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AREA MEETING

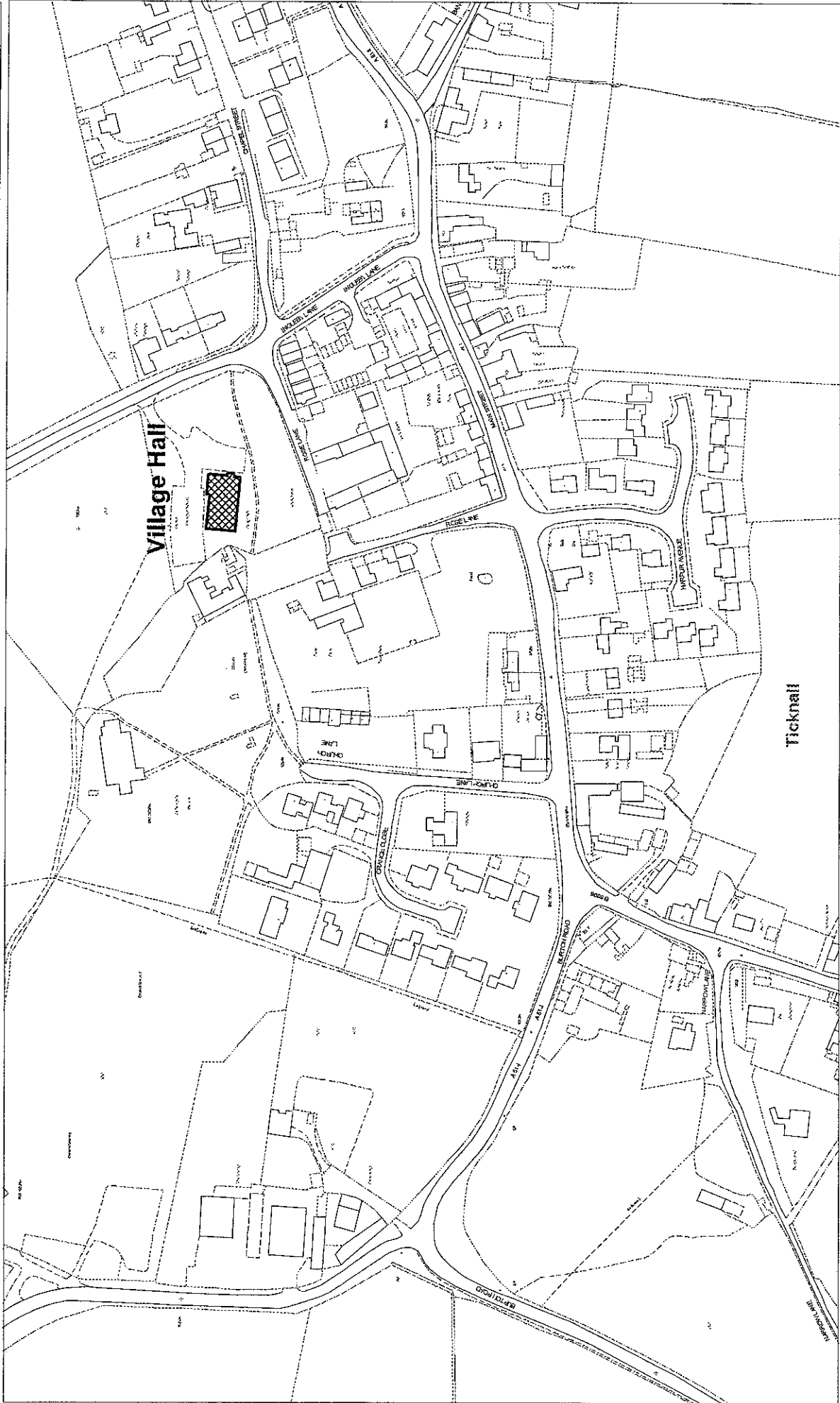
AGENDA AND REPORTS

WEDNESDAY, 18TH AUGUST 2004

**VILLAGE HALL
INGEBY LANE
TICKNALL**

7.00 p.m.

Melbourne Area Meeting Village Hall Ingleby Lane Ticknall



South Derbyshire District Council

Policy Unit

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MELBOURNE AREA MEETING

(Covering Aston-on-Trent, Barrow-on-Trent, Calke, Elvaston, Foremark, Ingleby,
Melbourne, Shardlow & Great Wilne, Smisby, Stanton-by-Bridge,
Stenson Fields, Swarkestone, Ticknall, Twyford & Stenson and Weston-on-Trent)

Meeting to be held at
The Village Hall
Ingleby Lane
Ticknall
on Wednesday, 18th August 2004
at 7.00 p.m.

(Light Refreshments will be available at 6.30 p.m.)

Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Carroll (Chair) and Councillors Atkin, Bell, Bladen,
Harrison, Jones, Nalty, Pabla, Mrs. Renwick, Shepherd and Mrs.
Wheeler.

County Councillor: Councillor Harrison.



BUSINESS

1. To note the appointment of Councillor Carroll as Chair, at the Annual Council Meeting.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Appointment of Vice-Chair.
4. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th May 2004 (copy herewith).
5. Chair's Announcements.
6. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
7. Public Question Time and suggestions for future local discussion items.
8. Date of Next Meeting – 17th November 2004.
9. Presentation by the Derbyshire Youth Service.
10. Presentation on Crime and Disorder Update.
11. Recycling News.

MELBOURNE AREA MEETING5th May 2004**PRESENT:-****District Council Representatives**

Councillor Harrison (Vice-Chair in the Chair) and Councillors Atkin, Jones, Pabla and Shepherd.

I. Reid (Deputy Chief Finance Executive), P. Spencer (Democratic Services) and B. Jones (Helpdesk).

Derbyshire County Council Representative

Councillor Harrison.

Parish Council Representatives

A. Keefe (Aston-on-Trent Parish Council), G. Barnes (Smisby Parish Council) and P. Watson (Ingleby Parish Meeting).

Derbyshire Constabulary

Inspector S. Fairbrother and PC C. Staley.

South Derbyshire CVS

R. House.

Members of the Public

J. Burden, P. Burden, P. Dagley, C. Ford, F. Hinds, J. Hinds, A. Jefferies, S. Madeley, G. Pollard, R. Saxby and K. Whewell.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Carroll (Chair) and Councillors Bell, Bladen and Mrs. Renwick (South Derbyshire District Council), C. Barker (Barrow-on-Trent Parish Council) and L. Brooks.

MA/23. MINUTES

The Open Minutes of the Melbourne Area Meeting held on 20th January 2004 were noted.

MA/24. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair advised that a Customer Service Satisfaction questionnaire had been circulated prior to the Meeting and he requested residents to complete and return this to the Council, to provide feedback.

MA/25. REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

In reviewing the Minutes of the last Meeting and a particular police matter, the Chair introduced Inspector Steve Fairbrother who had recently taken over from Inspector Hargreaves at the Swadlincote Police Station. Inspector Fairbrother gave some background to his police career, confirmed that he was born locally and had served in the Shardlow area previously. He spoke about the Beat Officer service and the hope to recruit special constables for the area. He was mindful of local issues and spoke about plans to seize

motor cycles that were causing a nuisance. He referred to recent problems and would endeavour to secure the use of the Police helicopter to catch offenders using motor cycles illegally. He then explained the research that had been undertaken to pursue the problems reported at the last Meeting. Residents confirmed that there were still occasional problems with motor cycles using bridlepaths in the Elvaston area. He sought help from the public to provide information on offences and would welcome their feedback. Another key issue was nuisance caused by youths. Work was being undertaken through the Crime and Disorder Partnership. The Inspector spoke of the role of parents and the need for young people to take responsibility for their actions. There would be times when the police could not deliver the service expected, dependant upon the number of calls for service and the resources available at that time. The Inspector also recognised the value of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes.

The Chair gave an update on various matters in the Elvaston area that had been referred to Derbyshire County Council. A response had been received and the Chair read extracts of the letter. The footbridge within the Elvaston Castle grounds had been replaced. Mr. Whewell commented on the works undertaken and the cost involved. He also explained that another bridge had been damaged on the site, but that had been repaired more simply. Derbyshire County Council had advised that there were no plans for a footway improvement scheme within Elvaston nor plans to provide access to the local nature reserve. The problem with flooding was currently being investigated and a site meeting was planned. The Chair offered to speak to the two Elvaston residents after the Meeting, to pursue this issue.

The Chair then commented on problems raised at the last Meeting with regard to speeding traffic in Melbourne. He had received accident statistics for the areas in question. However, his request for speed restrictions to be imposed, particularly on Robinsons Hill and Cockshut Lane, had been declined. He was not satisfied with the response and intended to pursue this matter further. A resident commented that a speed limit had been imposed between Aston-on-Trent and Weston-on-Trent, despite there being no known accidents. The Chair found the comparison useful and the resident echoed the safety concerns about the junction of Cockshut Lane in Melbourne.

Mr. Barnes of Smisby Parish Council questioned whether a 20 mph speed limit could be imposed within the Village. There were concerns about traffic speed, but he was not aware if there had been any road traffic accidents. The Chair commented that several factors were taken into account when determining expenditure on traffic calming measures. However, the main indicators were the number of reportable accidents or fatalities that had occurred. He urged the Parish Council to pursue this issue with Derbyshire County Council. Ian Reid suggested that the Parish Council seek a meeting with Peter Leigh of Derbyshire County Council, particularly because of the nursery within the Village.

Police Constable Staley shared the road safety concerns raised by the Chair and supported his endeavours for a reduction in speed limits in certain areas of Melbourne. He spoke particularly about the junction of Cockshut Lane in Melbourne. He was aware that a speed limit reduction had been achieved in Newton Solney and yet statistically, that area had fewer reportable accidents.

Mr. Jefferies spoke about the condition of roads in the Elvaston area. In particular, on Thulston Road, problems had been reported with potholes. Some of the holes had been repaired by Derbyshire County Council, but this had been of limited effect and potholes were reappearing. The Chair was concerned and had pursued this issue with Derbyshire County Council previously. A rapid response was provided, but he felt that the method used gave a temporary repair and was false economy. He had asked Derbyshire County Council's Scrutiny Committee to look at this issue and that Highways consider doing a more substantial repair. This would slow the response time, but should provide a lasting repair. Mr. Jefferies had referred this issue to the District Council on a number of occasions. The Chair clarified that highways was a County Council responsibility. The Chair also offered to pursue safety concerns, where overgrown trees were impeding visibility on the main road from Elvaston towards the A6.

MA/26. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE FOR LOCAL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mr. Watson of Ingleby Parish Meeting reported concerns that the Royal Mail planned to change postal codes in the Ingleby area. The Parish Meeting had received a consultation document on these proposals and responses could be submitted until 2nd July 2004. He confirmed the other individuals and organisations, including the District Council, that had been included within the consultation arrangements. As an individual, he had then been advised that his postal code would change in October 2004. This had caused frustration and Mr. Watson had written to the Royal Mail accordingly. He sought the support of the District Council to lobby against this proposal. He questioned why residents of Ingleby and other parishes should be required to change their postal code where there was no local increase in house numbers. He accepted that developments had taken place within the Melbourne and Chellaston areas, which would require the allocation of additional postal codes. However, it was felt that the revised postcodes should be provided for the new developments and not existing settlements. He also felt that the consultation exercise was pointless as the Company had already determined this matter.

Ian Reid was not aware of this consultation exercise and agreed to pursue the matter, taking it to the appropriate committee at the District Council. Any views expressed by residents at this meeting would be reported to Members. He speculated that the Royal Mail had chosen to give residents advance notice of this change, on the basis that further advice could be issued if the consultation exercise resulted in a different outcome. He also referred to a recent consultation exercise by British Telecommunications plc and the representations made by the District Council, which had been ignored. A further option might be to ask the Royal Mail to meet residents within the local area. The Clerk asked Mr. Watson to provide further details, in order that these could be forwarded to an appropriate Officer at the District Council. The Chair felt that the best way forward was to make a case for existing villages and hamlets to retain their current postcodes and for the review to be applied only in larger areas.

Mrs. Burden, a resident of Ticknall commented that the postal code was used for many other purposes than just mail delivery and she quoted a number of examples. Mr. Saxby of Aston-on-Trent sought the Police's views, particularly as the postal code was used as a basis for security marking.

Inspector Fairbrother agreed and recognised the inconvenience that would be caused. Ian Reid also commented on the financial impact for local businesses. Mr. Watson questioned whether residents could write to the local Member of Parliament and the Chair encouraged that this be done. Ian Reid suggested there was a need to submit a suitable alternative proposal that would minimise disruption for existing residents, whilst enabling the Royal Mail to allocate postal codes for new developments.

Mr. Barnes of Smisby commented that the frequency of Police patrols within the Village seemed to have reduced. Police Constable Staley confirmed that Smisby was part of his patrol area and he identified the other areas which he was required to cover.

MA/27. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date and venue for the next Melbourne Area Meeting would be confirmed in due course.

MA/28. **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE CVS - VOLUNTEERING**

The Chair introduced Richard House of the South Derbyshire CVS who gave a brief presentation on volunteering. He clarified the name and role of this organisation and spoke about his role as a volunteer co-ordinator. He was attending all of the Council's Area Meetings to raise awareness of the CVS and hoped that residents would pass the information available from a display to any person interested. He gave examples of the services which volunteers helped to deliver. Recently, enquiries had been received from individuals about becoming a Special Constable. He advised that organisations often approached the CVS, asking for assistance when volunteers were needed. He explained that the CVS was based in Grove Street in Swadlincote and was staffed mainly by volunteers. He then referred to the befriending scheme that was operated by the CVS and aimed to put volunteer befrienders in touch with lonely people in society. He referred to the social car scheme, which involved drivers taking individuals to places such as local hospitals. This service was unique in that the driver would stay with the person for the duration of their visit and a small charge would be levied to use the scheme. He advised that the CVS operated a Christmas dinner scheme, whereby individuals would make an extra Christmas meal and take it to a person living alone. He referred to the CVS shopping scheme and other areas of voluntary work. He then spoke of the benefits of volunteering and getting the right people to help with projects which were of interest to them. Some people had used volunteering as a means to gaining employment, or building their own confidence. Mr. House was mindful of Shardlow's location within the District and there were other CVS organisations within neighbouring authority areas. He gave examples of a number of local initiatives, including the development of the social car scheme to meet a demand, following the relocation of the Etwall Surgery to Hilton.

The Chair invited questions. A resident asked where there were particular skills shortages. Mr. House responded that many voluntary organisations needed people who could help with committee work and particularly treasurers. A resident asked about the insurance requirements for the social car scheme. Mr. House confirmed that public liability insurance was provided and the motorist's ordinary vehicle insurance usually included cover for voluntary work. Volunteers were always asked to check their

policies. The Chair thanked Mr. House for the presentation. He requested residents to publicise the various services offered by the CVS, particularly to individuals who might require assistance.

MA/29. **LIBERATION DAY**

The Chair advised that the South Derbyshire Crime and Disorder Partnership was organising the 2004 Liberation Day and this would be held on Thursday, 27th May 2004 at the Bretby Conference Centre. As well as entertainment, dozens of groups and organisations would have stalls. Some of the exhibitors would have quiet areas available, where visitors could discuss private issues. Efforts were being made to provide transport for those who required it. The day had been organised to help elderly and vulnerable people throughout South Derbyshire see how they could stay safe and secure in their homes. Further details about the event were available from the Crime and Disorder Team on (01283) 595787, together with information on planned transport arrangements.

The Chair encouraged attendance at this event. Ian Reid provided further information about the planned transport arrangements and Mr. House confirmed that the CVS was involved through the social car scheme.

J. HARRISON

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 8.10 p.m.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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18th August 2004

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last Melbourne Area Meeting held on 5th May 2004, at Shardlow Village Hall, a number of issues were raised. These issues are listed below, together with progress made to date:-

ISSUES	PROGRESS	ACTIONED BY
1. Matters referred to Derbyshire County Council.	(i) County Councillor Harrison agreed to pursue flooding problems in the Elvaston Area. (ii) Councillor Harrison offered to pursue the safety concerns about overgrown trees impeding visibility on a main road in the Elvaston area.	County Councillor Harrison
2. Changes to Postal Codes	This matter was referred to the Council's Finance and Management Committee. An update will be provided.	Chief Executive (P. Spencer)

RECYCLING NEWS

Great news !!!

South Derbyshire's residents have beaten the Council's recycling target for the Financial Year 2003/04.

During the year 40,000 tonnes of waste were collected in the district out of which 6,500 tonnes were recycled (17%). The Council's target for the year was 14% so we are well on our way of meeting the statutory target set by Government – 21% in 2005/06.

The 6,500 tonnes recycled are made up as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Tonnes</u>
Compost	3,111
Recycling Centres	1,575
Kerbside Paper	1,533
Kerbside multi-materials (12,000 households for two months only)	300
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>6,519</u>

The main recycling developments during last year were as follows:

Compost

The Composting Scheme was extended to a further 6,000 households in the District taking the number of households on the scheme to over 20,000. The plan is to extend the scheme to the whole of the district over the next three years.

Kerbside Paper

Kerbside collection of paper is carried out in about 90% of the district and, up until September last year, about half the collections were carried out on a fortnightly basis with the other half being collected on a monthly basis. However, as from last September, after much discussion with the Council's contractor, all paper collections are made fortnightly thus providing a more regular and effective service for residents. Currently we are trying to make inroads into the 10% of the district where there are no kerbside paper collections.

Kerbside Multi-materials

A new scheme was launched in January this year for the kerbside collection of bottles, cans, foil and textiles as well as paper from 12,000 households in the district. The scheme is proving hugely popular with residents and is recycling about 30 tonnes of waste each week – 20% more than we forecast. We are earnestly seeking funding to expand the scheme into other parts of the district.

We ran a competition in May with the prize of a Village / Ward Clean Up by the Council's Street Cleansing team for the areas that recycled the most. Hartshorne and Woodville won the Kerbside Paper prize and Etwall and Egginton won the Compost and Multi-Materials prize.

The main purpose of the competition was to raise awareness of the importance and the value to be gained from recycling. We welcome ideas from residents about how we may keep the message alive.

South Derbyshire is still sending 34,000 tonnes of rubbish to be dumped in Landfill Sites each year so we can still improve on our worthy efforts so far.