



Derbyshire Constabulary



**South  
Derbyshire**  
District Council



**Safer Neighbourhood  
Area 2 - Mercia  
(6.15 pm - 7.15 pm)**

**Interval with light  
refreshments 7.15 - 7.30 pm**

**and**

**Repton Area Forum  
(7.30 pm - 8.30 pm)**

**Tuesday  
13 October 2015**

**Milton Village Hall  
Main Street  
Milton,  
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## MILTON VILLAGE HALL



## COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS 2015/2016

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Date</b>
Etwell JMC	Monday 28.09.15
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 01.10.15
Planning	Tuesday 06.10.15
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 08.10.15
Finance & Management	Thursday 15.10.15
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 21.10.15
Planning	Tuesday 27.10.15
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday 05.11.15</b>
Planning	Tuesday 17.11.15
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 19.11.15
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 26.11.15
Finance & Management	Thursday 03.12.15
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 09.12.15
Planning	Tuesday 15.12.15
Audit Sub	Wednesday 16.12.15
<b>Committee</b>	<b>Date</b>
Environmental & Development Services (Special - Budget)	Thursday 07.01.16
Etwell JMC	Monday 11.01.16
Housing & Community Services (Special – Budget)	Tuesday 12.01.16
Finance & Management (Special – Budget)	Thursday 14.01.16
Planning	Tuesday 19.01.16
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 20.01.16
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday 21.01.16</b>
Finance & Management (Special - NNDR)	Monday 25.01.16
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 28.01.16
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 04.02.16
Planning	Tuesday 09.02.16
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 10.02.16
Audit Sub	Wednesday 17.02.16
Finance & Management	Thursday 18.02.16
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Monday 29.02.16</b>
Planning	Tuesday 01.03.16
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 03.03.16
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 10.03.16
Finance & Management	Thursday 17.03.16
Planning	Tuesday 22.03.16
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 23.03.16
Audit Sub	Wednesday 30.03.16

## COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS 2015/2016

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<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday 07.04.16</b>
Etwall JMC	Monday 11.04.16
Planning	Tuesday 12.04.16
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 14.04.16
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 21.04.16
Finance & Management	Thursday 28.04.16
<b>ANNUAL COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday 19.05.16</b>
<b>CIVIC COUNCIL</b>	<b>Thursday 26.05.16</b>



## **AGENDA**

### **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP - AREA 2**

**Tuesday 13 October 2015 at 6.15 pm**  
**at Miton Village Hall**

**(Light refreshments will be served between 7.15 and 7.30 pm)**

1. Chair's introduction, Apologies
2. Minutes of last Meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions
3. Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview /Priorities Update
4. Partnership Update / Funding / New project ideas
5. Local issues – open forum (20 minutes)
6. Agreed Priorities
7. Date of next meeting

Meeting close (7.15 pm)

## **AREA 2 – MERCIA SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<p>Councillor Ford (Chair); C Smith (SDDC Safer Communities Team); Sgt Summers; PCSO Waite; PC Centro; PC McCafferty; M Haynes (SDDC Director of Housing and Environmental Services); Councillor L Chilton; Councillor MacPherson; Councillor Shepherd; Councillor Stanton; D Barker; P Bonnell; R Cunningham; S Dunncliffe; A Evans; H Foster; B Goodall; M Goodall; H Hall; F Hill; F Holloway; L Nash; J Orme; P Pearson; T Skeith; P Smith; G Varty.</p> <p>Also present: Mandy McKeon (Clerk)</p>	<p>Tuesday 21 July 2015</p>	<p>Findern Methodist Church</p>

<b>1</b>	<b>Chair's Introduction, Apologies</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Frank Hood was unwell and sent apologies. Councillor Ford Chaired the meeting in Franks Absence. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the panel.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillors Chahal; Davison; Smith; and Parish Councillors Fellows; Lisewski; Derek Lomas; Mrs Griffiths; John Hawkins.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of last meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions</b>	
	<p>The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.</p> <p>The previous minutes of 3 February 2015 referred to a complaint made by Councillor Shepherd of antisocial behaviour in the Asda car park around the clothes bin area. Sgt Summers reported that PC Collins had been in touch with his counterpart at Derby City to report the matter. Nothing further has been reported and no feedback has been received from Derby City. The correct forum for this matter should be Sinfin area forum but Sgt Summers is happy to chase up and pass on any relevant information directly to Councillor Shepherd.</p> <p>The previous minutes of 3 February 2015 referred to a question asked by Councillor Davison as to whether anyone who breaches a civil injunction order could be jailed for contempt of court. C Smith said he had looked into the matter and sent an email the following day to Councillor Davison stating it could result in an unlimited fine or a custodial sentence.</p> <p>The previous minutes of 3 February 2015 referred to funding of two projects. The first project, which was an arts project for young people as part of Willington Arts Festival, has been completed and the artwork is on display at the train station; the second project was for funding towards the cost of replacing a small boundary fence that had been damaged in Stenson Fields and was causing ASB to local residents. The fence had been erected and had been successful.</p> <p>A colleague of Councillor Lisewski informed the meeting that Councillor Lisewski had found more drugs pouches around the Fox Close area and requested an</p>	<p>Sgt Summers to see if there have been any further incidents at ASDA regarding the recycling bins.</p>

	<p>update. Sgt Summers replied that the area has been patrolled but it was difficult to catch the offenders in the act as the police couldn't be present all the time. Sgt Summers said the issue could remain within the agreed priorities and the police can continue to look into the matter.</p> <p>Councillor Shepherd said there is a problem in the area as more pouches have been found. The parish lengths man is regularly picking them up. Councillor Lisewski documents where pouches are found.</p> <p>PCSO Waite said she Councillor Lisewski does liaise with the police SNT team via email and they are aware of the location of the pouches when found.</p>																																														
<b>3</b>	<b>Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview / Priorities Update</b>																																														
	<p>Sgt Summers introduced his team for Area 2 – PC Centro; PC McCafferty and PCSO Waite. PC McCafferty is the newest member of the team who has been brought in to help police the area.</p> <p>Sgt Summers reported Area 2 as being an extremely safe place to live. Crime statistics are lower than those from the previous year as follows:-</p> <p>Crime Statistics for Area 2 Latest YTD – 1 April to 30 June 2015</p> <table> <tr> <td>Violent Crime</td><td>This Year</td><td>Last Year</td></tr> <tr> <td>Assault</td><td>14</td><td>17 down</td></tr> <tr> <td>Robbery</td><td>0</td><td>0 no change</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sexual offences</td><td>4</td><td>3 up</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Theft related</b></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Dwelling burglary</td><td>5</td><td>7 down</td></tr> <tr> <td>Non dwell burglary</td><td>15</td><td>16 down</td></tr> <tr> <td>Theft of motor vehicle</td><td>3</td><td>1 up</td></tr> <tr> <td>Theft from motor vehicle</td><td>17</td><td>25 down</td></tr> <tr> <td>Shoplifting</td><td>2</td><td>2 no change</td></tr> <tr> <td>All theft (incl. other)</td><td>73</td><td>77 down</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Damage (incl. arson)</b></td><td>17</td><td>20 down</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Drug offences</b></td><td>3</td><td>8 down</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>All crime (incl. misc.)</b></td><td><b>119</b></td><td><b>133 down by 14</b></td></tr> <tr> <td><b>ASB</b></td><td>57</td><td>82 down</td></tr> </table> <p>For a breakdown of crime statistics by postcode area Sgt Summers advised the meeting they could look at the online figures at <a href="http://www.Police.UK">www.Police.UK</a>.</p> <p>Councillor Stanton asked what resources were available for young drivers on agricultural vehicles to undergo some kind of training. Sgt Summers replied saying it was not feasible for the police to put educational driving training on for young farm drivers as they don't have the resources to do so. Sgt Summers said they are looking to revamp Farm Watch and there are 130 farms across South Derbyshire, and this would be the mechanism to get information out on driving tractors safely. PC Centro said if there are any incidents where vehicles are being driven carelessly then report it to the police, together with the number plate of the vehicle, and they would be happy to pay a visit to the farm in question.</p>	Violent Crime	This Year	Last Year	Assault	14	17 down	Robbery	0	0 no change	Sexual offences	4	3 up	<b>Theft related</b>			Dwelling burglary	5	7 down	Non dwell burglary	15	16 down	Theft of motor vehicle	3	1 up	Theft from motor vehicle	17	25 down	Shoplifting	2	2 no change	All theft (incl. other)	73	77 down	<b>Damage (incl. arson)</b>	17	20 down	<b>Drug offences</b>	3	8 down	<b>All crime (incl. misc.)</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>133 down by 14</b>	<b>ASB</b>	57	82 down	
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	<p>PC Centro reported on the priorities from the last forum meeting being drugs and ASB around Stenson fields. This relates to the area of Fox Close and the open area behind the Sizzler. From police figures drug offences are down which would suggest that police presence and intervention is working. There has been a camera at Fox Close for a month and from the footage there has been nothing to suggest there is drug activity. Calls for service in relation to drugs and ASB since the last area forum has been 8 calls for antisocial behaviour and six calls for drug related incidents, mainly behind the Sizzler area.</p> <p>PC Centro went on to say the other priority at the last meeting was speeding in the Ticknall area. A lot of time and effort went into the Community Speed Watch exercise but this has now stopped. Their involvement had made a big difference. The last two sessions checked around 500 vehicles per session in relation to speed and not one vehicle was found to be speeding. Positive message is still there. Police will continue to do their checks as and when they can.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Partnership update / funding / new project ideas</b>	
	<p>C Smith reported on a number of issues:-</p> <p>An education event was held for parents on 7 July at John Port School to raise awareness of internet safety, sexting; legal highs and self-harming. The meeting was organised by Denise Lomas; Police Youth Involvement Officer, and the County Council Multi Agency Team. Sixty parents attended together with a number of agencies. The event consisted of an initial presentation given and then brief class room sessions on each subject area. The feedback received from parents has been positive. Possibly looking to roll it out to the other schools in area.</p> <p>There are two number plate security operations coming to the area one on 19<sup>th</sup> August at Hilton Brook Pub; and also on 25<sup>th</sup> August at Betty's Farm, Willington, both from 3pm – 6pm.</p> <p>The District Council Sports and Health team are putting on youth activities across the district over the summer holidays. Leaflet were made available to the meeting detailing those events. .</p> <p>Safer Homes Scheme – run by CVS. The Scheme enables victims of crime, the elderly and the vulnerable people to have a free security check. Some referrals come from the Police for victims of burglaries and shed break-ins. Those who are 60 years of age or deemed vulnerable can self-refer. The service offers the fitting of window alarms, door chains, spy holes, shed alarms, all completely free.</p> <p>£4,000 of funding is available for community groups/parish councils. Maximum of £2,000 per project to help reduce or prevent crime/antisocial behaviour in the area. Any ideas are welcome.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Local issues – open forum (20 minutes)</b>	
	<p>A resident from Willington asked whether there had been a change to road traffic accident numbers on the Repton Road, Willington (B5008) since new housing has been built. Sgt Summers replied saying he didn't have statistics with him in relation to this. Statistically you would think there would be more issues but then again, more traffic could slow down vehicles. Sgt Summers said he would bring it back statistics at the next meeting.</p> <p>The resident mentioned concerns over the safety to children due to the loss of the lollypop lady in Willington at the end of the Summer term. He said he read an article from Derbyshire County Council and they are saying that the removal of the lollypop</p>	<p>Sgt Summers to bring back statistics at next meeting.</p>

	<p>lady is well within the rules according to ROSPA but the resident disputed this saying it isn't within the rules if you read the rules properly.</p> <p>A resident raised an issue regarding Stenson Road and speeding – over 200 cars doing 55 mph or more. PC Centro said she is trained in using the equipment for speed checks and as and when she is able to fit this into her schedule she will come and do some monitoring. Although at the moment resources are stretched but she will go out and if anyone would like to sign up to Speed Watch and go out it would show a presence on the roads, only three people needed to join. Sgt Summers asked him to email to him the ratio of the statistic and he will look into it future.</p> <p>A request was made from a resident for Police to keep an eye out on the corner of Heath Lane, Willington. There are problems with youths hanging about behind a parked lorry on the play equipment in the early hours of the morning. They leave a lot of rubbish behind. PC Centro asked for dates and times as this would be helpful when patrolling.</p> <p>A resident said the lorry blocks the entrance at the playing field and that the Parish Clerk has contacted the company of the lorry who say it is the highways and they have every right to park there so is now trying to ascertain who owns the land.</p> <p>It was raised about the parking by the Church in Findern, there is a sign which states no parking overnight, but people are doing. It was asked if this sign is enforceable.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Agreed priorities</b>	
	<p>Repton Road – monitor speeding</p> <p>Drug issues at Fox Close, Stenson Fields.</p>	

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Frank Hood

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Safer South Derbyshire Partnership	<a href="http://www.south-derbys.gov.uk/ssdp">www.south-derbys.gov.uk/ssdp</a>
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# **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM REPTON**

(Covering Bretby, Calke, Findern, Foremark, Ingleby, Milton, Newton Solney, Repton, Smisby, Stenson Fields, Ticknall, Twyford & Stenson and Willington).

**Meeting to be held at:**

**Milton Village Hall  
Main Street  
Milton  
DE65 6EF**

**Tuesday 13 October 2015  
at 7.30 p.m.**

## **Members:**

District Councillors: Councillor Smith (Chairman); Councillors Chahal, Ford, MacPherson, Shepherd (Vice Chairman) and Stanton.

County Councillors: Councillors Chilton, Davison and Ford.

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## **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of interest.
3. Chairman's announcements.
4. To note the minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2015 (copy attached).
5. Report back on issues raised at the last meeting.
6. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
7. County Council issues.
8. District Council issues.
9. Date of next meeting.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

REPTON

21 July 2015 2015 at Findern Methodist Church

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council Representatives**

Councillor Stanton (Chair); Councillor Shepherd; Councillor MacPherson;  
Councillor Ford

Mike Haynes (Director of Housing & Environmental Services); M McKeon  
(Clerk)

**Derbyshire County Council Representatives**

Councillor Mrs L Chilton; Forum Liaison Officer

**Parish Council/Meeting Representatives**

H Hall (Findern Footpaths Group); M Goodall (Findern Parish Council); T  
Skeith (Repton Parish Council); F Hill (Newton Solney Parish Council); P  
Bonnell (Stenson Fields Parish Council);

**Members of the Public**

J Orme; G Varty; H Foster; A Evans; P Pearson; F Hollway; L Nash

RA/01 **Apologies**

Councillor Chahal; Councillor Davison; Councillor Smith; Parish Councillor  
Lisewski; Parish Councillor Fellows.

RA/02 **Declarations of Interest.**

None.

RA/03 **Chairman's Announcements**

**South Derbyshire Sport, Recreation, Community facility Strategy**

A strategy for the future provision of built community facilities, including formal  
open space and play is being developed. The Strategy will aim to provide a  
plan for the provision of community infrastructure for the growing population,  
building on the significant progress made in recent years. Parish Councils and

Community groups will be consulted and a workshop will be held in September to allow more in depth discussion with stakeholders.

### **Derbyshire Cycle Plan**

The County, City, Districts and a number of other bodies are producing a Plan for Cycling which aims to raise the participation of cycling in the County significantly over the next decade. The consultation process will be promoted from next week via the Derbyshire Sport website and the District Council will host a briefing session for interested parties. A South Derbyshire Action Plan will be developed from that briefing session and will feed into infrastructure development and cycle participation and events.

### **Members and Parish Council Briefings**

Following on from the sessions that were delivered in previous years, a new series of briefing sessions are planned for the coming year starting with Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy and Development on 16<sup>th</sup> September. The full programme of dates will be sent out to parish councils in July.

The Chair read out an 'Introduction to the Chairman's office' from Councillor Neil Atkin who is the Chairmain for South Derbyshire District Council. The theme for this Civic Year is called 'Unsung Heroes in the Community'. Details can be found on the website.

#### **RA/04 To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 February 2015**

The minutes were noted as a true and accurate record (by Councillor Shepherd and seconded by Councillor Ford).

#### **RA/05 Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting**

Area Forum Liaison Officer (AFLO) reported back on issues raised at last meeting as follows:

#### **Hall Lane, Willington: Visibility Concerns at Junction**

The signage 'STOP' and the line have been checked and are in good condition. It may have been refurbished since the last meeting. AFLO said he has been to the area a couple of times recently and both the sign and the line are visible as is the warning sign and the slow markings on Repton Road approaching the Hall Lane junction.

#### **Repton Road, Willington: Zebra Crossing Improvements**

Reference was made to the zebra crossing outside the Co-op at Willington. Recent improvements have been made to the facility which included the

replacement of the belisha beacons with LED zebrite halos, with cowlings to restrict light pollution.

The pole on the east side of the crossing (opposite the Co-op) is sited close to the carriageway edge and the cowling has been struck by a high-sided vehicle.

It was the understanding of the Local Member and Parish Council that the proposed improvements included the relocation of the pole to the back edge of the footway and for downlights to be added (Similar to the lighting on the crossing near the doctor's surgery).

AFLO advised that the Project Engineer, who arranged the work, had transferred to another department and was currently on leave. The replacement Engineer is seeking clarification as to what was promised in regard to improvement work for the zebra.

### **Stenson Road, Stenson Fields: Request for Crossing**

A request was made at the last forum for DCC to give consideration to a pedestrian refuge near to the junction with Pilgrim's Way. Residents from the new development have a need to cross here to access the various facilities on Pilgrims Way and it was felt that this would be an alternative to the request for a light-controlled crossing which had been refused.

AFLO advised that the carriageway is of insufficient width at this location to accommodate a pedestrian refuge. A refuge would ideally need to have a width of 2m (to safely accommodate pushchairs, mobility scooters, etc.) whilst maintaining running lanes of 3.5m either side, although this could be reduced to 3m. Effectively, this means that the carriageway width would need to be in the region of 8m for a pedestrian refuge to be a viable option.

The carriageway width at the existing tactile dropped crossing at the junction of Pilgrims Way is roughly 6m, well below the required width.

Councillor Shepherd asked if DCC could reassess the issue and use the wide strip of grass verge to extend the highway, if needed. The problem being that the development is for 500 houses, mainly family homes, and all the facilities i.e. school, public house, shops etc. are located on the eastern side of Stenson Road.

AFLO reiterated that DCC had not categorically rejected the possibility of a light-controlled crossing. Monitoring by officers throughout the construction phase, and early occupation of the new homes, indicated that pedestrian activity falls well below the criteria required to justify a crossing. It remains the intention of DCC to assess pedestrian activity again, on completion of the local developments, so that it can establish whether pedestrian activity has increased sufficiently to justify putting forward a proposal for a light-controlled facility.



Councillor Shepherd referred to page 3, item 27 of the minutes and asked whether there has been a response from Chief Executive to his question regarding the stretch of road on the eastern side, facing on to Stenson Road with no barrier between the road and the grass area. Director of Housing & Environmental Services said he had nothing to report on this but would raise it with the Chief Executive and report back.

**Action: Director of Housing & Environmental Services to speak with Chief Executive report back.**

RA/06 **Public questions on issues raised by residents**

**The Green, Willington: Withdrawal of School Crossing Patrol**

A resident made reference to DCC's proposals to remove all School Crossing Patrol Wardens where they currently operate on a zebra or light-controlled crossing facility, as is the case for The Green, Willington.

The resident quoted the recent Cabinet member report of 7 July 2015:

*A full and comprehensive assessment of all Derbyshire's current sites was undertaken during 2014. These assessments were conducted in line with the recently updated School Crossing Patrol Guidelines, issued by The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), on the SCP service and were used to inform the Council's work in preparing the proposals put forward to Cabinet on 20 January 2015.*

*The proposed changes to the SCP service, approved by Cabinet to consult on, were as follows:*

- 1. That any individual SCP site served by a light-controlled or zebra crossing facility be withdrawn, with effect from the end of the summer term, July 2015.*

However, the resident contested that the RoSPA criteria indicates that far from supporting the withdrawal of the lollipop lady in Willington, the complexity of the traffic flow and street furniture at the B5008/A5132 junction, with its mini islands, the case exists that the crossing point should be controlled by traffic lights.

**Newton Road, Newton Solney: Overgrown Footway**

A resident reported on overgrown hedgerows that were obstructing the footway, from opposite Bladon House School, back towards Newton Solney.

**Frizam's Lane junction Heath Lane, Findern: Overgrown Vegetation**

A resident raised concerns that vegetation here is obstructing visibility. Councillor Ford advised that he had already reported the issue at the location on the bridge at Hells Brook.

### **Heath Lane Jct. Main Street, Findern: Request for Chevrons**

It was asked whether chevron boards could be erected at the bend in the road. The boundary wall of the property on the bend has been struck on more than one occasion and it was felt that the chevron boards would highlight the bend in the road better.

AFLO said he met with Councillor Ford on site and said he would look at arranging some speed surveys at either end of the village. There are already measures in place with a bend warning sign in place. There is a criterion that needs to be met on the severity of the bend for chevron boards but DCC will look into this.

### **Bretby Lane Bretby: Drainage Issues**

Cllr Chilton raised the ongoing issue of drainage problems on Bretby Lane and requested an update.

AFLO advised that a scheme has previously been drawn up to alleviate the flooding problems. The first element of the scheme – to reconstruct the outfall and headwall – was completed late last year.

The on-road element of the scheme will need to be funded through the Area Maintenance Care manager's local budget. AFLO has been seeking confirmation from the Care Manager as to whether he will approve funding of the scheme this financial year; the response has been that they are currently considering options. Both AFLO and the officer who designed the scheme have impressed on the Care Manager that the matter has been on-going for several years and a resolution is required.

**Action: AFLO will continue to press ahead with the matter to get a response from the Care Manager**

### **Canal Bridge, Willington: Signal Damage**

A resident reported that one of the signal poles has been struck and is leaning slightly. The resident confirmed that the signal itself is still working

### **Footpath by Trent Avenue – part-time lighting at night**

A resident asked if anything further has been done about the lighting at this location. Councillor Ford said the Parish Council needs to understand what

the issues are and then to report back to County Council but since AFLO is there, he could take the issue back.

**Action: AFLO to report back on this matter**

RA/07 **County Council issues.**

No issues.

RA/08 **District Council issues.**

No issues.

RA/09 **Date of Next Meeting.**

To be confirmed in due course.

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.10 pm

## **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **REPTON AREA FORUM**

13 October 2015

#### **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

At the last Repton Area Forum held on 21 July 2015, at Findern Methodist Church, the following issues were raised;

#### **1. THE GREEN, WILLINGTON: WITHDRAWAL OF SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL – SBS 8051379**

Area Forum Liaison Officer to report back at the meeting.

#### **2. NEWTON ROAD, NEWTON SOLNEY: OVERGROWN FOOTWAY – SBS 8051233**

The Highway Inspector has reported that the footway here is passable at present but the hedges should be cut back by the land owner at the completion of the bird nesting season. If they are not cut back within the next few weeks, letters will be sent to the relevant landowner(s) to inform them of the need to do so.

[feedback provided 3 September 2015]

#### **3. FRIZAM'S LANE JCT. HEATH LANE, FINDERN: OVERGROWN VEGETATION – SBS 7132896**

The area Highway Inspector has raised an order to have the vegetation cut back at this location .

#### **4. HEATH LANE JCT. MAIN STREET, FINDERN: REQUEST FOR CHEVRONS - SBS 8051329**

The purpose of 'sharp deviation of route' chevron boards is to inform drivers of a sharp change in the direction of the road. These signs may be used where speed has to be greatly reduced in order to negotiate a bend safely and where the severity of the bend cannot be easily seen, by night or day.

A site visit was undertaken following receipt of this request, which concluded that there is good

forward visibility on both approaches to the bend and chevron boards are not considered necessary under these conditions.

There are a number of existing measures in place, to highlight the bend, which should alert drivers to the need to moderate their speeds on approach.

Drivers, approaching the bend from the Willington direction, will have passed through the 30mph terminal point, which is situated well in advance of the bend. There are a number of 'gateway' features here – including a 30mph carriageway roundel, central carriageway hatching and a central pedestrian refuge, which features keep left bollards and a belisha beacon; these measures combine to make it clear to drivers that they have entered a lowered 30mph speed limit and will encourage compliance as they approach the bend.

Drivers are alerted to the approaching bend by a warning sign informing of an acute right-hand bend ahead, which is further reinforced by a 'SLOW' carriageway marking.

Those approaching the bend from the opposite direction will have been travelling within the 30mph speed limit for some distance and, having just negotiated the right-hand bend at The Green; speeds should already be low as drivers approach the bend into Heath Lane. The bend itself is highlighted on approach via a 'SLOW' carriageway marking and warning sign informing of an acute left-hand bend ahead.

Unfortunately, there will remain a minority of drivers who will continue to drive at inappropriate speeds, regardless of the warnings in place, and it is this irresponsible few who is most difficult to legislate for.

A check of the Police database – which records all collisions resulting in personal injury – indicates that the existing measures are having the desired effect; there have been no collisions of this nature on the bend over the last 3 years (this being the standard test period for assessment). It is acknowledged that there may have been damage only collisions during this time but our resources must be prioritised to those locations suffering from a collision history where injuries are occurring.

Given the existing measures and good road safety record, there are no proposals to introduce further improvements at this time.

Residents can report any future instances of speeding, either excessive or inappropriate, for the attention of the Police, who may be able to carry out enforcement action. The local Police office can be contacted by calling their 101 non-emergency number.

## **5. BRETBY LANE, BRETBY: DRAINAGE ISSUES**

Progress will be reported to the Area Forum, as and when available.

**6. CANAL BRIDGE, WILLINGTON: SIGNAL DAMAGE** - SBS 8051042

DCC's Traffic Signals Team has confirmed that they are aware of the damage to the signal pole and currently considering repair options.

**7. TRENT AVENUE-VERE CLOSE: LIGHTING ON FOOTPATH** - SBS 8051379

This is a request that DCC's Street Lighting Team has reviewed previously and found no reason to change the existing arrangements. We have invited substantive reasons for the lights to remain on but none have been forthcoming.

Objections were received as part of the consultation process but the reasons given were not valid under the part night lighting policy.

We believe that the footpath is not sufficiently used during the time the lamps are turned off to justify the energy use and, unless it can be shown to be otherwise, there is no justification for the lights to remain lit all night.

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**8. STRETCH OF ROAD ON EASTERN SIDE FACING STENSON ROAD**

A hedgerow was planted early 2014, as per the approved plans, which will establish over time. Notwithstanding this, through good relations with the consortium of housebuilders, a stretch of temporary fencing was erected out of the front of the Barratt and Miller plots. Over the Summer Taylor Wimpey have also done the same.

Chief Executive  
South Derbyshire District Council