

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

REPTON

20th July 2010

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council Representatives**

Councillor Bladen (Chairman) and Councillors Mrs. Hood and Murray.

F. McArdle (Chief Executive), D. Townsend (Democratic Services) and K. Ward (Helpdesk).

**Derbyshire County Council Representative**

Councillor Murray.

**Derbyshire Constabulary**

PCSO H. McConachie.

**Parish Council/Meeting Representatives**

D. Jackman, A. Jones (Hatton Parish Council), A. Topliss (Newton Solney Parish Council), R. Paulson (Repton Parish Council), P. Ricketts (Willington Parish Council).

**Members of the Public**

J. Cownie, N.T. Cumming, A. Gifford, A. Gillespie, C. Manifold, J. Orme, P. Pearson, G. Varty.

RA/1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

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

RA/2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillors Mrs. Farrington, Ford, Mrs. Gillespie and Taylor, and Sergeant Sutherland (Derbyshire Constabulary).

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

It was agreed that Councillor Ford be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Repton Area Forum for the ensuing year.

RA/4. **POLICE ISSUES**

PCSO Holly McConachie reported that crime in the area had decreased by 15.3%, and the area was classed as average. She gave further statistics on burglary, robbery, vehicle crime and anti-social behaviour. She added that there had been 5,500 fewer victims of crime in the whole of Derbyshire over the past year.

It was asked if there had been any progress made with regard to the recent burglary on Monsom Lane. PCSO McConachie replied that she would provide an update at the next Meeting.

PCSO McConachie also added that there had been a reported incident of arson outside the Village Hall in Repton. The Police currently had no lines of enquiry, and she asked if anybody knew of any details of this crime, that they report it to the police.

A resident reported that cars parking in front of the bus stop outside No. 96 Trent Lane, were causing a problem with access onto the bus.

**The Forum Liaison Officer was aware of the problem, and would investigate further.**

A resident reported that parking arrangements had been changed on Castle Way, however, this was causing confusion.

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

RA/5. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman of the Repton Area Forum introduced Councillor Neil Atkin, the Chairman of the Council, who appealed to community organisations for invitations to the Chair's Office. He added that he would like to come to some local events, and asked if anyone was interested, to contact South Derbyshire District Council.

RA/6. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Repton Area Forum held on 7th April 2010 were noted.

It was pointed out at the last Meeting, a presentation on recycling had been requested

**The Chief Executive agreed that he would arrange for a presentation to be made to the Repton Parish Council Meeting, and also that an Officer be invited to the next Repton Area Forum.**

RA/7. **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.

The Forum Liaison Officer gave a further update on Lincoln Way, Midway.

With regard to the area around the Clock Garage roundabout, it was reported that there was already damage, following quite extensive works. The Forum Liaison Officer was aware of damage to the kerbs and understood that this would be rectified.

It was reported that residents who lived between the lights on Sandcliffe Road/Midway Road were having problems accessing and exiting their properties. Councillor Murray requested that a Highways Officer visit these residents to assess their access problems.

**The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to arrange a further meeting with Councillor Murray and the local residents.**

With regard to an item raised at the Meeting of 7th April 2010, regarding works adjacent to the Rodney Public House, a resident reported that he had made a formal complaint to Derbyshire County Council, and no response had ever been received.

**The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to provide an update on this directly with the resident concerned.**

It was reported that the County Council had agreed to put in a vehicle activated speed sign on Sandcliffe Road. However, the pole for this sign had been in but no sign had ever been erected.

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

A resident requested that the proposed charges at Willington Marina car park, be reconsidered. This was supported by an email from Councillor Ford, which was read out by the Chairman. It was considered that these charges would have a drastic effect on the number of people using the local train service. In addition, it could also lead to traffic congestion around local streets, causing more traffic problems in the village. It was agreed that the use of public transport and the railway should be encouraged.

**The Meeting unanimously agreed that a letter be written on behalf of the Repton Area Forum to Derbyshire County Council urging them to reconsider the punitive car parking charges proposed at Willington Marina car park.**

It was requested that when waste operatives stuck labels on bins, that they be stuck on facing the opening of the bin, so that they could be read more easily.

It was asked if the Safer Neighbourhood Team could help with problems of anti-social behaviour and vandalism on the cut-through on the Goseley estate, off Maple Avenue.

**It was agreed to ask the Safer Neighbourhoods Team if any assistance could be given to this issue.**

A resident queried figures that the Boundary Commission had published in May 2010. **The Chief Executive responded that he did not recognise these figures, and would forward a copy of the document to the resident.**

It was reported that at Brook End, Repton, repairs to the road surface had been undertaken, but no white lines had been put back.

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

The Chairman reported an issue raised by email by Councillor Ford, asking that a letter be written on behalf of the Repton Area Forum to Derbyshire Primary Care Trust, requesting that funding be ring-fenced for the proposed new medical centre. It was understood that the developers were actively identifying sites for this facility, and it was important that the opportunity was not lost before the site was identified and suitable permissions granted.

**It was unanimously agreed by those at the Meeting, that a letter be drafted and sent to Derbyshire PCT.**

RA/8. **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

The Chief Executive reported that the Mercian Regiment had been invited to accept the Freedom of South Derbyshire. The Colonel of Staff and soldiers would be attending a Council meeting, to accept this honour.

RA/9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Details of the dates and venues for future Area Forum Meetings would be circulated in due course.

J. BLADEN

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 7.50 p.m.