

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

SWADLINCOTE

4th February 2013 at St George & St Mary's Parish Rooms, Church Gresley

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Tilley (Chairman) and Councillors Bell, Southerd Stuart, Rhind, Mulgrew; Murray and Mrs. Heath.

F McArdle (Chief Executive) and S Winfield (Service Assistant).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillors Mrs Chilton

P Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

J Pallett and O Pallett (Castle Gresley Parish Council);

Members of the Public

C R Horridge; S E Horridge; A Clarke; Mr & Mrs McSherry; Mr & Mrs Miles; Mrs W Lammas; Mr & Mrs McDonald; D Warton; C Pidgeon; R H Thomas; M Shepherd; M Lunn; K Dicken; R Causer; G Sargeant; R Tilley

SA/19 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillor Dunn;

SA/20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

SA/21 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To be discussed later in the meeting.

SA/22 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Swadlincote Area Forum held on 12th November 2014 were noted.

SA/23 **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.

It was raised that a drain cover on the A444 near Toons was still loose and low set in the road.

Action: Forum Liaison Officer to make enquiries and report back to a future meeting.

Cadley roundabout has not yet been patched.

Action: Forum Liaison Officer to make enquiries and report back to a future meeting.

Morrisons' roundabout is no longer maintained by them. DCC are corresponding with Morrisons' head office to instruct them to remove the trees and shrubs. The District Council will then cut the grass as part of their programme.

Flooding is still an issue between Black Shed island and Common Road heading up to the skatepark.

Action: Forum Liaison Officer to make enquiries and report back to a future meeting.

SA/24 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

Councillor Murray raised that flooding is a major issue outside the Council Offices and Leisure Centre. The Chief Executive confirmed that it was an on-going problem. DCC attended recently and jetted chambers and gullies, which were full of a sand like substance. Awaiting results of remedial works to establish the problem.

Councillor Murray raised that the state of the roads are dangerous along Netherhall Road and Repton Road. A drain and pothole need attention outside Tesco's in Woodville.

Action: Forum Liaison Officer to make enquiries and report back to a future meeting.

Resident raised that railings have come down on the old railway bridge at Swadlincote.

Action: Forum Liaison Officer to make enquiries and report back to a future meeting.

Councillor Heath raised that Springfield Road island needs to be smartened up as this is the main headway into Swadlincote. It was suggested whether sponsorship could be obtained from one of the larger companies in the town.

Councillor Taylor raised that the County Council have a hotline for reporting drainage issues, Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190.

Cllr Taylor raised the importance of the Local Plan, the impact on Swadlincote and Woodville with additional housing planned and increase in traffic. The Local Plan identified a site for housing between Hartshorne Road, Woodville Road, Hartshorne and Burton Rd Woodville; a site north of the current populated area of Woodville, with roads in from both locations linking Woodville Road, Hartshorne and Midway.

The Chief Executive discussed the presentation given at the last meeting and advised that drop-in sessions were offered. Residents need to get involved before the plans become firm.

Resident questioned the Woodville bypass and future proposals. The Chief Executive confirmed this was part of the top 3 priorities with the County Council to complete the project. A funding loan of £400,000 from D2N2 would be issued to the developer, St Modwens, to develop the groundworks. Thanks were issued to Councillor Dunn for his hard work in this project.

Residents of New Street raised issues with taxi firms blocking drives and sounding horns. Parking near the pub is an issue with people double parking. Residents requested double yellow lines. The Forum Liaison Officer discussed the criteria for processing requests for double yellow lines and advised that the enforcement officer and Police can deal with obstructions.

Action: Forum Liaison Officer to look into the issue of yellow lines in New Street.

It was asked whether there was a programme for removing the recycling centres. The Chief Executive thanked everyone for their efforts with recycling. Each centre would need to be looked at when considering which ones to remove.

Potholes are being repaired but not being done properly and are needing further repairs a few weeks later.

Action: Forum Liaison Officer to make enquiries and report back to a future meeting.

Pot holes are an issue at the entrance to the garden centre at Woodville

Forum Liaison Officer to make enquiries and report back to a future meeting.

It was raised that a bus stop on the A511 near to Granville School is not marked on the carriageway. The Forum Liaison Officer confirmed that bus companies let County Council know if they struggle to park at stops.

SA/25 **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

The Forum Liaison Officer confirmed that the County Council budget had been cut by 157 million pounds by 2018. A total of 36.7 million will be cut next year and residents can view the County's proposals and current consultations on the Derbyshire Challenge webpage www.derbyshire.gov.uk/challenge or by telephoning Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190.

SA/26 **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

The Chief Executive discussed the new golf course in Swadlincote. An announcement by the golf company would be made on Thursday 13th February. Swadlincote is one of the few places in England to bring a pay as you play golf to the town centre.

When Peacocks pulled out of the Pipeworks development it was sad for the town. The shop will be returning and taking over the old Woolworth's building in the High Street and recruiting locally.

The Chief Executive gave a budget presentation. Reductions in government grants since 2010 will continue until 2018. South Derbyshire has lost a total of 1.25 million since 2010, which equates to 20% less. Costs have been cut but not services, which have grown i.e. Etwall Leisure Centre and the new recycling scheme. £320,000 was saved last year and a further £300,000 needs to be saved next year. This has been done by reducing management and support services. The Government are yet to decide on the Council Tax level

SA/27 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

N TILLEY

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.25 pm