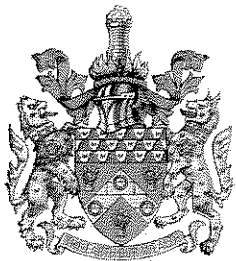




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Neighbourhoods



South
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Keeping our Community Safe

safer South Derbyshire Partnership



Safer Neighbourhood
Area 3- North East
(6.15pm to 7.15pm)

and

Melbourne Area Forum
(7.30pm to 8.30pm)

Wednesday 11th July 2012

Shardlow Village Hall,
The Wharf,
Shardlow,
Derby,
DE72 2GH

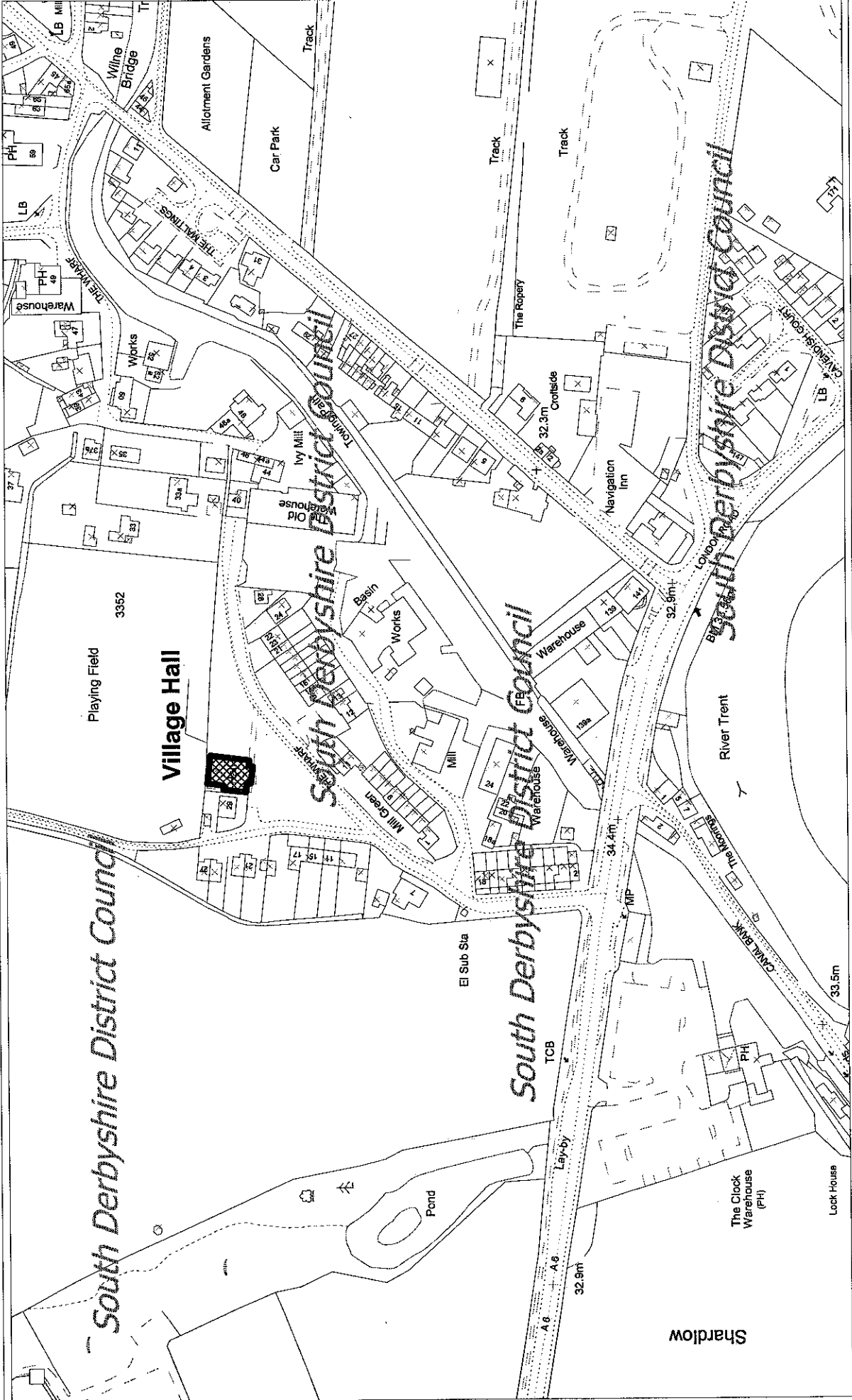
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Area Meeting Venue

Shardlow Village Hall

The Wharf

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Policy and Economic Regeneration

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

Unless stated otherwise, all meetings will be held at the Council's Civic Offices and will start at 6.00 p.m.

Overview and Scrutiny	Wednesday, 27th June 2012
Finance and Management (Special – Final Accounts)	Thursday, 28th June 2012
COUNCIL	Thursday, 5th July 2012
Planning	Tuesday, 17th July 2012
Planning	Tuesday, 7th August 2012
Environmental and Development Services	Thursday, 23rd August 2012
Planning	Tuesday, 28th August 2012
Housing and Community Services	Thursday, 30th August 2012
Finance and Management	Thursday, 6th September 2012
Overview and Scrutiny	Wednesday, 12th September 2012
Planning	Tuesday, 18th September 2012
Audit Sub (<i>starts at 4.00 p.m.</i>)	Wednesday, 26th September 2012
COUNCIL	Thursday, 27th September 2012
Environmental and Development Services	Thursday, 4th October 2012
Planning	Tuesday, 9th October 2012
Housing and Community Services	Thursday, 11th October 2012
Finance and Management	Thursday, 18th October 2012
Overview and Scrutiny	Wednesday, 24th October 2012
Planning	Tuesday, 30th October 2012
COUNCIL	Thursday, 1st November 2012



AGENDA

NORTH EAST SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP - AREA 3

6.15 pm, Wednesday 11th July 2012
Shardlow Village Hall

(Light refreshments will be served from 5.45 pm)

1. Chairman's introduction, Apologies
2. Minutes of last Meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions
3. Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview / Priorities Update
4. Question and Answer Surgery
5. Agreed Priorities
6. Partnership Update / Funding / New project ideas
7. Any Other Business
- 7.1 Vice Chair nominations

Meeting close (7.15 pm) and date of next meeting

AREA 3 - NORTH EAST AREA SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Present	Date of Meeting	Venue
<p>Cllr Peter Watson (Chairman); Insp. Paul Cannon; Sgt Steve Todd; Sarah Dagley (SSDP); Chris Smith (SSDP); PC Jane Newman; PCSO Emma Guest; Linda Pardner (SDDC); Adam Seal; Gail How; Catherine Blackman; Ken Atkin; Mark Alflat (SDDC); Tom Mills; Cllr Neil Atkins; Cllr Ann Watson; Cllr Jim Hewlett</p> <p>Also present: - Sarah Winfield - Clerk</p>	<p>Wednesday 18th April 2012 at 6.15 pm</p>	<p>Melbourne Leisure Centre</p>

1	Chairman's Introduction and Apologies	Action
	<p>Cllr Peter Watson welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr John Harrison; Ed Hicklin</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions</p> <p>Minutes were agreed as a true record of the last meeting.</p> <p>A speed trap operation was carried out in Barrow on Trent. 90% of the vehicles stopped for speeding were locals. Speed warnings were issued, together with 2 fixed penalty notices and 11 people cautioned. Sgt Todd confirmed that the police plans to move this operation around the villages on a bi-monthly basis. There would also be groups undertaking Community Speed watch over the summer.</p>	
3	<p>Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview/Priorities Update</p> <p>Sgt Steve Todd ran through crime figures for the previous 12 months up to 31st March 2012.</p> <p>Overall within the District crime has decreased with 4200 fewer victims and again is down for the 9th year running.</p> <p>Criminal damage has increased by 9 crimes</p> <p>Robbery stays the same with zero crimes</p> <p>Theft of vehicles has increased with high value cars being stolen by organised groups</p> <p>Theft from vehicles has decreased</p> <p>Dwelling burglaries has decreased by 25%</p> <p>ASB has decreased</p>	

	<p>Other burglaries have risen by 29 crimes and patrols have been increased. Other thefts have increased by 20, which include theft of fuel from lorries and petrol stations. Patrols have been increased along the A50 and a group from Stafford have been arrested.</p> <p>Positive outcomes stand at 36.6% for the county and 42.1% for Area 3. This is good news, especially given that the force has suffered cuts with 400 fewer officers. A recent survey confirmed that 71% of people have confidence in the Police.</p> <p>Update on priorities ASB in Melbourne – PC Jane Newman confirmed that only a few calls had been received since the last meeting, but these had been dealt with and letters sent home to parents. Section 27 Notices had been issued to certain individuals ordering them to stay away from an area for 48 hours.</p> <p>PCSO Emma Guest reported that Police had attended incidents in Dunncliffe Lane over Easter, following reports of youths in residents’ gardens, where some minor damage had also been caused. Advice and preventative “prikka strips” were handed out to residents. This area will be monitored. Thanks were given to the local beat team for all their hard work carried out in and around Melbourne.</p> <p>Swarkestone Bridge – Sgt Todd confirmed that the Police and DCC Trading Standards had worked closely together to control this problem and Derbyshire County Council will take this issue forward.</p>	
4	<p>Questions and Answers</p> <p>Cllr Atkins asked if the number plate operation would be rolled out to other areas. Chris Smith confirmed that this would be covered in the Partnership update.</p> <p>Cllr Watson asked when the public should dial 999 or 101 and what the different criteria was. An example was given of a recent incident in Swadlincote where a member of the public was causing a nuisance at a peaceful march grabbing the chains of the Chair of the Council and being abusive. Inspector Canon confirmed that from the example given this would have merited a 999 call. All calls to 999 are prioritised by the call handler and where an incident was occurring at that time and was posing an imminent threat then the public were urged to dial 999. Melbourne Neighbourhood Watch representatives praised responses to 101 calls made recently.</p> <p>Further discussions regarding Swarkestone Bridge would be dealt with at the Forum meeting, which followed the SNH meeting.</p>	
5	<p>Agreed Priorities</p> <p>Priorities ASB in Melbourne</p>	

6	Partnership Update / Funding / New Project Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Partnership will be running a campaign to target proxy purchase of alcohol to those underage. Sarah Dagley confirmed that 11 off-licences across the district would be getting involved. ● A number plate initiative will be running on 1st May at Budgens, Melbourne from 3.30 pm to 6 pm. CVS would also be in attendance at this event. Free tamper-proof screws are fitted to number plates, which stops the plates being stolen and used for other crimes. It was stated that more of these Operations would occur throughout the District over the summer. ● One new "No Cold Calling Zone" has been set up in Lampad Close, Melbourne. ● An allotment project is being developed to engage young people who are subject to "Acceptable Behaviour Contracts" and involved with YISP (Youth Inclusion Support Project). ● £4,000 is available for funding projects this year. One bid had been received from Aston All Saints Church for increased security for £2,130. The church had suffered thefts of lead over the last 2 years totalling £12,000. This bid was duly granted, which left £1,870 available for further projects.
7	Any Other Business	<p>Insp. Cannon highlighted that thefts of catalytic converters were currently very high, with over 40 being taken since Easter. Residents were urged to put their vehicles in garages if possible.</p> <p>Cllr Peter Watson thanked residents for their praise of the Partnership and Police.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th July 2012 at Shardlow Village Hall</p>

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MELBOURNE

(Covering Aston-on-Trent, Barrow-on-Trent, Elvaston, Melbourne, Shardlow & Great Wilne, Stanton-by-Bridge, Swarkestone and Weston-on-Trent)

**Meeting to be held at the
Shardlow Village Hall,
The Wharf, Shardlow,
Derby.
DE72 2GH
on Wednesday, 11th July 2012
at 7.30 p.m.**

Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Harrison (Chairman) and Councillors Atkin, Hewlett, Mrs. Watson and Watson.

County Councillors: Councillors Ford and Harrison.

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BUSINESS

1. To note the appointment of the Chairman.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman.
4. Declarations of Interest.
5. Chairman's Announcements.
6. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th April 2012 (copy attached).
7. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
8. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
9. County Council issues.
10. District Council issues – Dog Control Orders.
11. Date of Next Meeting.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

MELBOURNE

18th April 2012

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Watson (Vice-Chairman in the Chair) and Councillors Atkin, Hewlett and Mrs. Watson.

M. Alflat (Director of Operations) and P. Spencer (Democratic Services).

County Council Representative

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

K. Atkin & Mrs. Blackmore (Barrow-on-Trent Parish Council).

Members of the Public

Mr. & Mrs. Adams, D. Bayliss, D. Bellis, Mr. & Mrs. Dunn, B. Fletcher, J. Grimley, P. Grimley and Mrs. Jackson.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillor and County Councillor Harrison, D. Martin (Aston-on-Trent Parish Council) and Mrs. Hawkesworth and Mrs. Mitchell (Shardlow and Great Wilne Parish Council).

MA/24. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Melbourne Area Forum held on 31st January 2012 were noted.

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

The Chairman reviewed the report back on issues raised at the last Meeting. An update was provided regarding the weight restriction signage that had been installed on the A50 sliproad. The Chairman reminded of efforts to have similar signage placed on the approaches to this junction, which had been unsuccessful.

MA/26. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

Further reference was made to the recent repairs and kerbing works adjacent to the bridge on the Sinfin Lane/Deepdale Lane area of Barrow-on-Trent.

Whilst residents appreciated the works undertaken, it was noted that a kerb of approximately 15 inches in height had been installed and had resulted in a number of motorists damaging their vehicles when travelling through this area. **It was agreed to refer this matter back to the County Council's Traffic Section and to ensure that Barrow-on-Trent Parish Council was copied in on the response.**

A resident of Ashby Road, Melbourne expressed concerns about the development to provide sports pitches in this area. This involved the raising of land levels in the Washington Close and Derby Road area. A range of issues were raised and there had been significant correspondence between residents and the Council. The residents did not feel they had been consulted adequately, raised concerns about the stability of the imported materials and referred to an independent consultant's report which was awaited. There were concerns about the drainage from this land, which would be by means of a soak away and a further consultant's report was awaited on this aspect. Reference was also made to the previously determined planning applications, including a subsequent application for a terraced approach that had not been carried forward. The Chairman felt residents would have been aware of the proposals through the extensive consultation the Council undertook as part of the planning process. He also spoke about the design and construction of this scheme by competent experts, also touching on the drainage aspects and land levels.

The Director of Operations also responded to the points raised by residents regarding the appointment of independent consultants and confirming that he had responded to every point raised by the residents on planning and a range of other reported concerns. There was discussion about the consultation arrangements, it being noted that South Derbyshire District Council exceeded national requirements and a list was given of all the consultation mechanisms used. Further residents considered that the plans used were not clear. It was noted that both the Melbourne Parish Council and Civic Society had been consulted on the proposals. The levelling scheme sought to maximise the number of sports pitches possible and this could not be delivered by the proposed terracing scheme. The Director offered to recirculate information on this aspect. It was noted that there had been some waste found in the imported materials to the site, but it was confirmed that sorting took place on site to remove such objects.

It was agreed that a site visit be arranged once the consultant's reports had been received and this would be open to all interested residents, also involving Council Officers and the independent consultant.

A resident referred again to the terraced levelling scheme, which would have resulted in ground levels being lower and would have been more acceptable to residents. It was repeated that the final scheme sought to achieve the pitch requirements. There was a consensus amongst those present that a site visit should be held once the consultant's report had been received. It was made clear that residents had no "right to view" under planning law. The discussion then turned to proposals to finish this site in terms of landscaping and netting.

A further issue raised was the County Council's plans to switch off certain street lights overnight. This matter had recently been considered by the County Council's Cabinet and in the first year of the scheme, there were proposals for some street lights in Barrow-on-Trent and Weston-on-Trent to be turned off overnight. There was discussion about the consultation to date and further planned local consultation, together with risk assessments when individual schemes were taken forward. A District Member quoted from a recent email about other South Derbyshire villages which would be involved in this scheme.

MA/27. **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

A Swarkestone resident reminded of the drainage problems on Woodshop Lane and had noted recently that some markings had been placed on this lane. It was understood that an improvement scheme was approved in the previous year. **The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to investigate this matter and to submit a report to the next Area Forum.**

With regard to the Swarkestone Causeway, it was understood that agricultural vehicles had an exemption to the weight restriction. The Chairman noted that large agricultural vehicles had recently been using the Causeway. **The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to investigate this matter and would submit a report to the next Area Forum.**

MA/28. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was confirmed that the next Melbourne Area Forum would be held on 11th July 2012 and the venue would be confirmed shortly.

P. WATSON

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.20 p.m.

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11th July 2012

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the Melbourne Area Forum held on 18th April 2012 at the Melbourne Leisure Centre, a number of issues were raised. These issues are listed below, together with progress made to date:-

Derbyshire County Council Issues

1. DEEP DALE LANE/SINFIN LANE, BARROW ON TRENT: KERBING WORKS ON CANAL BRIDGE

A representative of Barrow-on-Trent Parish Council raised the issue of the kerb realignment works which had recently been undertaken on the canal bridge. It was stated that the work carried out was generally good but that a section of the kerbing appeared to be too high. This was causing problems for drivers heading towards Stenson Fields as the kerbing can't be seen when they negotiate the bridge. The parish councillor advised that he was aware of at least 25 cars that have struck the new kerbing and one driver has reportedly written her car off as a result. Could this issue be investigated to ascertain whether the height of the kerb needs altering?

A row of reflector posts have now been installed behind the kerb line in response to reports of vehicles striking the kerbs. This will help highlight to drivers the new alignment of the kerbing.

2. WOODSHOP LANE, SWARKESTONE: DRAINAGE ISSUES

A local resident enquired whether there were any proposed works to deal with the flooding issues on Woodshop Lane.

DCC Liaison officer believed that funding had been secured from the 2011/12 Capital Improvement Programme for a drainage scheme here. Enquiries will be made to ascertain when these works are programmed to be carried out.

DCC's contractors have now completed a drainage survey which identified that the highway here has an outfall that discharges into a 'lagoon' to the side of the scrub land, located next to the beer garden of the Crewe & Harpur. The lagoon is full of silt which appears to be backing up into the outfall, blocking the valve and causing the flooding issues on Woodshop Lane.

The lagoon feeds directly into the River Trent and so efforts are currently being made to ascertain whether the dredging of the lagoon is either the responsibility of Derbyshire County Council or the Environment Agency. Once this has been clarified dredging can take place which should help to resolve the flooding issue.

Further progress will be provided to the forum when available.

3. SWARKESTONE BRIDGE: HGV EXEMPTIONS

A District Councillor asked whether he could be provided with a list of the companies that have been given approval for their HGV's to use Swarkestone Bridge, for legitimate access problems. It was stated that, historically, 'agricultural' vehicles have used this bridge but the number and size of such vehicles have proliferated of late. If the Member could be supplied with details of those companies who have approval he will report those using the bridge without approval to DCC Trading Standards.

Information has been supplied to the Councillor.