

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

REPTON

Wednesday, October 10th, 2018 at Ticknall Village Hall

PRESENT:-

South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) representatives

Councillor Andy MacPherson (Chair), Councillor Martyn Ford, Councillor David Shepherd, Councillor Michael Stanton.

Frank McArdle (Chief Executive).
Claire Rawlins (Anti-Social Behaviour Officer).
Tom Sloan (Clerk).

Derbyshire County Council (DCC) representatives

Councillor Martyn Ford.

Derbyshire Police representatives

Sgt Graham Summers, PCSO Harriet Dunn.

Parish Council / Meeting representatives

Susan Browne (Ticknall Parish Council), David Dickson (Repton Parish Council), Mary Goodall (Findern Parish Council), Christina Oppenheimer (Ticknall Parish Council), Rosemary Rose (Findern Parish Council), Trevor Skeith (Repton Parish Council), Steve Toone (Bretby Parish Council), Cliff Warner (Willington Parish Council).

Members of the public

Ros Baker (SDDC Housing), Tony Bates, Eddie Bisknell (Derby Telegraph), Sue Carter, J Griffiths, Heather Hall, John Orme, Alison Thornhill (National Trust).

RA/8 **Open meeting**

a. Introductions and apologies

Councillor Manjit Chahal, Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton, Councillor Peter Smith.

b. Declarations of interest

None.

c. Chair's announcements

Councillor Andy MacPherson updated the meeting on: Christmas bin collections, the Environmental Education Project giving away free trees and a consultation which was taking place on SDDC's Local Green Spaces Development Plan Document.

d. To receive the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were approved as a true and correct record of the previous meeting.

RA/9 **Safer Neighbourhood report**

PCSO Harriet Dunn reported that since the previous meeting:

- Repton Community Speed Watch had been active three times and caught more than 150 drivers speeding. CREST (Camera Vans) had been out and caught 32 drivers who would receive fixed penalty notices. The camera van would visit the village again soon. A Community Speed Watch was being set up in Stenson.
- A drink-driver had been caught in Mount Pleasant Road, Repton and another stopped in Willington who turned out to be disqualified and driving without insurance.
- A cannabis warning had been issued to occupants of a car in Ingleby Lane, Ticknall.
- A scrap metal vehicle had been seized in Stenson.
- Anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Hillside Park, Findern, and anti-social parking at Foremark Reservoir, seemed to have died down.
- There had been an increase in burglaries in Stenson and a patrol strategy compiled to combat it.

Councillor David Shepherd thanked PCSO Dunn for her efforts in Stenson and reported that scrap metal vans had been a problem in the area for a considerable amount of time. It was thanks to PCSO Dunn visiting the area that the van in question was seized.

A resident reported their concern over the number of burglaries, thefts and car thefts in Willington. They felt there was not enough information being disseminated to residents around the alleged incidents. The village was near to the A38, A50 and M1 and it was starting to feel as though the village was being left to fend for itself. Sgt Graham Summers replied that a lot of theft from vehicles was opportunistic and unlocked

vehicles were often targeted. As for Willington being 'abandoned', Police could react with a patrol strategy. They were reviewed on a daily basis. There were limited resources to patrol roads in South Derbyshire. While residents may see or hear about an increase in crime, South Derbyshire largely remained a very safe place to live. Any information given to Police was useful and helped in the prevention and solution of crimes.

A resident asked why a speed camera was being used near the level crossing in Willington. Sgt Summers replied that it was not a speed camera but British Transport Police checking for drivers jumping the level crossing.

Councillor Shepherd asked on behalf of Stenson Fields Parish Council why it seemed that Derbyshire Community Speed Watches could only operate in 30mph areas and not where the limit was 40mph. Sgt Summers replied that he did not know. It was an issue to raise with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Regarding the Task Force meeting held on August 15th between SDDC Councillors and Police, Councillor Shepherd asked if further meetings could be held as a matter of urgency. Frank McArdle replied that he felt the meeting had been a useful starting point and another one was expected to take place before Christmas.

Councillor Shepherd raised a sign advertising an event in Swarkestone which had been placed over a DCC sign, causing an obstruction for traffic. Sgt Summers was not aware of the sign and said any call made to Police would likely be diverted to DCC Highways.

RA/10 **Communities update**

Claire Rawlins reported that:

- There were two ongoing enforcement actions related to adults causing a nuisance to neighbours. One was due in court the next week when an application for a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO – new name for an Anti-Social Behaviour Order) would be made.
- Hate Crime Awareness Week was due to be held on October 13th to 20th.
- Prison Me? No Way! visits would again be made to secondary schools in South Derbyshire.
- The Say Something If You See Something campaign around child sexual exploitation was being backed by the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership.
- No Trick or Treat leaflets were available for residents who wished to avoid children knocking on their door on Halloween.

- A sum of £4,000 was still available for projects in the area targeting crime, anti-social behaviour or community safety.

A resident said they were frustrated with the term 'hate crime'. They felt hate did not come into it and the term was unhelpful – it was simply a crime.

Rich Murrell explained the work undertaken by South Derbyshire CVS. He also reported that cuts expected to hit the service had not been made thanks to lobbying from various authorities.

RA/11 **Local authority issues & public questions**

Mr McArdle reported that:

- A by-election would be held on October 25th. It raised the topic of eligibility to vote. He urged those present to ensure they were on the Electoral Roll and registered to vote. In May, all 36 seats on SDDC were up for election.
- Local Democracy Week would start the following week. He was passionate about democracy, something people had died for in the past in the UK. If people did not use it, they could lose it – and it was vital that the message was passed down to young people. As part of the week, primary school pupils would visit the Civic Offices and learn about democracy at a local level.
- The Local Green Spaces Development Plan Document was out for consultation. It would award Green Belt status. A total of 86 spaces across South Derbyshire were proposed.

A resident raised the development of the former Calder Aluminium site in Repton Road, Willington. He believed that a berm should have been left around the site to protect it from flooding from the nearby brook. However, he felt that the condition – applied in 1970 – had not been met. Mr McArdle replied that it he did not have the current planning application in front of him so it was impossible to comment on the report and any possible discharge of historic conditions. He would respond to the resident outside the meeting.

A resident raised the issue of dog fouling and asked if more could be done to prosecute those responsible for it. Mr McArdle replied that Allison Thomas had been appointed to take a strategic view of service delivery at SDDC. Efforts were being made to come up with a structure that would improve what was offered – but SDDC had a good track record of prosecutions.

Councillor Ford reported graffiti under the A50 bridge at Crow Park Way, Findern. A mural had been defaced.

ACTION: Location to be reported to SDDC Communities Manager Chris Smith

A resident said a previous report into trees overhanging the road at the Mount Pleasant pub in Repton had investigated the wrong trees. The issue was with poplars at the corner of a field. Councillor Michael Stanton replied that he had reported the trees to SDDC Tree Officer Martin Buckley, who reported that the trees were healthy and should be left as they were.

ACTION: Tom Sloan to re-report trees to Martin Buckley

A resident asked for another request to be made to DCC regarding improved signage at Repton Primary School. Councillor Ford confirmed that he had asked for a safety officer to visit and have a look at the issue.

RA/12 **Presentation on local community initiative**

Alison Thornhill from the Calke Abbey Loneliness Project delivered a presentation on efforts being made to reach out to the lonely in South Derbyshire.

RA/13 **Summary of any agreed priorities / actions**

ACTION: Location (of graffiti at Crow Park Way) to be reported to SDDC Communities Manager Chris Smith

ACTION: Tom Sloan to re-report trees (at Mount Pleasant) to Martin Buckley

RA/14 **Close and date of next meeting**

Wednesday, January 23rd, 2018.

Councillor Andy MacPherson
CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 7.53pm.