

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

ETWALL

11th September 2014 at Dalbury Lees Millenium Hall

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Mrs. Brown (Chairman) and Councillors: Mrs Patten and Mrs Plenderith.

Frank McArdle (Chief Executive)
Julie Marson - Clerk

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Mrs Patten

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

S.Cooper (Hilton Parish Council); I.Bennett, D.Muller and N.Ireland (Etwall Parish Council); B.Myring and Cliff Noons (Etwall Neighbourhood Watch); T.Beresford and A.Holgate (Foston & Scropton Parish Council); R.Slack (Dalbury Lees Parish Council); C.Hall (Burnaston Neighbourhood Watch)

Members of the Public

S.Jolly, G.Wale, C Pidgeon

EA/13 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bale; Paul Jameson (DCC) David Simcox; Andy Billings; Barry Peyton; Jackie Drake, Maureen Pateman and Joy Nichols

EA/14 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

EA/15 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUCEMENTS**

Pig Farm is up for determination by the County Council and a public meeting is being held in Foston w/c 15th September 2014.

Draft Local Plan – Part 1 (Large Strategic Sites) has been submitted and received by Inspectorate we have a Lady Inspector. Review maybe late autumn.

Part 2 (100 dwellings or less) – Alterations to Boundaries and Village Envelopes and Boundaries. 600 Dwellings around the district in the New Year.

EA/16 **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

Wind Turbine Applications – No applications have been received as of the 21st August 2014.

EA/17 **TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th June 2014 (COPY ATTACHED)**

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

EA/18 **DAVID SIMCOX – CEO OF SOUTH DERBYSHIRE CITIZEN’S ADVICE BUREAU**

This item has been postponed until the next meeting on the 28th January 2015.

EA/19 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

A question was raised about the application for Solar Panels off Main Street, Dalbury Lees; there is also a similar application at Badger Farm, Hilton. Plans for both applications can be viewed on the website; through the Parish Councils or at the Council Offices in Swadlincote. – The Chairman is unable to comment on live applications and asked whether representations had been sent to the Planning Department.

In relation to Solar Panel applications Tony Beresford questioned why the application site which is within the Sudbury Parish but is on the border of South Derbyshire, why no one has been notified. – Councillor Brown has received an e-mail.

Also raised was the proposal of 50 houses on the Etwall Road into Egginton. No application has been submitted to the authority. A meeting was held with the Planning Consultants where they decided to defer submitting an application at this time. The site is a SHLAA site within the Local plan. There are two maps available to view showing the SHLAA sites in the district through Etwall Residents Association.

Further to Martin Buckley’s talk at the last meeting in relation to Ash Die Back and if it has spread any further in our district. As Ash Die Back has been spotted in the grounds of the Winery in Burton on Trent.

Action: Julie to ask Martin Buckley to give an update at the next meeting.

Etwall Parish Council wanted an update on the Rail Freight Application. The Chief Executive was invited to a meeting with Repton Parish Council to discuss the application. A local MP has sent a letter saying about the lack of

information being supplied. Egginton and Etwall Parish Council would like to be invited to any future meetings as it affects those parishes also. The Chief Executive said that he is unable to comment as the meeting was arranged by Repton Parish Council, but said to write to Repton and ask to be included in any future meetings. Councillor Brown informed the meeting there is a further one to be held on the 27th September 2014.

EA/20 **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

Broadband: - Councillor Patten is unable to get any update on the situation and Councillor Brown referred to the previous minutes on the presentation by Natalie Brooks. There is a lack of progress it seems and is not moving as fast as people would like.

Action: Julie to e-mail Paul Jameson at DCC to ask for a further update for the next meeting.

Church Broughton are looking to go independent by having satellite's on the Church Roof if this is the case BT will not get involved in putting cables in etc. They are just looking at their options at present.

It was raised to see if cables had been laid in Long Lane, Dalbury. Councillor Patten is to contact Natalie Brooks. If you have a BT Landline you can contact Natalie and she can see when improvements will be made in your area.

The lamp posts between Marston Turn (Uttoxeter Road) to the Salt Box Hatton have been removed and no new ones to replace them. No-one was aware that they had been removed or why.

Action: Julie to e-mail Paul Jameson at DCC to question why this is and if and when any replacements will be in place.

EA/21 **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

The Government settlement is reduced year on year, the Council is where we need to be we have cut costs and restructured 4 times this has made a saving of 3.1 million over 4 years but there has been no cuts in the services the Council provide.

The LDF has gone to the Inspector and the Chief Executive attended a meeting in North Derbyshire where 6-8 plans have failed within Derbyshire. We have had a change of inspector and we are still waiting but believe our plan is fit for purpose we have to work with both Derby City and Amber Valley to provide the housing provisions.

Over the last ten years we have been in the top 6 for Growth. We will know by the next meeting in January if Part 1 of the LDF has been accepted.

Part 2 of the LDF is for small non-strategic Sites which could include some villages in our district.

Major employment at Nestle Factory Site, which includes a 32 hectares expansion and approaching 1,000 jobs. 78% of workers employed at the site live within a 3 mile radius of the site.

Also there is 300- new jobs in Swadlincote from a firm called 'Clippers', who have taken over two factories that are already built.

The Golf Course will give a boost to the area there will be approx. 600 houses built in the heart of town and monies received will help revive the leisure centre and there will be a Golf Academy set up for the local schools free of charge.

Challenges to comprise of large industrial projects that we need to boost our growth, but we need the balance for rural homes, which has been put in place in the Local Plan. Planning of the district is between individual needs; urban and rural and infrastructure to be put in place. Politics change but developments have progressed within the district and this is down to members and developers working together for the district.

A question was raised if the local plan neighbours with Derby City and Amber Valley does it include East Staffs, but our local plan is for Derbyshire – people do not recognise boundaries.

The Chief Executive replied to say that boundaries are placed by Government but it is to do with the Connectivity in place. The College is now named 'Burton and South Derbyshire College' and there is 64,000 sq. feet in Swadlincote for College Campus and a number of the students live in our district and travel. Also Conkers is in NWLDC but people come into Swadlincote before and after and help with the growth of the district.

At present unemployment is at 1.6% this is being helped by asking new companies who are looking to recruit go through the Job Centre before advertising in papers to help local unemployment. Also the Construction College is skilling up the younger generation and helping people re-invent them to enable them to find employment. South Derbyshire was named most productive district by The Sun newspaper.

Within the Local Plan and the housing provision we have to supply by 2013, it was asked what measures were in place for supplying materials. E.g.: Brick makers have closed down in the recession and developers are unable to obtain the materials required. – This supply is now starting to ease and materials are more obtainable now.

Tony Beresford from Foston & Scropton Parish Council said that they are in a pilot scheme with County Council known as Community Resilience. This is an initiative whereby responsible members of the local community will assist and advise the County Emergency Planning Department about the situation on the ground until

officers arrive and are able to take over. As well as keeping DCC officers informed, it is intended that local people would put out and later collect “Road Closed” or “Road Flooded” signs at appropriate locations. In this Parish we have a long standing problem with flooding which the recent Lower Dove Flood Risk Management Scheme has not entirely removed; indeed the County Council is well advanced with an investigation under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act because flooding of property in the centre of Scropton from the watercourse alongside the west side of Watery Lane remains a proven threat.

Flood Wardens are an essential part of the Community Resilience Scheme but both the County and Parish Councils want to recruit people and firms with expertise in First Aid, etc. together with specialist equipment and operators suitable for use during an emergency. The only positive response has been from Faccenda (formerly Cranberry Foods) who said they could provide hot drinks and food at the turkey processing factory but their assistance is restricted because of food production regulations. There have been no other positive replies which are disappointing given the number of large companies located within the Parish. Following the floods of the early 2000’s, DCC asked all Parishes to compile a Community Response Plan but there were no replies from these companies to letters from the PC

Action: Chief Executive to help with the above scheme by contacting businesses at Dove Valley Park, ATL and JCB. A name was given as a point of contact for JCB who deals with the Press and PR.

EA/22 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

28th January 2015 at Frank Wickham Hall, Etwall

MRS L BROWN

CHAIRMAN

The meeting terminated at 8.31pm