

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

NEWHALL

16<sup>th</sup> July 2015, The Newhall Day Centre

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council Representatives**

Councillor Bambrick (Chairman)  
Councillor Dunn  
Councillor Richards  
Councillor Mrs Stuart  
Councillor Wilkins

Frank McArdle (Chief Executive)  
Julie Marson (Clerk)  
Nichola Kiddy (SDDC)

**Derbyshire County Council Representatives**

Councillor Bambrick  
Councillor Dunn  
Paul Jameson (DCC)

**Members of the Public**

B Woods; C Maddock; R Hughes; Mr & Mrs Foster; N Cockayne; J Cockayne; J Pass; R House; J Seaton; A Argent; R Trim; A Jones; M Lunn; D Smith; P Bambrick; M Mulgrew; A Omisore (Burton Mail).

NA/1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**South Derbyshire Sport, Recreation, Community facility Strategy**

A strategy for the future provision of built community facilities, including formal open space and play is being developed. The Strategy will aim to provide a plan for the provision of community infrastructure for the growing population, building on the significant progress made in recent years. Parish Councils and Community groups will be consulted and a workshop will be held in September to allow more in depth discussion with stakeholders.

**Derbyshire Cycle Plan**

The County, City, Districts and a number of other bodies are producing a Plan for Cycling which aims to raise the participation of cycling in the County significantly over the next

decade. The consultation process will be promoted from next week via the Derbyshire Sport website and the District Council will host a briefing session for interested parties. A South Derbyshire Action Plan will be developed from that briefing session and will feed into infrastructure development and cycle participation and events.

### **Grove Climbing Centre**

A £1million development of a Climbing Centre in Swadlincote at the Green Bank Leisure Centre is progressing with a completion date in October. A further stage of the project includes the provision of a Skate park in Newhall Park and an Outdoor Gym in Eureka Park

### **Members and Parish Council Briefings**

Following on from the sessions that were delivered in previous years, a new series of briefing sessions are planned for the coming year starting with Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy and Development on 16<sup>th</sup> September. The full programme of dates will be sent out to parish councils in July. (Programme attached for reference).

#### **MEMBERS AND PARISH COUNCIL BRIEFING** **2015/16 PROGRAMME**

16 September 2015	Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy and Development - Reducing Physical Inactivity and Developing a Community Facility Infrastructure
14 October 2015	Planning and Enforcement - What is a Planning Consideration?
18 November 2015	Environmental Protection - Food, Noise and Nuisance
27 January 2016	Refuse and Recycling - Keeping the District Clean and Green
24 February 2016	Public Health - The Emerging Role for Local Authorities
30 March 2016	Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour What Can Be Done To Reduce ASB??

NA/2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Atkin & Pearson; Bill Parker and Mr & Mrs Foy.

NA/3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were declared.

NA/4 **COUNCILLOR ATKINS INTRODUCTION TO CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE**

Councillor Bambrick read out the brief below in Councillor Atkins absence.

The Chairman's theme for the civic year is called 'Unsung Heroes in the Community' and a publicised request for members of the community take some time to consider if any Voluntary group in the district should be acknowledged for their contribution to the community whether they are an individual or company that they believe may deserve some recognition.

The Chairman wishes to attend and support local community events no matter how big and small they are. The office would also like to promote what South Derbyshire has to offer and what it does best.

The Chairman's nominated charities are Rainbows Hospice for Young Adults and Children.

SSAFA – Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Families Association.

All Contact details can be found on the Council's Website.

Councillor Stuart was welcomed to the meeting and thanks given to Mick Mulgrew and Mrs Mead for all the work they have done for the area over the years.

NA/5 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Newhall Area Forum held on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015 were agreed as true and accurate.

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

Improved signage on the A511:- Councillor Dunn raised the issue about HGV's on Sandcliffe and Park Road.

PJ – Both the Police and DCC Trading Standards can take action in regard to the offence of contravening weight restrictions. The Police are able to stop

vehicles and issue Fixed Penalty Notices whilst our Trading Standard Officers will normally issue warning letters for first time offenders and will consider prosecuting repeat offenders.

You can report the details to DCC – contact Paul Jameson for details how to do this.

The timing of the signals at the A444/ Park Road junction at Stanton. Traffic engineers have checked on a number of occasions following reports at this forum, where it has been established that the timings are within Department for Transport recommendations.

Speed signs in Dunsmoor Lane and Nether Hall Road. P J is unaware of any requests received for VAS signs on either of these roads; neither of which meet the required criteria.

NA/7 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY THE RESIDENTS**

Finance of the Council – in relation to the rebate of £6.20 why wasn't the money transferred back into the Council if we have a short fall.

The decision was made by the Controlling Group of the Council to return the monies to the rate payer as an efficiency discount.

Councillor Dunn said that Labour Members voted against it.

Development at Chestnut Avenue: - Where was the consultation for the positioning of the Play area. The Pavilion has been moved and people were not consulted.

Planning has been approved and it is being built in accordance with the approved plans.

A resident raised the issue about dust from the development. Chief Executive asked for their contact details and he would contact them himself. He also thought it might be a good idea to have a Site Visit with the Developers to have an update on the progress.

Councillor Wilkins raised the issue of the road being blocked by lorries going to the development on numerous occasions and the vibrations these lorries caused. He said there has been no consultation with the builders.

Mr Mulgrew said that the MUGGA had been swapped to the other side of the development but the Community Centre is in the same place.

31 Houses have been sold out of the 61 to be built all but 3 are to local people.

The link to the District Map when will that be up and running: - At present we are experiencing IT problems. Keep trying the website and the map will be up and running ASAP.

Issues were raised with the new recycling leaflet. It was asked why the black trays cannot continue to be put in the green bin as before. They are not recyclable with the rest of the recycling so they need separating.

In Winchester Drive it was raised that Sky Broadband were carrying out works under a Permitted Development Order, without any consultation and people are not receiving replies to letters being sent to the company. The question was raised why could they not go underground like in other areas of the district. Local councillors have received many complaints from residents. Councillor Wilkins says that as individual's you are able to take the company to County Court.

The residents of The Sandlands & Lady Fields stopped Sky from putting Poles in their streets. Each resident parked and refused to move their cars to let them put the poles in the pavement and they have now received an official letter to say they won't be putting any poles in those areas. Councillor Dunn says that DCC have limited powers as this area was chosen as a trial.

The speed humps in Welland Road are breaking up and causing damage to cars.

**Action: Paul Jameson to carry out enquiries in regard to any required repair works.**

Brambles are encroaching onto the footway along Park Road (B5353), which is reducing the width to as little as 18 inches in places.

**Action: Paul Jameson to look into.**

In an update on the two Solar Farm Applications off Sunnyside in Newhall, Councillor Bambrick said that they were still under consultation.

Have there been any developments in creating a Combined Authority? The Chief Executive said he is working together with all County Executives to progress a Combined Authority, including all Derbyshire Councils.

Residents asked what is happening with the Willington Power Station Cooling Towers and as it is classed as Brown field is there any chance of the Towers being demolished. Once the Gas Pipe Connection is laid then the land can be developed.

Residents asked what is happening with the new proposed bridge at Walton on Trent. A condition within the Planning consent states that once a limited number of houses have been built they must start works on the bridge before any more can be built.

It was confirmed that the annual Fairground on Newhall Park pay rates to the Council.

NA/8

**COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

The street sign at the bottom of Bretby Road has been defaced. This is not a County Council issue it is dealt with by the District Council.

NA/9 **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

The Chief Executive gave a budget update and stated that there will be changes to the Housing Revenue Account due to the Government Budget reductions.

Swadlincote Golf Course Driving Range is to open on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am. The Golf Course itself will be a pay as you go and privately funded.

Residents raised issues with Street Signs that were rusted and wanted to know if they can be renewed. The Street Signs were for Bakewell Green, Johns Drive and Fairfield Crescent.

**Action: Details to be sent to Chief Executive by clerk.**

Members and the public thanked Chief Executive for his 40 years working for SDDC.

NA/10 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Meeting is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Councillor Sean Bambrick

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.30 pm