall at Newton Solney

The County Council have been allocated money from Central Government as part of the severe weather relief fund. Allocation of these funds is subject to a report going to Cabinet at the end of June. Councillor Chilton stressed the importance of this funding being granted as the wall is dangerous.

Damage to bridges in Stenson

The River and Canal Trust had recently confirmed that the canal bridge had been inspected and is included in a monthly inspection regime and has a 40 ton load capacity. Under Schedule 8 of the Section 106 Agreement it states that the developer should provide a routing schedule for works traffic. This hadn't been provided and the Planning Enforcement Team are addressing the issue. Cllr Shepherd reported that the developers had agreed not to use these bridges and was happy that the Enforcement Team were involved.

Potholes on Chapel Lane, Ticknall

Councillor Stanton confirmed these potholes had now been repaired.

RA/8 **Public questions on issues raised by residents.**

It was raised that the car park adjacent to the church in Findern was frequently being used for overnight parking. Signage does state no overnight parking. It was asked if new signage could be provided.

Action - SDDC to make enquiries and report back

Willington resident discussed the proposed part night lighting scheme for the village and the lack of consultation from Derbyshire County Council. A further issue of bulbs not being replaced was also raised.

Forum Liaison Officer confirmed that all street lighting was replaced on a rolling programme but the Authority can no longer afford to do this. The burn to extinction scheme had been introduced on certain roads which means that once a light goes out then it will only be replaced if reported and no longer on a rolling programme.

Stenson Parish discussed their experience with the part night lighting scheme and the consultation process. Cllr Davison discussed the problems with the Stenson Fields consultation, culminating in 37 responses out of 1600 residents and the future proposal that this be delivered more through the website and getting the views of the Parish Councils.

Forum Liaison officer confirmed that there have been instances when lights have been turned on – i.e. when requested by the Police to address issues with ASB during the hours of darkness. There has to be very good reason to switch a light back on and will not be done just on request alone.

Resident questioned what the regulations were on parking near junctions and against the flow of traffic after dark, in particular in Pinfold Lane, Repton. The Chairman confirmed that he had seen a ticket issued to one motorist on this road.

Cllr Ford discussed previous involvement in parking issues surrounding the Bulls Head, Repton

Repton residents had been informed via a Parish magazine that the Police would be available to speak to after the meeting as they wished to raise parking on the High Street in Repton. The Chief Executive confirmed that the Safer Neighbourhood Meeting took place prior to the Area Forum Meeting and Police were present to discuss local issues. Cllr Ford confirmed that a Repton Parish Council meeting was scheduled the following Monday in which he would raise this issue and facilitate a specific meeting.

Cllr Chilton confirmed that parking enforcement can be accessed via parking@derbyshire.gov.uk

Newton Solney Parish Council raised that a serious accident occurred near to the garden centre and discussed having a 30 mph speed limit enforced. Cllr Chilton confirmed that both Bretby and Newton Solney Parish Council confirmed there was no requirement to change the speed limit.

Forum Liaison Officer advised that a site investigation had revealed that vegetation around the junction was well trimmed and that visibility for emerging traffic was reasonably good. On the Knight's Lane approaches it was noted that the advanced warning signs were free from obstruction. There is also a 'SLOW' carriageway marking on the s/bound approach. It was considered that there is sufficient measures in place to alert drivers to the presence of the junction.

At a time of reducing budgets, we need to ensure that funds for road safety improvements are allocated to areas with a history of injury collisions. Aside from the recent collision referred to, there has been a good road safety record here in previous years and therefore little evidence to suggest further measures are warranted.

This route is entirely rural in nature, with very few fronting properties, and therefore a 30mph speed limit isn't appropriate and would not be respected.

It was raised that the road running from Winshill to Newton Solney was very narrow and bushes were overgrown over the pavement.

Action – Forum Liaison Officer to make enquiries and report back to a future meeting.

Resident questioned the impact on the village from the proposed development near Willington as already 19,000 vehicles a day pass through the mini-islands

RA/9 **Update on Environmental Volunteering**

This project aims to help local groups like Parish Councils and Footpath/Wildlife Groups find volunteers to do environmental tasks on their land, or land they manage. It will also provide suitable tasks for businesses and other groups (e.g. Derby University students) wishing to volunteer for ½ day (or more) on an environmental task.

South Derbyshire Partnership and South Derbyshire District Council have been approached by groups needing tasks doing and groups looking for tasks and aim to match them up.

The aims are to: -

- provide support & training to voluntary community environmental groups, Parish Councils and individuals
- improve biodiversity and the visual attractiveness of South Derbyshire by supporting community environmental tasks/ projects
- support businesses in their community investment and 'business in the community' work
- enable more environmental volunteering to take place in South Derbyshire

This project will not replace other means of getting environmental tasks done - it is for tasks that are difficult to achieve through existing methods either for financial or practical reasons. Templates for organisations with an environmental task that they need help with are downloadable from the web link.(www.south-derbys.gov.uk/environmentalforum - then click on the Environmental Volunteering link). The completed project templates will be used to create a list of tasks for businesses (and other volunteer groups) to choose from.

The templates should then make it quick and easy for businesses to book their volunteer day with the voluntary organisation, forest site, park or parish that needs the job doing. A charge to cover basic costs and any extras like risk assessments will be made to the business groups. The 'matching' service will be free for groups needing tasks doing unless they need extra support (at £30 hr). Charges are clear on the templates and notes.

RA/10 **County Council issues.**

Cllr Shepherd raised that overgrown foliage needed cutting back along the canal bridge and requested this be made part of the yearly programme.

Action – Forum Liaison Officer to make enquiries and report back to a future meeting.

Cllr Shepherd questioned why several speed signs had arrived in a short space of time around Melbourne

Action – Forum Liaison Officer to make enquiries and report back to a future meeting.

Cllr Davison raised that developments at Egginton Common will be on the Agenda for the South Derbyshire Local Area Committee, which is open to the public on 11th June.

RA/11 **District Council issues.**

None

RA/12 **Date of Next Meeting.**

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

P SMITH

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.35 pm