

LINTON AREA MEETING

2nd June 2008

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Wheeler (Chairman) and Councillors Jones and Timms.

M. Alflat (Director of Community Services), P. White (Democratic Services) and B. Jones (Helpdesk).

Derbyshire County Council Representative

Councillors Bambrick and Mrs. Lauro.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

S. Jackson, J. Pallett and C. Wright (Castle Gresley Parish Council), J. Powell (Linton Parish Council), S. Hill, W. Marbrow, L. Ross and E. Wrigley (Rosliston Parish Council) and Dr. T. Elson (Walton-on-Trent Parish Council).

Derbyshire Constabulary

WPC Croxall and Sergeant Sissman.

Members of the Public

P. Bambrick, W. Bruce and M. Elton.

LA/1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

It was noted that Councillor Wheeler was appointed Chairman of the Linton Area Meeting at the Annual Council Meeting held on 22nd May 2008.

LA/2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillor Grant, C. Knight, Mr. & Mrs. Taylor and M. Todd M.P.

LA/3. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was agreed that Councillor Jones be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Linton Area Meeting for the ensuing year.

LA/4. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Linton Area Meeting held on 6th February 2008 were noted. It was advised that W. Taylor who was present at the last Meeting was a member of the public and not a parish council representative.

LA/5. **PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY TRANSPORT ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS IN SOUTH DERBYSHIRE**

A representative of Community Transport had been invited to make a presentation to the Meeting, but unfortunately was unavailable. It was noted that Community Transport had been invited to send a representative on more than one occasion.

It was agreed to provide Councillor Bambrick (in his capacity as Chairman of Community Transport, Swadlincote) with the background information in order that he could liaise further with Community Transport.

LA/6. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

Information had been circulated and a brief summary was given on the issues raised at the last Meeting and the follow-up action taken.

There was a discussion about cutbacks in public/community transport. Particular concern was raised regarding the reduced services provided by Arriva, which had resulted in residents from Castle Gresley and Linton Heath being unable to travel to Overseal and Ashby. It was queried whether this service had been operated by Leicestershire County Council, rather than Derbyshire County Council.

It was agreed to investigate this matter further.

Following the recent inspection of the condition of Basset Crescent, Castle Gresley, this had resulted in no remedial action being considered necessary. Residents advised that the surface of the road was deteriorating.

It was agreed to ask Derbyshire County Council to re-investigate the road condition and to report back to the next Meeting.

Concern was raised regarding the condition of Station Road, Walton-on-Trent, due to the inability of the road-sweeper to access the lane.

The Director of Community Services agreed to investigate this matter, with a view to undertaking a manual sweep to clear the highway, if required.

There was a detailed discussion about recycling and composting in the District, in particular the recycling of plastic containers, cardboard and “long life” light bulbs.

The Director of Community Services agreed to submit a report to the next Meeting to update on recycling and composting measures undertaken by the District Council.

LA/7. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE LOCAL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Reference was made to the recent public consultation meeting held by Roger Bullivant Limited at Rosliston Forestry Centre, in respect of the Company’s proposed Drakelow Park development. In particular, the County Council’s intentions with regard to the county road infrastructure and the provision of

a new bridge at Walton-on-Trent, as part of the proposed development were queried.

Concern was raised regarding a recent road traffic accident at Cadley Hill Lane, Linton. There was discussion about the possible reduction of the speed limit and necessary repair of the missing chevrons on the highway.

It was agreed that these matters be referred to Derbyshire County Council for further investigation and that a report be provided to the next Area Meeting.

Following a discussion at a recent Walton-on-Trent Parish Council meeting, it was queried whether the District Council administered a scheme, which monitored the use of water meters. A local resident advised that a water meter had allegedly been installed on behalf of the District Council on a public footpath.

An incident had occurred in Rosliston, where leachate had escaped from composted material loaded into the back of a refuse vehicle. It was noted that problems with the lorry's seal had occurred on previous occasions.

The Director of Community Services agreed to investigate these matters and to provide a report to the next Area Meeting.

It was suggested that representatives of Community Transport and Arriva be invited to attend the next Meeting, to give an update on public transport arrangements in South Derbyshire and within the Linton area in particular.

LA/8. **POLICE ISSUES**

WPC Croxall and Sergeant Sisman provided an update on the provision of speed guns and community speed watch signs.

It was noted that the next Safer Neighbourhood Meeting for the Linton Area would be held on 10th June 2008.

A District Council Member thanked the Police for their efforts in controlling the congregation of youths at a local bus stop in Netherseal. WPC Croxall praised the efforts of the community in respect of this matter. She advised that local residents were now investigating the provision of activities for youths within the locality, with the opportunity for young people to acquire vocational qualifications. County Council community funding of £500 would be provided towards the scheme.

LA/9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date and venue of the next Linton Area Meeting would be confirmed in due course.

B. WHEELER

CHAIRMAN