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Interval with light  
refreshments 7.15 - 7.30

and

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

**Tuesday, October 4  
2016**

**Ticknall Village Hall  
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# TICKNALL VILLAGE HALL



**SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS**

<b><u>Committee</u></b>	<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
<b><u>OCTOBER 2016</u></b>		
Housing & Community Services	Thu	06.10.16
Finance & Management	Thu	13.10.16
Heritage Lottery Fund Grant Panel Board Meeting	Mon	17.10.16
Planning	Tue	18.10.16
Overview & Scrutiny	Wed	19.10.16
Heritage Lottery Fund Grant Panel	Mon	24.10.16
Employee Health & safety Committee	Wed	26.10.16
<b><u>NOVEMBER 2016</u></b>		
COUNCIL	Thu	03.11.16
Planning	Tue	08.11.16
Environmental & Development Services	Thu	17.11.16
Housing & Community Services	Thu	24.11.16
Planning	Tue	29.11.16
<b><u>DECEMBER 2016</u></b>		
Finance & Management	Thu	01.12.16
Overview & Scrutiny	Wed	07.12.16
Audit Sub	Wed	14.12.16
Planning	Tue	20.12.16
<b><u>JANUARY 2017</u></b>		
Environmental & Dev (Special-Budget)	Thu	05.01.17
Etwall JMC	Mon	09.01.17
Housing & Com Services (Special-Budget)	Tue	10.01.17
Finance & Management (Special-Budget)	Thu	12.01.17
Planning	Tue	17.01.17
Overview & Scrutiny	Wed	18.01.17
COUNCIL	Thu	19.01.17
Employee H & S Committee	Wed	25.01.17
Environmental & Development Services	Thu	26.01.17
<b><u>FEBRUARY 2017</u></b>		
Housing & Community Services	Thu	02.02.17
Planning	Tue	07.02.17
Overview & Scrutiny	Wed	08.02.17
Audit Sub	Wed	15.02.17
Finance & Management	Thu	16.02.17
Planning	Tue	28.02.17
<b><u>MARCH 2017</u></b>		
COUNCIL	Wed	01.03.17
Environmental & Development Services	Thu	02.03.17
Housing & Community Services	Thu	09.03.17
Finance & Management	Thu	16.03.17
Planning	Tue	21.03.17
Overview & Scrutiny	Wed	22.03.17
Audit Sub	Wed	29.03.17
<b><u>APRIL 2017</u></b>		
COUNCIL	Thu	06.04.17
Etwall JMC	Mon	10.04.17
Planning	Tue	11.04.17

Housing & Community Services	Thu	20.04.17
Employee Health & Safety Committee	Wed	26.04.17
Environmental & Development Services	Wed	26.04.17
Finance & Management	Thu	27.04.17
<b><u>MAY 2017</u></b>		
Planning	Tue	09.05.17
ANNUAL COUNCIL	Thu	18.05.17
CIVIC COUNCIL	Thu	25.05.17



## **AGENDA**

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

**Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 6.15pm**  
**at Ticknall Village Hall**

**(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 2 – MERCIA SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP**

Present	Date of Meeting	Venue
<p>Councillor Andrew MacPherson (Chairman), Chris Smith (Communities Manager), Sgt Graham Summers, PC Oliver Priddle.</p> <p>Dennis Bateman (SDDC Neighbourhood Warden), Councillor Linda Chilton, Charles Fellows, Mary Goodall, Jeanette Griffiths, Heather Hall, Mike Haynes (SDDC Director of Housing and Environmental Services), Fred Hill, Julia Juneau, Richard Lisewski, AD Lomas, John Orme, Pat Pearson, Peter Rainey, Councillor David Shepherd, Phil Smith, Councillor Michael Stanton, Steve Toone, Grace Varty.</p> <p>Also present: Tom Sloan (clerk).</p>	<p>Tuesday July 5, 2016</p>	<p>Repton Village Hall</p>

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Sgt Graham Summers reported that PC Gemma Thursfield, the beat officer for the area, had undergone a serious operation on a hip injury. She had been replaced by PC Oliver Priddle, who would be covering the area for a significant length of time.

Referring to his crime statistics, Sgt Summers said Area 2 was an incredibly safe area. A year ago, he had read out the crime statistics for Derby West and they were alarmingly high compared to Area 2. However, dwelling burglaries were up from two to nine, spectacularly high for the area. The majority of the crimes had happened in Repton and there had been a team of burglars who had come into the area. It was briefly a major problem but police responded to it, with officers from all areas involved. Such peaks in burglaries happened from time to time and residents should not be alarmed.

Four sexual offences had been reported in Area 2, but in every case the alleged perpetrator was known to the complainant and had been arrested. There was no extra danger to residents.

Drug offences had increased by 600%, with offences rising from one to seven. Sgt Summers again pointed out that it was not a figure to be concerned with as police had been conducting drug operations in the area targeting specific individuals.

Regarding speeding in Stenson Village over the A50, data showed 85% of vehicles were going over the bridge at 38.3mph or under. There had been some discussion of reducing the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph. A resident said he would raise the issue at the Area Forum. Councillor Shepherd added that there were now 500 houses on the Stenson side of what was a rural road and it was a problem. Sgt Summers replied that DCC's Highways department had a formula of how speed limits were worked out and it was a battle for local residents to get anything done.

A member of the public reported an accident between Willington Power Station and Willington School which had left a large amount of glass on the road for three weeks. Sgt Summers replied that police would generally try to sweep away as much debris as possible but would contact DCC Highways to clear the road.

A new Community Speedwatch had been organised in Ticknall.

PC Priddle introduced himself to the meeting and explained that he had come from a reactive policing background. Regarding the drug figures, three of the seven offences related to three drug warrants carried out in Repton. A house in Burton Road, Repton, had been investigated with nothing found. A rumour had gone round the village but PC Priddle reiterated that nothing untoward was taking place at the address. Parking outside the Bulls Head was still a problem, with 30 staff hours spent trying to combat it.

In June, seven tickets had been issued in relation to parking contraventions. The message was getting through to repeat offenders.

Police cadets had been out regularly delivering leaflets and carrying out patrols around vehicle break-ins and burglaries. Sgt Summers added that one thing cadets did was check doors and windows on cars. Many cars were found unlocked on drives, often with expensive items left inside and on show. The police were trying to send a message out that opportunistic criminals would take advantage of such situations.

<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Partnership update / funding / new project ideas</b></p> <p>Chris Smith (SDDC Communities Manager) reported that 411 vehicles were checked by the cadets and 22 were found unlocked. Of the 22, six had valuables left inside.</p> <p>PCSOs were currently engaged in bike marking in primary schools around the district.</p> <p>A hate crime briefing package was being delivered by the partnership. It was an under-reported crime.</p> <p>The partnership was continuing to liaise with residents in Arleston Lane over issues including fly tipping, speeding and prostitution. Cameras were being bought out of Safer Neighbourhoods funding to help tackle the issues. Residents would set the cameras up and provide evidence to Neighbourhood Warden Dennis Bateman.</p> <p>The new Police and Crime Commissioner intended to bring back the Derbyshire Alert service, informing residents of offences committed in their area.</p> <p>A resident, who was the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for Bretby, said he was alarmed that he did not find out about the spate of burglaries in Repton.</p> <p>Mr Smith reported that an application for £200 towards the Willington Arts Festival had been approved outside of the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Local issues – open forum (20 minutes)</b></p> <p>Councillor Shepherd reported that parking problems were once again rearing their head in Stenson. Cars were being parked on pavements and blocking them to mobility scooters. Sgt Summers said he had looked at the legislation and parking on pavements was not illegal. The law was only broken if vehicles were unable to pass and there was no legislation the police could use. If a pedestrian could walk around a car then parking was not illegal. PC Priddle added that Derby City Council had recently banned parking on the pavement and the offence could be ticketed. However, the powers did not extend out of the city.</p> <p>A resident reported that her grandson had almost been run over while walking on a pavement in Repton near to the Bulls Head pub. Was it a crime to drive on a pavement? Sgt Summers replied that it was, but an element of common sense was applied. Every day, offences occurred on the roads and it was a case of an officer being at the scene at the time. Sgt Summers added that if someone mounted a pavement to park, it was not in the public interest to prosecute them.</p> <p>A member of the public asked about the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) sign which had been put up at the entrance to Repton. How long would it be there? PC Priddle said it was a response to the recent burglaries and was also part of the national strategic network. The cameras were likely to remain in place for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>A resident asked what was being done about a truck parking at the entrance to the King George V playing fields in Findern. People were allegedly taking drugs behind the parked vehicle. Findern Parish Council had undertaken a risk assessment and it had been flagged as a risk. Sgt Summers replied that no enforcement action would be taken by the police against the truck.</p> <p>Councillor Shepherd asked how Derby City Council got powers to deal with cars blocking pavements. PC Priddle replied that he would get in touch with his</p>	<p>PC Oliver Priddle to visit the scene and advise on the situation</p>

	<p>colleagues in the city and find out what had been done. The question, though, was where the displaced cars would go.</p> <p>A resident asked if there was a law dictating which way a car should park in the road. PC Priddle replied that in the Highway Code – which wasn't law – it said a vehicle should face the direction of the side of the road it was on.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Agreed priorities</b>	
	No priorities were agreed.	
<b>7</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	
	The date and time of the next meeting to be advised in due course.	

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# SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## **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: -**

**Ticknall Village Hall**

**Ingleby Lane**

**Ticknall**

**DE73 7JW**

**on**

**Tuesday, October 4, 2016**

### Members:

District Councillors: Councillors Peter Smith (Chairman), Manjit Chahal, Martyn Ford, Andrew MacPherson, David Shepherd and Michael Stanton.

County Councillors: Councillors Mrs Linda Chilton, Rob Davison and Martyn 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 July 5, 2016 (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.

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**SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM**

**REPTON**

**July 5, 2016 at Repton Village Hall**

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council representatives**

Councillor Michael Stanton (Chair), Councillor Andrew MacPherson, Councillor David Shepherd.

Mike Haynes (Director of Housing and Environmental Services), Tom Sloan (Clerk).

**Derbyshire County Council representatives**

Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton.

Paul Jameson (Area Forum Liaison Officer).

**Parish Council / Meeting representatives**

Charles Fellows (Stenson Fields Parish Council), M Goodall (Findern Parish Council), Fred Hill (Newton Solney Parish Council), Richard Lisewski (Stenson Fields Parish Council), John Orme (Willington Parish Council), Peter Rainey (Repton Parish Council), Steve Toone (Bretby Parish Council).

**Members of the public**

Heather Hall (Findern Footpaths Group), Pat Pearson, Grace Varty.

RA/1

**Apologies for absence**

Councillor Manjit Chahal, Councillor Rob Davison, Councillor Martyn Ford, Councillor Peter Smith, David Barker, Mrs Cunningham.

RA/2

**Declarations of interest**

None.

RA/3

**Chairman's announcements**

Councillor Michael Stanton announced that Part One of the South Derbyshire Local Plan had been adopted. Part Two, dealing with smaller developments, was now being consulted upon.

RA/4 **The minutes of the meeting held on October 13, 2015**

Councillor David Shepherd proposed the minutes and Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton seconded them.

RA/5 **Report back on issues raised at the last meeting**

**Bretby Lane, Bretby – drainage issues (issue from forum on 13.10.15)**

Paul Jameson (DCC Area Forum Liaison Officer) reported that positive noises were being made by Severn Trent Water and company could soon be in a position to disconnect their drain from DCC's sewer. He wished he had something more concrete to present to the area forum, but the ball was firmly in Severn Trent's court. A resident said they had seen one email from the company suggesting that the drainage on Moat Bank only served 10 properties. They hoped that DCC was pursuing the issue avidly.

**Askew Grove, Repton – pothole reporting process**

A resident had complained about a lack of pothole repairs at the location back in January. The AFL0 had reported the situation to the pothole centre and remedial works had taken place. However, the same resident again asked about the repairs as the road was still in a poor state. Mr Jameson answered that the road had been identified for carriageway patching and was seeking confirmation whether funds to do this were available in the current financial year's programme.

**Stenson Road, Stenson Fields – request for crossing**

Residents and councillors had been calling for a crossing in the area, with DCC waiting for the nearby development to be finished before making a decision. Mr Jameson said the county council had always maintained the stance that it would look at the area again. A concern that vehicle numbers were only measured during the day and not at peak times had been passed on to the highways team.

**Milton Road, Repton – street lighting**

A suggestion for additional street lighting in Milton Road near to the new development had been suggested. Mr Jameson reported that the lighting had been installed.

**Petition for lighting outside Bladon House School**

DCC's Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport & Infrastructure was given a report and the petition on May 10, 2016. Councillor Mrs Chilton confirmed the petition had been rejected but added that the case could be reopened if further reasons could be put forward. She was personally very disappointed it had failed but hoped further information from a signatory could help in a new bid. Mr Jameson added that if a significant issue was brought forward that was not included the original petition, DCC would investigate further and respond appropriately.

**ACTION: Paul Jameson to be copied into email from Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton containing new justification for lighting**

**Findern Parish Council: VAS query**

A query had been raised with DCC regarding Findern Parish Council using funds to pay for a speed-activated sign (VAS) in the village. Mr Jameson reported that there had been no injury collisions in Heath Lane, where the sign was mooted, in the previous three years. Therefore, the area did not meet the criteria for a VAS. A resident asked that if the parish council was paying, surely they could have the sign? Mr Jameson said any signage on the highway had to be justified and DCC could not be seen to be operating a system of bias towards parish councils in affluent areas while poorer areas may not have been able to afford such signage. A member of the public said there was such a sign in Cockshut Lane, Melbourne. Mr Jameson confirmed it had been fitted before the current legislation was passed. He added that mobile VAS were believed to be more effective. Councillor Shepherd said that some of the places with VAS would not have had them now if the new 2012 criteria were applied.

RA/6

**Public questions on issues raised by residents**

A resident asked if advance minutes could be supplied for SDDC's annual Flood Liaison meeting. They said that minutes had only been given with the agenda for the next year's meeting.

**ACTION: SDDC to produce Flood Liaison minutes more rapidly following the meeting**

A member of the public complained about overgrown verges in Newton Lane and Bretby Lane. What had been a two-lane road was now akin to a tunnel and was getting dangerous. He feared that it could cause an accident. Councillor Stanton added that in his area it seemed that verges had grown excessively quickly. Mr Jameson said that two cuts a year were approved by DCC to ensure road safety. Mike Haynes (Director of Housing and Environmental Services) confirmed that SDDC was up to date with all of its cuts. Growing weather had been excellent with lots of sun and rain. There had been no frost in the winter to kill certain plants off, so this year's growth

was a continuation of last year's. His team has worked hard to keep on top of the situation.

A resident suggested the bus service through the villages of Findern, Willington and Repton be altered to reflect changing times. He suggested the Villager service from Trent Barton terminate at the Royal Derby Hospital, from where there was a regular bus service into the centre of the city. This would save time and allow a more thorough service to the villages. He asked if someone at SDDC could suggest this. Mr Haynes said it was probably a DCC issue. Mr Jameson said that if the Villager was a fully commercially-run service then it was down to the operator. DCC had a Public Transport Unit which talked to operators and it might be able to highlight the issue.

**ACTION: Paul Jameson to flag up possible Villager route change through Public Transport Unit**

Councillor Andrew MacPherson raised the issue of the speed limit between Repton and Willington, where drivers "put their toe down". He said it would make sense to keep the limit to 30mph between the villages, and not the National Speed Limit, as it currently was. Mr Jameson replied that DCC had to meet criteria, with the limit respecting the location. They were based on the level of development in the area. It was stipulated that on the edge of a built-up area the limit should be 40mph while in more rural environments it should be 60mph or potentially 50mph if there were certain hazards, such as a series of sharp bends. Drivers generally drove to the conditions and if they saw a limit which was inappropriate they would not keep to it and that brought the limit into disrepute. It then gave the police an enforcement issue.

A resident reported that the Willington Power Station site had been sold by RWE Npower. The new owners had written to the people of the village to say they would meet them in due course to discuss their plans for the site. Councillor MacPherson said he had had a meeting with the new owners, who own two other power stations. They had bought the site with a view to securing overseas investment to build a gas-fired power station. A resident asked if there was anything to stop the new owners applying for a change of use. Mr Haynes replied that technically they could, but whether they would be granted permission was a different matter. Councillor Shepherd added that with Part One of SDDC's local plan adopted, he thought the district would be protected from such developments.

A member of the public said that in Newton Solney there was some common land at the bottom of Trent Lane with signs up which said overnight stays was not allowed. Newton Solney Parish Council had received a Freedom of Information request asking which bylaw precluded overnight stays and wondered how to answer. Mr Haynes recommended they refer it to SDDC Legal and Democratic Services Manager Ardip Kaur.

A resident asked why the speed limit was 60mph between Stenson and Stenson Fields when it was 40mph between Melbourne and Stanton by Bridge.

**ACTION: Paul Jameson to investigate why the speed limits were different**

A member of the public theorised that the speed limit in Stenson village was unenforceable due to a lack of repeater signs. Mr Jameson refuted this and insisted the 30mph limit was entirely legal and enforceable. Repeater signs are permitted in rural 30mph speed limits where there is no street lighting.

RA/7 **County Council issues**

Councillor Shepherd reported that a meeting had taken place with the builder of the new development in Stenson Road. Assurances had been given that it would be completed by the end of the year. DCC had said it would look at criteria for a pedestrian crossing once the development was completed. Councillor Shepherd also looked to reinforce the campaign which had taken place to lower the speed limit now that properties fronted the road and street lighting was in place. Mr Jameson answered that the response from DCC would remain the same – the road met the criteria for a 40mph limit and a crossing would be considered when the development was completed.

RA/8 **District Council issues**

Councillor Shepherd said he had received complaints regarding footballs being kicked against an electrical substation in Eggesford Road, Stenson Fields. It was a problem for residents. A resident said that landscaping the area would be more effective a solution than putting up a 'no ball games' sign.

**ACTION: Zoe Sewter (SDDC Open Space and Facility Development Manager) to be asked for a report on the playing fields**

RA/9 **Date of next meeting**

To be announced in due course.

**Councillor Michael Stanton**  
CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 8.20pm.

**SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**REPTON AREA FORUM**

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

**Tuesday, October 4, 2016**

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

At the last Repton Area Forum held on July 5, 2016, at Repton Village Hall, the following issues were raised and a progress report is provided.

**Derbyshire County Council issues:**

**1. ASKEW GROVE, REPTON – CARRIAGEWAY CONDITION**

A resident commented on the general state of the carriageway on Askew Grove. Paul Jameson aware that this road has been identified for carriageway patching works but this will be subject to funding being available. Enquiries to be made to establish whether this is likely to be in the current financial year.

**There is currently no funding available to carry out carriageway patching works on Askew Grove for this financial year (2016/17). The condition of the carriageway will continue to be monitored during routine and ad-hoc inspections and any actionable defects identified will be made safe.**

**2. OVERGROWN HEDGEROWS/VERGES**

a) Willington Road, Repton to Willington – Hedges are encroaching on the footways along the route between the two villages. The footways here are already narrow and the overgrowth is leaving little width for pedestrians to walk the route safely.

b) Etwall Road, Willington – Overgrown verges and hedges encroaching on the footway between the Green at Willington and Toyota island.

c) Newton Lane / Bretby Lane, Newton Solney – Heavily overgrown verges have reduced the lane to a single track which is creating road safety concerns.

**We are currently in the bird nesting season and the Wildlife & Countryside Act prohibits extensive cutting back of hedgerows during this time. I will, however, ask the local Highway Inspector to**

investigate these concerns with a view to cutting back taking place, as and when possible. Regarding (a), following inspection, a letter was sent to the relevant landowner(s) on July 18, requesting that they cut back the section of hedge causing an obstruction of the public highway. Regarding (b) and (c), they have been passed for the attention of the district council.

### **3. TRENT BARTON 'V3 VILLAGER' SERVICE**

A resident reported how the V3 service (Derby-Burton) currently only 'skirts' both Repton and Willington. It was queried whether there was any potential to bring the service more fully into the two villages?

It was suggested that Public Transport was a Derbyshire County Council function.

Paul Jameson – This is likely to be a commercially run service, without any support (subsidy) from the county council. We have no influence over the routes operators take in these instances and they would only look to alter an existing route if it is financially viable to them.

In the region of 85% of all bus services in the county are run commercially. While we have, in the past, provided subsidies to operators to run services which are not profitable (but provide a significant social need) we are no longer able to do this given the funding cuts we are faced with.

We have recently consulted on proposals to withdraw all our subsidies from local bus services as we no longer have the funding to provide this.

**The two journeys that the county council provides as part of the V3 service do go to Trent Avenue, Willington (these are operated by Notts & Derby). This includes the 07.38hrs to Derby and the 17.40hrs from Derby. We do not have the resources to extend this provision in any way.**

**Unfortunately, neither do we have any influence over the route or timetable the rest of the service, as a commercial service, operates to. As fare payers, the service users have far more influence than we ever could. Trent Barton is more likely to listen to suggestions that would result in an increase in revenue, and residents would be best placed to explain how this would be achieved. To do this, they would need to approach Trent Barton directly and make their own representations.**

### **4. STENSON ROAD, STENSON FIELDS – REQUEST FOR 30MPH LIMIT**

Councillor David Shepherd repeated previous requests for the 40mph speed limit (adjacent to the Newton Village development) to be reduced to 30mph. DCC have previously advised that the level of development does not justify a 30mph speed limit but Councillor Shepherd asked that this decision be reviewed.

PJ advised Councillor Shepherd that we have already answered this question and our response remains unchanged.

**Both the county council and the police agree that the current road layout would not support a reduction of the speed limit to 30mph, in accordance with Department for Transport criteria for the setting of speed limits.**

**There is an absence of fronting development and accesses on the eastern edge of Stenson Road. While the new Saxon Gate development is located on the opposite side, the outlying properties are set well back from the road with no private accesses onto Stenson Road itself. It is acknowledged that there have been two access roads constructed to serve the new estate but this in itself does not alter the environment to an extent that a 30mph speed limit would be warranted. Incidentally, these access roads will have been designed and constructed with visibility splays suitable for a 40mph speed limit.**

**A seven-day speed survey (between the junctions with Wragley Way and Pilgrims Way) was carried out by the police in May of last year. The results revealed that drivers are generally compliant with the existing speed limit. The average speed across the seven days was 32.8mph, with the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed at 38.3mph (this is the speed at which 85% of vehicles are travelling up to, but not above). Given that 85% of vehicles travelled up to 38.3mph, any reduction of the current speed limit would clearly create immediate enforcement issues for the police. The area forum is advised that there are no further plans to review the speed limit at this time.**

## **5. NATIONAL SPEED LIMIT: STENSON FIELDS-STENSON**

A parish councillor suggested that the NSL section of carriageway, between the 30mph speed limit at Stenson and the 40mph speed limit at Stenson Fields, could be reduced to 40mph to create a continuous speed limit.

It was understood that this proposal would not meet the required criteria for a 40mph speed limit but it was questioned why the B587 route, between Stanton-by-Bridge and Ticknall, was 40mph. The councillor considered that this route was similar to the route between Stenson and Stenson Fields.

**Paul Jameson to provide a verbal update at the meeting.**

**Paul Jameson**  
Area Forum Liaison Officer  
Derbyshire County Council

## **South Derbyshire District Council issues:**

### **1. FLOOD LIAISON MINUTES**

A resident asked if advance minutes could be supplied for SDDC's

annual Flood Liaison meeting. They said that minutes had only been given with the agenda for the next year's meeting.

**Minutes were produced and distributed this year within a month of the meeting taking place.**

**Tom Sloan**

Service Assistant

South Derbyshire District Council

## **2. ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION IN STENSON FIELDS**

Councillor David Shepherd said he had received complaints regarding footballs being kicked against an electrical substation in Eggesford Road, Stenson Fields.

**On our deeds there are three easements over underground electricity cables on that open space, which would prevent us planting anything within a 1m strip either side of the cables.**

**Furthermore, our general understanding is that Western Power wouldn't want any planting around the building as it would restrict access for maintenance of the substation.**

**I will follow up with Western Power to determine their position on this, but on the face of it there doesn't look to be much we can do with planting to prevent ball games given these restrictions.**

**Also, if a tree has been broken, I am not certain that shrubs would stand up to any trampling. The Ledbury Chase play area is less than 200m from this grassed area and provides adequate space to kick a ball about, so there must be some convenience to this area being used. If the children are local, perhaps they could be encouraged to use the play area.**

**Zoë Sewter**

Open Space & Facilities Development Manager

South Derbyshire District Council