

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

REPTON

1st November 2010

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Bladen (Chairman), Councillor Ford (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Mrs. Hood, Murray and Wheeler.

J. Jones (Director of Corporate Services), D. Townsend (Democratic Services), G. Coates (Recycling Officer), L. Neave (Waste Management Officer) and K. Ward (Helpdesk).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillors Ford and Murray.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

Derbyshire Constabulary

Sergeant A. Sutherland.

Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service

C. Smith and R. Brunt.

Census 2011

H. Balesford.

Derbyshire Children's Centres

R. Kightley.

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

A. Jones (Hartshorne Parish Council), S. Ellis (Newton Solney Parish Council), N. Cumming and R. Paulson (Repton Parish Council)

Members of the Public

J. & J. Cownie, A. Gillespie, J. Orme, J. Stamford and R. Ward.

RA/10. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Mrs. Farrington, Taylor and Mrs. Wheeler M.P., and Mr. A. Gifford.

RA/11. **POLICE ISSUES**

Sergeant Sutherland gave an update on crime statistics for the area, and compared July to September 2010 to the same period of the previous year. He reported that there had been a small increase in crime of 4½%, which was an average of three crimes per 1,000 occupants, per month. Burglary and vehicle crime had decreased, but violent crime had increased compared to the same period last year. Anti-social behaviour had decreased by just over 8% in the area, and Sergeant Sutherland referred to an issue at Willington, which had been raised at the last Safer Neighbourhood Meeting. Resolution of this problem had been set as a priority, and he confirmed that the District Council now had a CCTV system, and it was hoped that a camera would be sited in Willington.

It was also reported that PC Fearn had returned from sick leave and PCSO McConachie was leaving, but would be replaced by PCSO Fox.

A resident reported three incidents that had taken place at Forge Close, and Sergeant Sutherland responded that residents must report all incidents. He also added that catalytic converters were being targeted at present, and in particular 4 X 4s and vans were at risk.

A resident pointed out that the crime figures were relevant to the Mercia area, and did not include Woodville and Hartshorne. Sergeant Sutherland acknowledged that the areas did not match the Area Forum boundaries.

RA/12. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Repton Area Forum held on 20th July 2010 were noted, subject to A. Jones being recorded as a representative for Hartshorne Parish Council, not Hatton Parish Council.

RA/13. **DERBYSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – SERVICE PLAN CONSULTATION**

Station Manager Chris Smith and Head of Corporate Services Richard Brunt explained the functions and activities of Derbyshire Fire Service. The Service Plan consultation was an opportunity for residents to submit any suggestions, remarks etc., to the Fire Service.

They talked about the priorities of the organisation, major expenditure and financial information, and proposals for new ways of working in the future. They added that any views or other suggestions would be most welcome and advised residents to complete the questionnaire and provide feedback. A link to their website was also provided – www.derbyshire-fire-service.co.uk.

RA/14. **CENSUS 2011**

Helen Bralesford from the Office of National Statistics advised those present that the next Census would take place on 27th March 2011. She gave background information on the Census, which was an account/estimate of the whole population, and took place every 10 years.

She provided details of who used the Census information, and the ways in which they attempted to contact the whole population, including hard to reach groups. There was currently an address register being completed, which would enable the delivery of questionnaires to every address in the United Kingdom. These would be delivered during March 2011, and residents would have ten days to return the form.

She confirmed that completing a census form was straightforward. Assurance was also given that Census information was totally confidential. It was used to produce statistics, kept confidential for 100 years, then was released into the public domain.

Help would be available for anyone unable to complete the forms. However, she requested help from those members of the public who were able to assist vulnerable and hard to reach groups. She added that further information could be found on the website '2011.census.gov.uk'.

RA/15. **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.

With regard to car park charges at Willington, the Forum Liaison Officer reported that consultation had been completed on 30th September 2010, and a report would be submitted to the County Council's Cabinet. A petition against the charges had also been received by Derbyshire County Council, and a further report back would be provided back at a future Meeting.

With regard to the proposed yellow bus stop box on Trent Avenue, Willington, the Forum Liaison Officer reported that consultation had been carried out and the yellow marking would be completed shortly.

The Forum Liaison Officer reported that the sign and post on the A5132 to Castleway, Willington had been repositioned.

The Forum Liaison Officer reported that a lifting device to install and remove mobile vehicle activated speed signs was now in operation, and it was hoped that the sign planned for Sandcliffe Road would be installed as soon as possible. It was considered disappointing that delays were still being incurred, as residents had been assured that this would be installed urgently.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to email Councillor Murray with proposed dates for this work to commence.

Councillor Murray pointed out that the Derbyshire County Council Traffic Officer had not contacted him with regard to traffic signals on Sandcliffe Road and Midway Road.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to request that an Officer contact Councillor Murray as soon as possible.

RA/16. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

An individual felt that the Area Forum boundaries should conform with the Safer Neighbourhood areas, and it was requested that boundaries should be considered, following the Boundary Review.

It was reported that it was National Flood Awareness Week, and requested that residents be advised of improvements in flood defences over the last ten years, and also proposals for the next ten years. The Director of Corporate Services advised that there was a Flood Liaison Meeting, however, this would be considered for a future meeting.

RA/17. **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES – CHILDREN’S CENTRES**

Rosie Kightley (District Manager – Children’s Services), gave an overview of the County’s Children’s Centres. She advised that these had developed from a Surestart programme in 1999, and Children’s Centres now worked with all families, and also with targeted families. An aim was to try to narrow the gap of school attendance between affluent areas and poorer areas. Children’s Centres were also monitored in the same way as schools by receiving OFSTED inspections.

Further information was provided on local services, and the seven centres within South Derbyshire and South Derbyshire Dales areas.

RA/18. **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES - RECYCLING**

Gill Coates and Lorraine Neave provided information on plastic recycling. It was confirmed that the UK currently recycled or recovered approximately 19% of all plastic consumed. This was set to increase to over 25% by the end of 2010. Further facts were given on the recycling of plastic, and it was confirmed that one tonne equalled 22,000-25,000 plastic bottles.

The different types of plastic which could be recycled were confirmed, and the whereabouts of the recycling containers was also provided, as follows:-

- Stanhope Arms car park, Ashby Road East, Bretby
- Swan Inn Public House, Main Street, Milton
- Newton Park Hotel, Newton Road, Newton Solney

- Burton Road car park, Burton Road, Repton
- Wheel Inn Public House, Main Street, Findern
- Village Hall car park, Askew Grove, Repton
- Twyford Road Playing Fields, Twyford Road, Willington
- Willington Primary School, Trent Avenue, Willington
- Blacksmiths Lane car park, Woodville.

A handout detailing this information was provided at the Meeting. A resident reported that the bin at Askew Grove was not correctly labelled. G. Coates agreed to ask the contractor to look into this issue.

It was reported that a resident could not hear very well at the Newton Solney Village Hall, and asked if the District Council had a statutory duty to provide a hearing loop system for the Area Forums.

The Director of Corporate Services agreed to look into this and provide a response to the following Meeting.

RA/19. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 25th January 2011 at Woodville Surestart Children's Centre.

J. BLADEN

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8:30 p.m.