

LINTON AREA MEETING

3rd May 2006

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Southern (Chair) and Councillors Mrs. Hall and Shaw.
M. Alflat (Director of Community Services), F. Powell (Democratic Services Officer) and B. Jones (Helpdesk).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Bambrick, A. Bond (Democratic Services) and D. Tysoe [County Secretary].

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

K. Bradford (Coton-in-the-Elms Parish Council), Dr. D. Eaton (Cauldwell Parish Meeting), S. Jackson (Castle Gresley Parish Council), V. Taylor (Walton-on-Trent Parish Council).

Derbyshire Constabulary

Sergeant A. Wright.

Members of the Public

J. Ruffle and S. Bambrick.

Derbyshire Fire Service

C. Smith Station Manager

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillor M. Lauro, County Councillor K. Lauro, Dr. T. Elson (Walton-on-Trent Parish Council) and Mr Fairbrother [Castle Gresley Parish Council].

LA/26 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Area Meeting held on 25th January 2006 were received and noted.

LA/27 **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair advised the Meeting that the Council's Multi Kerbside Green Box Scheme would be extended to an additional 11,000 properties. A green box would be provided for glass bottles, jars, tins and foil and that newspapers could be put in a blue bag and textiles in a separate sack. The blue bag, green box and textile sack would all be collected at the same time on a regular fortnightly basis.

The Meeting was advised that information leaflets and calendars would be delivered to properties with the green box at the beginning of July 2006 prior to the commencement of the scheme in the same month.

Dr. Eaton asked that he be provided with information when the Council's Brown Bin Scheme would be extended to the Cauldwell area.

It was agreed that an officer from the District Council would provide information to Dr. Eaton on when the Council's Brown Bin Scheme would be extended to the Cauldwell area.

Replying to a number of questions from members of the public present at the Meeting, the Director of Community Services advised that at present it was not cost effective for the District Council to undertake the recycling of plastic material.

LA/28 **PRESENTATION BY DERBYSHIRE FIRE SERVICE**

The Chairman welcomed Station Manager Chris Smith to the Meeting who was in attendance to give a presentation on the work of the Derbyshire Fire Service.

Mr. Smith advised the Meeting that there were three elements to the work of the Fire and Rescue Service namely:

- Prevention
- Protection
- Intervention

Mr. Smith said that the Fire Service was seeking to develop a more proactive service, and detailed the various strategies and plans, including area plans, community fire safety plans and home risk assessments. The Meeting was advised of the education and community group work undertaken by the fire service so as to promote fire safety awareness within the community, particularly schools.

Mr. Smith concluded his presentation with details of the Fire Services free home risk assessment service.

Responding to a question from a member of the public, Mr. Smith advised that amalgamation of the Derbyshire Fire Service was a possibility as had taken place with the Ambulance service being organised on a regional basis. He said that while this may happen in the future the standard of the local fire service provision would not change.

The Chair on behalf of the Meeting thanked Mr. Smith for an informative and relevant presentation.

LA/29 **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

The Area Meeting considered a report back on issues raised at the last Meeting on 25th January 2006.

Referring to item 1 in the report back relating to the request that the deregulated speed limit be removed from the A444 Castle Gresley Bypass, the Meeting was advised that Derbyshire County Council had confirmed that speed was not a determining/dominant factor in the accident referred to at the last Meeting. The A444 Castle Gresley Bypass was rural in nature and that the existing deregulated speed limit was considered to be appropriate, a

lower speed limit would not be seen as reasonable and might not be respected by drivers which would present the Police with a difficult enforcement task.

It was agreed that the information provided by Derbyshire County Council in respect of the request that the deregulated speed limit be removed from the A444 Castle Gresley Bypass be noted.

Referring to item 2 in respect of the report back it was confirmed that Derbyshire County Council had investigated the positioning of the speed humps in Rosliston Road, Drakelow to establish whether they were located too close together. The Meeting was advised that the County Council had investigated the request and had advised that the residents of Rosliston Road, Drakelow were satisfied with the Road Humps Scheme fronting their properties.

It was agreed that the information provided by Derbyshire County Council that the residents of Rosliston Road, Drakelow were satisfied with the Road Hump Scheme fronting their properties, and accordingly no change was proposed be noted.

Referring to items 3 and 4 on the report back, relating to housing provision in Coton-in-the-Elms and the condition of the Band Room premises Coton-in-the-Elms, the Meeting was advised as follows:

Housing Needs Survey Coton-in-the-Elms

- The Housing Needs Survey was completed in February 2006 and copies sent to the Coton-in-the-Elms Parish Council.
- The Parish Council were given the opportunity to have a formal feedback presentation as yet no response to this offer has been received.
- There has been an excellent response to the Housing Needs Survey compared to other similar surveys.
- The survey had indicated the need for a mixed development in Coton-in-the-Elms of nine affordable dwellings two of which could be special needs bungalows.
- The East Midlands Housing Association was now exploring potential sites in Coton-in-the-Elms and on the edge of the village which may be suitable for development.

Band Room Site Coton-in-the-Elms

The Meeting was advised that the Band Room premises in Coton-in-the-Elms had been investigated for the presence of vermin and appropriate action had been taken. The Meeting was advised that the premises had been considered for social housing use and this had been considered unsuitable for a number of reasons which were as follows:

- The site of both planning and highway restrictions which impact on both the design and number of dwellings which may be permitted for development.
- There is a culvert which would impact on the development costs.
- Access off Main Street is not permitted due to problems of visibility.
- The access from Chapel Street is poor and any new development would need to demonstrate substantial improvement.

- The site is likely to be able to accommodate two dwellings only.
- The site would not meet the housing need identified, Planning and Highways restrictions are likely to be too expensive to allow development for social housing.
- The Meeting was advised that the Band Room premises would probably be sold and if possible the monies realised be ring fenced to meet affordable housing needs in Coton-in-the-Elms.

It was agreed that the information provided by the Director of Community Services in respect of the Housing Needs Survey relating to Coton-in-the-Elms and the possible use of the Band Room premises in Coton-in-the-Elms be noted.

Referring to item 5 of the report back in respect of the Third River Crossing, the Meeting was provided with the following information from Derbyshire County Council.

The Burton – Swadlincote Regeneration Corridor (A38 – A444 – A511) Study was currently being undertaken by Actions Consultants, it examined the potential highway link from the A38 south of Burton via the Drakelow Power Station area to the A444 linking it to the proposed Woodville – Swadlincote Regeneration route identified in the South Derbyshire local planning (now withdrawn).

The terms of reference for the study included estimated surfacing costs, its environmental and traffic impact and its potential role in the economic regeneration of the area. It would provide valuable information to inform the decision makers on whether there was a case for such a scheme, at this stage the County Council had no formal position on the concept. It was anticipated that the report would be taken to the County Council's Cabinet following the completion of the study, which would provide advice on whether the proposal was deserving of support in principle. Staffordshire County Council would also need to consider the findings as well as the Highway Agency (responsible for the A38). The Meeting was advised that at this stage although it is necessary to study a particular corridor in order to assist the case for a scheme, further work would be required on position route options, junction types and when it was decided to proceed public consultation would form an essential part of this and a public enquiry would be likely though not an absolute certainty.

It was agreed that the information provided by Derbyshire County Council on the updated position in respect of the Third River Crossing over the River Trent be noted and that Mr. J. Seymour from Derbyshire County Council be requested to give a presentation on progress on this matter to the next Area Meeting.

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PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE LOCAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no questions from the members of the public present at the Meeting.

LA/31 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Democratic Services Officer advised that the date of the next Area Meeting was to be arranged, but that it would likely to be in August 2006.

R. W. SOUTHERN

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 7.50 p.m.