

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

LINTON

2nd September 2014 at Netherseal Village Hall

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

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

S Batchelor (Director of Community and Planning) S Winfield (Service Assistant).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

P Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

County Council Representatives

Councillor K Lauro.

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

C Wright, J Pallett, O Pallett (Castle Gresley Parish Council); S Gala, C Knight (Overseal Parish Council).

Members of the Public

C Pidgeon.

LA/13 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from J Pallett, S Jackson, T Stone, M Horne and Heather Wheeler MP

LA/14 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

LA/15 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jo Smith (Director of CVS) announced in the previous meeting that the CVS AGM would take place on 10th October in Swadlincote Town Hall, commencing at 10 am. Everyone was welcome.

The planning appeal against the District Council's refusal of permission to Gladman developments starts next Tuesday (9th September) at 10 am at the

Council Chambers, SDDC. Public are welcome but speakers must attend at 10 am to register.

LA/16 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Linton Area Forum held on 28th May 2014 were noted.

LA/17 **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.

Acresford Road, Netherseal - Carriageway flooding

Forum Liaison Officer discussed the flooding at Acresford opposite the Crickets Inn. Drainage goes through an opposite field and outpours into a brook. It is believed that the pipework is damaged in the field and access is needed to carry out repairs. DCC have written to the landowner on a few occasions but have received no response. The field was waterlogged at the time of the last meeting and it was suggested that this was polluting the river Mease. This was discussed with the flood risk team but decided it was unlikely to cause concern with the Environment Agency. DCC can use Section 100 of the Highways Act to access the land. The landowner has been written to with notification of DCC's intentions to enter the land without permission at the end of the notice period to repair damage.

Director of Community and Planning updated the group on item 8. Kate Allies made investigations into Ernest Hall Way, which is not SDDC land and therefore not responsible for maintenance. This issue will be referred to the Planning Enforcement Officer to consider.

LA/18 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

It was raised that pot holes are still an issue around the Cadley Hill roundabout. The same holes are getting bigger and motorists need to swerve to avoid them coming from Toons.

ACTION- Forum Liaison Officer to report back to a future meeting.

It was raised that in the vicinity of Coton Park / Badgers Hollow Recreation Ground there were about 15 holes in the centre of the road getting worse. Opposite the Red Lion in Linton there were also a series of holes. The Highways Dept had telephoned resident to ask where the pot holes were that had damaged a car wheel. Two deep holes are on the Walton to Rosliston Road on the left hand side.

ACTION - Forum Liaison Officer to refer the matter back to DCC

Cllr Murray stated that the Government had allocated funding to address these potholes and asked what was the value of funding to address these issues.

ACTION - Forum Liaison Officer to obtain figures and report back to the next meeting

It was raised that vegetation is overgrown at the Rosliston / Drakelow (Flintmill) crossroads and makes it very difficult to see. Cllr Lauro stated that in order to make it safe it needs traffic lights. The vegetation has been looked at and reported. It was raised that two signs, when approaching from Caldwell Road, stand out from the hedge. The hedge needs cutting and the signs moving back to improve the vision.

Councillor Wheeler commented that new jet patching of small potholes was an improvement.

LA/19 **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

None

LA/20 **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

The Director of Community and Planning confirmed that Sport England had announced another round of protecting playing fields money before Christmas.

Last Night at The Proms will take place this Saturday (6th September) at Rosliston and tickets are still available. The lighting of the beacon will also take place at 6 pm.

The 20th anniversary of Rosliston Forestry Centre opening takes place on 16th November, together with the National Forest food and drinks fare.

Briefing sessions for Parish Councils will commence at 6.30 pm at the Council Offices on the following topics.

12th November ASB briefing on new legislation
3rd December - Planning application process and planning policy
28th January - update on neighbourhood planning
11th March, Building Control and planning enforcement.

A briefing session took place recently on trees and open spaces, which was well received.

LA/21 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

R WHEELER

CHAIRMAN

The meeting terminated at 7.45 pm