

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

ETWALL

4th June 2014 at Egginton Memorial Hall, Egginton

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Mrs. Brown (Chairman) and Councillors Ford; Bale; Mrs Patten and Mrs Plenderith.

Kevin Stackhouse (Director of Corporate Services)

C Smith (Safer Communities Manager).

Martin Buckley (Tree Officer)

Kate Allies (Environmental Development Manager) – Rosliston Forestry Centre

Julie Marson - Clerk

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

P Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

Natalie Ward – DCC Digital Derbyshire

Councillor Mrs Patten

Councillor M Ford

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

S.Cooper (Hilton Parish Council); M.Pateman and J.Nicols (Dalbury Lees Parish Council); P.Harris, I.Bennett, D.Muller and N.Ireland (Etwall Parish Council); B.Myring (Etwall Neighbourhood Watch); S. and M. Nesbitt (Egginton Parish Council); T.Beresford (Foston & Scropton Parish Council); C.Thurman (Hatton Parish Council); Sir H. Every (Egginton Parish Council).

Members of the Public

C Moore, A.Billings, S.Jolly, C.Moore

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APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Councillor Mrs Lisa Brown was appointed at Annual Council as Chairman of the Etwall Area Forum

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Roberts, Lemmon

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APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHARIMAN

Cllr Patten was appointed (nominated by Cllr Plenderith and Cllr Bale)

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

EA/5 **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**
DCC BROADBAND UPDATE – NATALIE WARD

Item 10 was brought forward as Natalie Ward had to head back to Chesterfield. Digital Derbyshire has signed a contract for £27.67 Million with BT to bring faster broadband services into Derbyshire by September 2016. This has already started by doing surveys and talking with Derbyshire County Council and inputting Planning Notifications for cabinets to be installed in areas to help the entire district receive better and faster broadband.

Area 1 will be done in 2015 – 2016, but to get a clearer picture of the dates for your area, please go to the following link and it will take you to a map which will give you these details.

http://www.digitalderbyshire.org.uk/where_when/map.asp.

At present there is a pilot scheme being run from Devil's Elbow which is connected to 145 properties and they are trying to overcome any challenges to be able to provide the service proposed.

Egginton already has fibre optic broadband which runs from Etwall to Egginton and the speed of the broadband went from 1-37 with the new programme so this is an improvement.

If you require any further details on this issue, please go to the website where it will give you more information.

<http://www.digitalderbyshire.org.uk/>.

EA/6 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Consultation on the Rail Freight has started and Councillor Mrs Brown encouraged people to get involved with the process and to make representations to the Parish Councils and Ward Members.

Draft Local Plan – Part 1 (Large Strategic Sites) will be going to the Secretary of State on 11th July 2014 and then a Planning Inspector will be appointed in the Autumn to be examined.

Final Announcement in early 2015.

Part 2 (100 dwellings or less) – consultation to be held at the end of this year.

The Pig Farm application is still being held by Environment Agency – nothing further to report at this time.

It was asked whether there was a Solar Farm Application for the same site No Councillor was aware of any application.

Overview of Planning – 290 Houses at Hackwood Farm is in the Local Plan but no application has been submitted at this time.

Willington Road, Etwall is still under consideration.

St Modwen's Hilton for 485 Houses is proposed for Planning Committee on 24th June 2014.

New House Farm – 70 objections received and are outstanding on Highways grounds.

EA/7 **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

Changes to the Mobile Library Service within the District:-

- Comments received in the initial consultation have been used to develop a more detailed second stage; outlining a proposal to maintain 2 standard mobile libraries, working to a monthly timetable (this proposal received the greatest support).
- Out of the 383 communities currently visited, the proposal would allow at least 140 of them to continue receiving the service with one stop per community. It would also allow the service to be retained at selected locations, some of which are too inaccessible for the larger MCV's to reach.
- All of the original options remain open and we're eager to hear a full range of responses and any fresh ideas residents may have.
- Questionnaires are available in all DCC branch and mobile libraries and GP surgeries. Alternatively, complete a survey online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/mobilelibraries. Paper copies can also be requested through Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190.
- We expect the final proposal on the future of the service to be presented to the council's Cabinet for consideration in September 2014.
- The draft timetables, based on the retention of 2 vehicles operating to a monthly timetable have been drawn up. The stops we have proposed to be retained have been selected by applying several criteria to make it as fair as possible – i.e. existing business levels (number of books currently borrowed); distance from a branch library; local social and economic considerations (i.e. health, employment, housing, car ownership).

For Church Broughton, Dalbury Lees and Sutton on the Hill the nearest Library is in Etwall. Cllr Patten encourages people to take part in the consultation as it is the rural communities who will be hit and this goes hand in hand with the broadband proposal.

EA/8 **TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28TH JANUARY 2014 (COPY ATTACHED)**

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

EA/9 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

Application for Wind Turbines has it gone quiet. Cllr Brown had a few previous applications at Etwall, Burnaston and Longlands Lane but nothing is happening at present.

Action: Councillor Brown to check and report back.

EA/10 **UPDATE ON ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERING**
KATE ALLIES – ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

This project aims to help local groups like Parish Councils and Footpath/Wildlife Groups find volunteers to do environmental tasks on their land, or land they manage. It will also provide suitable tasks for businesses and other groups (e.g. Derby University students, Rolls Royce, Bison and Toyota) wishing to volunteer for ½ day (or more) on an environmental task.

South Derbyshire Partnership and South Derbyshire District Council have been approached by groups needing tasks doing and groups looking for tasks and aim to match them up.

The aims are to: -

- improve biodiversity and the visual attractiveness of South Derbyshire by supporting community environmental tasks/ projects
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- enable more environmental volunteering to take place in South Derbyshire

This project will not replace other means of getting environmental tasks done - it is for tasks that are difficult to achieve through existing methods either for financial or practical reasons. Templates for organisations with an environmental task that they need help with are downloadable from the web link. (www.south-derbys.gov.uk/environmentalforum - then click on the Environmental Volunteering link). The completed project templates will be used to create a list of tasks for businesses (and other volunteer groups) to choose from. The templates should then make it quick and easy for businesses to book their volunteer day with the voluntary organisation, forest site, park or parish that needs the job doing. A charge to cover basic costs and any extras like risk assessments will be made to the business groups. The 'matching' service will be free for groups needing tasks doing unless they need extra support (at £30 hr). Charges are clear on the templates and notes.

At present there is a 9 month project ongoing for Egginton with Rolls Royce working at the Gateway to the Village.

SWADLINCOTE TOWNSCAPE SCHEME

SDDC has received a grant from Heritage Lottery of £8,200 to **prepare a plan** for repairing and restoring some buildings in Swadlincote Town Centre's Conservation Area (following on from previous schemes) SDDC will also be working with Derbyshire County Council.

More information will follow – but over the next 6-8 months we will be consulting schools and the public about activities and about certain parts of the project to make sure everyone is informed and has a chance to take part eg through an events programme (talks, walks, 'have a go' activities?).

The first part of the consultation is about the Diana Memorial Garden in Swadlincote and we are asking people how they would like to see the garden developed and how they would like to use it.

Info will follow via:

- letters to Clerks to Parish Councils
- consultation in Swadlincote eg at Festival of Leisure, Markets
- website and social media information

Can show people summary with more information at the end of the meeting if they want it?

Any questions please contact:

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Richard.shaw@south-derbys.gov.uk (Diana Garden consultation) 01283 595936

Kate.allies@south-derbys.gov.uk or ellen.hill@south-derbys.gov.uk (events and activities) 01283 535039.

For further information on the above please see attached links:-



Env Forum
programme 2014-201



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EA/11 **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES** **ASH DIEBACK UPDATE – MARTIN BUCKLEY**

The Forestry Commission has confirmed the presence of Ash Die in the UK. It was first confirmed in February 2012

There are estimated to be 80 Million Ash Trees in Britain and there are many Ash Woodlands which are major Tourist Attractions, therefore, the loss of these trees would not only be an ecological tragedy, would also have major financial implications.

The Government have implemented a Management Plan in an attempt to slow down progression, rather than containment, or eradication. This consists of Restrictions on movement of Timber and Plant movements and the replacement of Ash trees with other native trees. Ash Dieback is in our district – Pick Triangle in Albert Village, Willersley Woods near Ashby, Feanedock Covert and Swadlincote Woodlands are affected.

The requirement now is for Landowners and the public to be watchful and contact the Forest Commission if they believe any Ash Tree is diseased.

The National Forest Company, based at Bath Yard, Moira, have a target to plant 24 million trees, creating a tapestry of woodlands across our area, known as The National Forest. Management of these woodlands has moved into phase 2, part of which will be to provide advice to landowners regarding pests and diseases.

There are also several other exotic pests and diseases, either in or close to the UK, all with the potential to kill many thousands of our native trees, many of which have no defence. Scientists now believe the movement of these pests and pathogens is down to 'globalisation'; the free movement of mankind, goods and materials across the globe. The list includes; Acute oak decline, Bleeding canker of horse chestnut Chalara dieback of ash, Dothistroma needle blight, Horse chestnut leaf miner and Oak processionary moth. It has been estimated, The City of Westminster, along with other London Boroughs have spent in excess of £80 million in an attempt to eradicate Oak processionary moth, as they are considered a significant human health problem. There is a big issue in Royal Parks and this is not just to trees but to humans as well

There is a Tree Identification course to be held at Rosliston Forestry Centre please see details below:-

Wed July 23rd, Tree and Bird Identification at Rosliston Forestry Centre

2:30—4:00pm

A chance to learn basic skills in identification with the Environmental Education Project team using the Rosliston tree trail and the Centre's new electronic bird sound/ picture system.

Please state if you want to cover both ID skills or have a preference for just one when you book.

Meet at the Classroom, Rosliston Forestry Centre, Burton Rd, Rosliston Swadlincote DE12 8JX

For further information on Ash Dieback Disease please follow the link to the Forestry Commission <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara>. Also notices can be downloaded from this site informing people what to look out for and what to do if you think you have found a diseased tree.

EA/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Meeting would be confirmed in due course.

MRS L BROWN

CHAIRMAN

The meeting terminated at 8.55pm