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South Derbyshire District Council



Safer South Derbyshire Partnership

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

Interval with light refreshments 7.15pm - 7.30pm

and

Melbourne Area Forum (7.30pm - 8.30pm)

Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Melbourne Assembly Rooms High Street Melbourne



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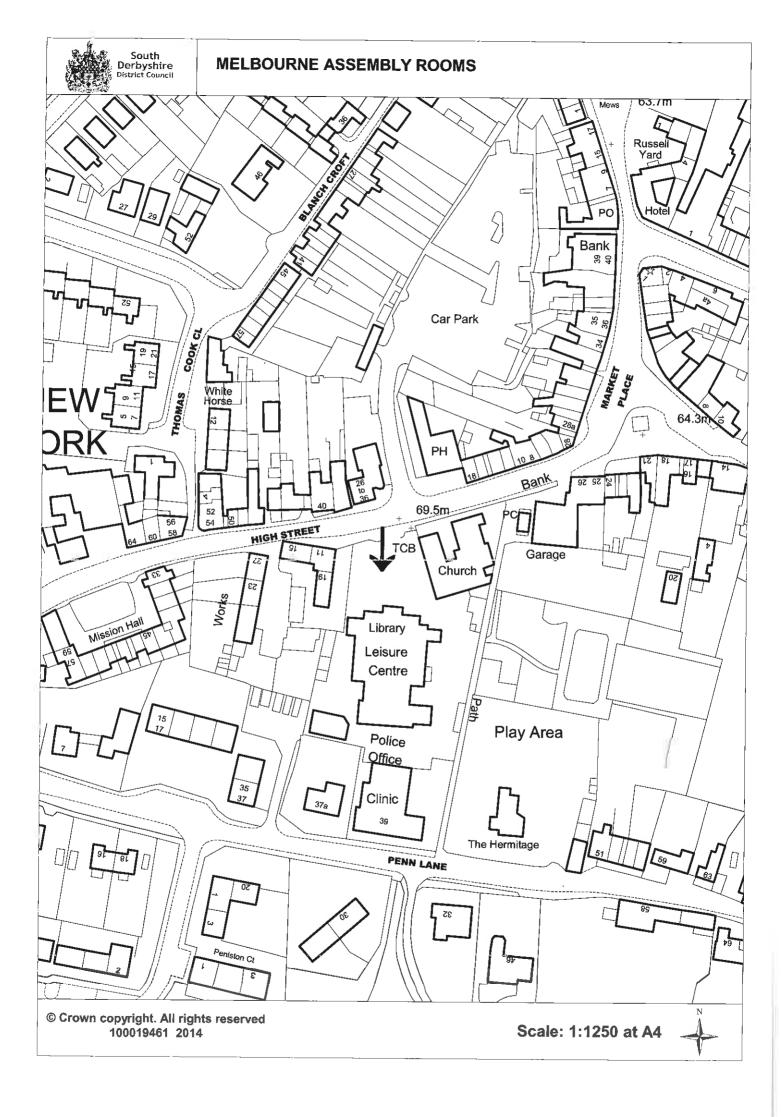
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# COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS – JANUARY TO MAY 2018

Committee	Day	Date
JANUARY 2018		
Environmental & Dev (Special-Budget)	Thu	04.01.18
Housing & Com Services (Special–Budget)	Tue	09.01.18
Etwall JMC	Wed	10.01.18
Finance & Management (Special-Budget)	Thu	11.01.18
Planning	Tue	16.01.18
Overview & Scrutiny	Wed	17.01.18
COUNCIL	Thu	18.01.18
Employee H & S Committee	Wed	24.01.18
Environmental & Development Services	Thu	25.01.18
Overview & Scrutiny	Wed	31.01.18
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FEBRUARY 2018		
Housing & Community Services	Thu	01.02.18
Planning	Tue	06.02.18
Audit Sub	Wed	14.02.18
Finance & Management	Thu	15.02.18
COUNCIL	Mon	26.02.18
Planning	Tue	27.02.18
MARCH 2018		
Environmental & Development Services	Thu	01.03.18
Housing & Community Services	Thu	08.03.18
Finance & Management	Thu	15.03.18
Planning	Tue	20.03.18
Audit Sub	Wed	21.03.18
Overview & Scrutiny	Wed	21.03.18
<u>APRIL 2018</u>		
Planning	Tue	10.04.18
Etwall JMC	Wed	11.04.18
COUNCIL	Thu	12.04.18
Environmental & Development Services	Thu	19.04.18
Employee Health & Safety Committee	Wed	25.04.18
Housing & Community Services	Thu	26.04.18
<u>MAY 2018</u>		
Planning	Tue	01.05.18
Finance & Management	Thu	03.05.18
ANNUAL COUNCIL	Thu	17.05.18
CIVIC COUNCIL	Thu	24.05.18



# **AGENDA**

# **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP - AREA 3**

# Monday, February 5, at 6.15pm at Melbourne Assembly Rooms

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

- 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 (7.15pm)



## AREA 3 – MELBOURNE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Present	Date of Meeting	Venue
Ed Hicklin (Chair), Ian Hey (South Derbyshire District Council Communities), Sgt Graham Summers, PCSO Kerry Wallington- Waite (Derbyshire Police).	Monday, October 24, 2017	Recreation in Aston
Councillor Neil Atkin, Steve Aynsley, David Brown, Councillor Linda Chilton, Councillor Hilary Coyle, Barrie Evans, Hilary Forber, Councillor John Harrison, Councillor Jim Hewlett, Chris Holt, Tony Hurrell, Barbara James, Sheena Lane, Jacob Marsh, John Parkes, Avril Record, Maddie Rose, Mike Selby, Phil Spray, Councillor Peter Watson.		
Also present: Tom Sloan (clerk).		

1	Chair's Introduction. Apologies.	Action
	Councillor Neil Atkin. Ed Hicklin told the meeting that Recreation in Aston (Aston Pavilion) was undergoing more than £150,000 to the building. New changing rooms were one of the features.	
2	Minutes of last meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions.	
	Tom Sloan had been asked to provide more posters for the next meeting and they had been produced.	
3	Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview / Priorities Update.	
	Sgt Graham Summers said he had left reports on each of the six SNT areas to the beat officers as they had a better view of what was happening on the ground. Unfortunately, PCSO Emma Guest was unable to attend. However, PCSO Kerry Wallington-Waite worked closely with her and was able to provide an update.	
	PCSO Wallington-Waite said there'd been a few positive outcomes for the area. Patrols had been set up around Swarkestone Lock to combat ASB. Alcohol had also been seized on Melbourne.	
	Councillor Peter Watson informed the meeting that South Derbyshire SNT had been awarded Safer Neighbourhood Team of the Year by Derbyshire Police. Sgt Summers added that it was largely down to the team pioneering the use of new tools and powers to tackle ASB, including Community	

	Protection Notices (CPN) and CPN warnings.		
	PCSO Wallington-Waite said a troublesome neighbour in Melbourne had been dealt with and if she stepped out of line a court appearance would be next.		
	A driver who damaged the rugby field in Melbourne had been fined £150.		
	Melbourne Wakes had gone well.		
	A conviction had been secured against a burglar for a break-in to an elderly lady's house.		
	Four men were awaiting court appearances for thefts from vans throughout the area. One was remanded in custody and three were on bail with a curfew.		
	Councillor Watson asked for the meeting's thanks to be recorded for the Swadlincote SNT and how it operated in Area 3. He also asked what sentence the Melbourne burglar received. Sgt Summers replied that he wasn't sure what the sentence was.		
4	Partnership update / funding / new project ideas		
	<ul> <li>Ian Hey reported that:</li> <li>The South Derbyshire Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators' annual meeting would take place on November 21.</li> <li>No trick or treat leaflets were available ahead of Halloween.</li> <li>The CVS Safer Homes scheme would continue to improve security in pensioners' homes.</li> <li>There was still £4,000 available from the Safer Neighbourhoods fund for projects related to crime, disorder and ASB. Information was available from Mr Hey or Chris Smith.</li> <li>The Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire had launched a grant initiative and funds were available from his office.</li> </ul>		
5	Local issues – open forum (20 minutes)		
	A resident reported bullying by a local youngster against other children in Weston. He was allegedly making younger children fight each other for his own amusement. It had been mentioned to the police. There was also drug dealing taking place at an address in Barrow. Details had been given to PCSO Guest. Furthermore, would police receive extra funding with the extra 20,000 people expected to move into South Derbyshire? Sgt Summers replied that he would follow up the bullying allegations with PCSO Guest. In terms of drug dealing, PCSO Guest was proactive and the information could well be forming part of a wider intelligence picture. The SNT was executing two-three warrants a week, which was a large number for such a small team. Small pieces of intelligence could well lead to a warrant being executed further down the line.	ACTION: PCSO Wallington- Waite to find intelligence for Sgt Summers to review	
	Regarding development of the area, Sgt Summers said it was happening		

everywhere and police had fewer staff than when the population was even smaller than it was now. Across the county, there would be fewer police officers per person.

An Aston resident said incidents and crime numbers were increasing but it wasn't reflected in crime figures. He was concerned about how the figures were composed. For example, he knew that three cars had been stolen from the area in 2017, but there was only one recorded in crime statistics. Sgt Summers replied that the spikes seen in sexual offences and violent crime with injury, were connected almost entirely to historic incidents. The raw data always appeared alarming. PCSO Wallington-Waite added that police never issued incident statistics, but only crime statistics. Sgt Summers asked the resident if he had the figures with him that he was questioning. The resident replied that he didn't. Sgt Summers said he needed to see evidence before he could comment.

Councillor John Harrison asked if there was any update regarding vandalism at Melbourne Arts Festival. PCSO Wallington-Waite replied that both suspects were due to be spoken to.

Councillor Hilary Coyle thanked police for removing the travellers from an underpass on the A6. It was much appreciated by residents. Councillor Coyle had received complaints regarding speeding past the school in London Road, Shardlow. Mr Hicklin replied that the CREST van used to operate in the area but he hadn't seen it for a while. PCSO Wallington-Waite told residents to contact CREST directly via their website to register complaints about speeding. Sgt Summers added that a mobile phone and seat belt campaign had just been undertaken on the A444 near Swadlincote. A total of 22 motorists were caught in two hours committing various offences. PC Joe Stafford was itching to get out and about with the speed gun after receiving training so police would prioritise Shardlow.

A resident asked for reassurance that where evidence was in place police would pursue prosecutions, including for "soft" crimes. Sgt Summers. Reports were filtered by the operator and "offences" with no realistic chance of being investigated were filtered out. A member of the public would be told that there was no police officer being allocated to the case. If there was a viable line of enquiry such as CCTV evidence or witnesses the offence would be investigated. A resident added that "incidents" could be just as impacting as "crimes".

A member of the public asked if some crimes were downgraded to occurrences. Sgt Summers gave the example of a dog biting a person versus biting another dog. It was not a case of downgrading. PCSO Wallington-Waite added that in her 11 years she had seen a huge increase in reported incidents.

6	Agreed priorities	
	Speeding at Shardlow. Speeding could be reported online at: www.crestderbyshire.org/about-us/report-a-speeding-concern Sgt Summers added that otherwise it was bread and butter policing issues.	
7	Date of next meeting	

The meeting closed at 7.10pm. Next meeting date and venue were to be advised.	
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# 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 Melbourne Assembly Rooms High Street Melbourne Derby DE73 8GF on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7.30pm.

Members:

District Councillors: Councillors John Harrison (Chairman), Neil Atkin, Mrs Hilary Coyle, Jim Hewlett, Peter Watson.

County Councillors: Councillors Neil Atkin and Mrs Linda Chilton.

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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 October 24, 2017 (copy attached).
- 5. Swarkestone Causeway update Neill Bennett and Richard Handbury.
- 6. Report back on issues raised at the last meeting.
- 7. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
- 8. County council issues.
- 9. District council issues.
- 10. Date of next meeting (TBA).

### <u>OPEN</u>

## SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

## AREA 3 – MELBOURNE AREA

## Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Recreation in Aston

### PRESENT:-

### **District Council representatives**

Councillor John Harrison (Chair), Councillor Mrs Hilary Coyle, Councillor Jim Hewlett, Councillor Peter Watson.

Frank McArdle (Chief Executive), Tom Sloan (Clerk).

### Derbyshire County Council representative

Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton.

#### Parish Council / Meeting representatives

Nancy Hawksworth (Shardlow & Great Wilne Parish Council), Chris Holt (Barrow Parish Council), Avril Record (Weston Parish Council), Mike Selby (Aston Parish Council), Dave Smith (Melbourne Parish Council),

#### Members of the public

Steve Aynsley, David Brown, Hilary Forber, Tony Hurrell, Barbara James, John Parkes,

#### MA/10 Apologies for absence

Councillor Neil Atkin

#### MA/11 Declarations of interest

None.

#### MA/12 Chairman's announcements

None.

#### MA/13 The minutes of the meeting held on June 19, 2017

On the proposition of Councillor Peter Watson, the minutes were AGREED as a true and correct record.

#### MA/14 Report back on issues raised at the last meeting

#### Missing sign in Weston on Trent

Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton updated the meeting that the missing sign was part and parcel of a bigger issue. An officer would come to the next Area Forum and explain the situation. The signage in the area was going to change and some signs would become much larger, but there was nothing definitive to report yet. A resident said signs were all well and good, but what was going to be done about the Cuttle Bridge junction? Councillor Mrs Chilton said there was a possibility the junction would change.

#### Traffic issues in Chapel Street, Melbourne

Councillor Mrs Chilton reported that Highways officers had visited from DCC along with local members and there was a project under way which encompassed the whole of Melbourne. A one-way system had been mentioned. It was fortunate that on this occasion there were problems for officers to witness. The whole of Melbourne was dangerous and inconsiderate parking was a major problem. It wouldn't be cheap or quick, but there was a project in the pipeline.

#### Pinch points on Swarkestone Causeway

Councillor Mrs Chilton said she was waiting on a response from Julian Gould of Heritage England, but it was highly unlikely changes to Swarkestone Bridge would be sanctioned. Repairs to damaged parapets were also awaited. A resident added that practicality had to come before anything and traffic wasn't going to go away. Councillor John Harrison said that work would continue at the junction of the A453 and M1 for another two years, meaning a rat run through Stanton by Bridge would continue to be used. A volume check of local roads was long overdue. Councillor Mrs Chilton said a survey was being waited upon. There were 7,000 jobs coming to the area in the next 10 years and the East Midlands Gateway location was ideal for it. Melbourne would be affected. She added that Cuttle Bridge was part of the bigger picture relating to Swarkestone Causeway.

Frank McArdle added that HS2 could also increase development and add extra traffic onto the network. Infrastructure improvements were needed.

Councillor Peter Watson agreed that a traffic survey was required to discover the true volumes using Swarkestone Causeway. Cars were also

considerably wider than in the past, worsening the effect of the pinch points. He added that the sooner a new bridge was built, the better.

A resident added that the roads serving Swadlincote were terrible. With the new interchange being built at the M1, drivers would move easily from city to city but a short journey from Melbourne to Chellaston would take 40 minutes. The roads in the area were atrocious.

#### Weeds in Chapel Street, Melbourne

Councillor Harrison stated that it could be a job for the lengthsman employed by Melbourne Parish Council.

#### MA/15 **Public questions on issues raised by residents**

A resident asked how much notice statutory authorities had to give regarding road closures. A notification had appeared in a newspaper stating that London Road between Cheal Close and Glenn Way in Shardlow would be closed between November 5 and 14 by Severn Trent Water. It would necessitate changes to a bus route and affect schools traffic coming from Alvaston, Boulton and Chellaston. Councillor Harrison replied that lots of communication was needed regarding road closures and if it was inadequate there was a case for postponing the work. Councillor Watson was unsure whether it was a month or two months' notice which was normally required. When a road was closed, the alternative involved a road of the same category.

# ACTION: Councillor Peter Watson to make enquiries at SDDC and find out if the road closure notice was correct

A resident asked if anyone could plant trees on a grass verge? Councillor Mrs Chilton replied that a Cultivation Licence was needed to plant a tree on public land.

A Barrow resident raised the issue of Willington development traffic coming through Swarkestone to avoid a low bridge in Willington. There were too many HGVs coming past. They also reported an HGV doing a U-turn to avoid Swarkestone Bridge – the new signs weren't working. Councillor Mrs Chilton replied that DCC was attempting to get satellite navigation software updated. The problem was mainly with drivers from abroad using older satnavs – and, if turning back, they had taken notice of the signs. A Moving Traffic Order allowing camera installation was being sought.

A resident reported that the cycle lane between Shelton Lock and Swarkestone (part of Network 6) wasn't lit. They were concerned that more accidents with cyclists would result at the Bonnie Prince island. Councillor Harrison added that it would involve Derby City Council as well and it was always difficult doing cross-border operations. Mr McArdle added that Section 106 money could be available from a new development.

# ACTION: Tom Sloan to provide a report back into possible lighting of the cycle path in the area of the Bonnie Prince island

#### MA/16 County Council issues

Councillor Mrs Chilton reported that most of the issues she was dealing with were work in progress.

#### MA/17 District Council issues

Mr McArdle proposed to invite four representatives from both Aston and Weston to come into the Chamber at SDDC to discuss possible boundary changes between the villages. A change had to be mutually beneficial and issues had to be explored with both parishes.

The Chamber of Trade in Swadlincote and District had agreed to look at reaching out into the Melbourne area for new members.

The Swadlincote Air Training Corps had recently completed 45 years' service to the district. A recommendation had been made for a Freedom of the District award and the decision would be made by members.

#### MA/18 Date of next meeting

To be advised in due course.

#### Councillor John Harrison CHAIRMAN

The meeting terminated at 8.18pm.

# MELBOURNE AREA FORUM

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

February 5, 2018

# REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At Melbourne Area Forum, held on October 24, 2017 at Aston Pavilion, the following issues were raised. They are listed below, together with progress made to date:

## Derbyshire County Council issues:

## 1. Lighting of cycle path at Bonnie Prince island

A resident reported that the cycle lane between Shelton Lock and Swarkestone (part of Network 6) wasn't lit. They were concerned that more accidents with cyclists would result at the Bonnie Prince island. Councillor Harrison added that it would involve Derby City Council as well and it was always difficult doing cross-border operations. Mr McArdle added that Section 106 money could be available from a new development.

ACTION: Tom Sloan to provide a report back into possible lighting of the cycle path in the area of the Bonnie Prince island

The forum's query has been logged, but at the moment no update is available from Derbyshire County Council. The area the request relates to is also outside of Derby City, so the organisation would not be involved.

Tom Sloan Service Assistant **South Derbyshire District Council** 

## South Derbyshire District Council issues:

## 1. Road closure notice affecting Shardlow

A resident asked how much notice statutory authorities had to give regarding road closures. A notification had appeared in a newspaper stating that London Road between Cheal Close and Glenn Way in Shardlow would be closed between

November 5 and 14 by Severn Trent Water. It would necessitate changes to a bus route and affect schools traffic coming from Alvaston, Boulton and Chellaston. Councillor Harrison replied that lots of communication was needed regarding road closures and if it was inadequate there was a case for postponing the work. Councillor Watson was unsure whether it was a month or two months' notice which was normally required. When a road was closed, the alternative involved a road of the same category.

# ACTION: Councillor Peter Watson to make enquiries at SDDC and find out if the road closure notice was correct

I looked into the situation and the issuing of the official notice by Derbyshire County Council had been undertaken and was perfectly correct. However, the notification to South Derbyshire District Council and the bus companies by Derbyshire County Council doesn't appear to have been done. After I spoke to them, Derbyshire County Council sent the closure information to South Derbyshire District Council and the bus companies. Similarly, Severn Trent hand delivered notifications to as many residents as they considered appropriate. This took place very late in the day just before the closure took place and was considerably later than would have been reasonable to expect. Even though the road was reopened earlier than expected, it seems impossible to get a reasonable answer as to why the notification wasn't made earlier but there appears to have been a breakdown in communication.

**Councillor Peter Watson** Aston Ward Member South Derbyshire District Council

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February 5, 2017

## MISSING REPORTS BACK FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

At Melbourne Area Forum, held on October 24, 2017 at Recreation in Aston, the following issues had not received a response from Derbyshire County Council. They have now been provided and are listed below.

## Derbyshire County Council issues:

## 1. Missing sign in Weston on Trent

Councillor Peter Watson said the missing sign was at Cuttle Bridge and should tell motorists that there was a narrow bridge. In the previous minutes, at MA25, Derbyshire County Council Highways officer Dave Connell stated that two signs were being installed on the road to Weston. Where were these signs?

ACTION: Tom Sloan to ask Derbyshire County Council for a report on the signs

As far as we are aware the replacement of the missing signs has been arranged.

## 2. Weeds in Chapel Street, Melbourne

A resident complained about weeds and grass growing in the gutter in Chapel Street, Melbourne. Could weed killer not be used to combat it rather than workers pulling it out only for it to return?

ACTION: Tom Sloan to report issue to Derbyshire County Council and ask if alternative approach to weeds could be taken

The issue of these weeds was passed to our Highway Care Manager on August 22, 2017. He passed the enquiry back to South Derbyshire District Council on August 31, via email asking if they could as part of their Street Scene

programme weed kill the affected area as it was felt this would be more beneficial than DCC Highways removing them for it to simply re-grow a short while later.

**Richard Handbury** Highways Derbyshire County Council