

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

NEWHALL

25th March 2010

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Mrs. Farrington (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Mead (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Richards and Wilkins.

F. McArdle (Chief Executive), D. Townsend (Democratic Services) and C. Lukaszewicz (Helpdesk).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillors Lacey and Murray.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

Members of the Public

B. Farrington, E. Foy, P. Foy, C. Gillespie, G. Hall, R. House, C. Maddock, G. Myatt, J. Pallett, O. Pallett, K. Parker, M. Perry, M. Richards, E. Tagg and C.M. Wright.

NA/30. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Dunn, F. Ridout and R. Holden.

NA/31. **POLICE ISSUES**

It was reported that an officer of Derbyshire Constabulary was not available to attend this Meeting. However, if there were any police issues, they could be raised during public question time, and would be forwarded to the police representative.

County Councillor Lacey reported that he was a Member of the Police Authority, and he understood that the Police were not available as they were undertaking a major reorganisation. He added that there was a new senior officer coming to the area and Sergeant Andy King was the new Safer Neighbourhood Officer. County Councillor Lacey added that, as a Member of the Police Authority, he would also take any particular police queries back to Derbyshire Constabulary.

NA/32. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman provided further information on Liberation Day, which was due to take place at Bretby Conference Centre on 20th May 2010. The telephone

line for registration would remain open until 6th April 2010. This year, priority was being given to people who had not attended before, which should help residents in rural areas to get the much sought after places. It was noted that residents had to be aged sixty five or over to attend. To request a place, residents were advised to ring the registration line on 01283 595795. Full details were available via the District Council's website.

NA/33. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Newhall Area Forum Meeting held on 8th February 2010 were noted subject to the following amendments.

Minute No. NA/26, paragraph 4. It was pointed out that this should read “a resident pointed out that *she* found it difficult...”.

In addition, Councillor Richards reported that following the last Meeting, the anti-social behaviour on Plummer Road had been dealt with, due to some excellent partnership working.

NA/34. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

The Chairman reviewed those items raised at the last Meeting and reported the progress made in each case.

With regard to parking in Newhall, it was reported that somebody had visited local properties canvassing for a prohibition of parking on Sunnyside. It was pointed out that if this was done, it would be very difficult for residents' friends and family to visit, as there was no other parking available. The Forum Liaison Officer advised that Derbyshire County Council had completed public consultation in this area, but he was unaware of who had been canvassing for this action. A resident added that he lived on Bretby Road, and the cars that were currently parked on this road actually assisted in slowing the traffic down. **The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to submit these comments back to Highways Officers.**

It was reported that outside the Chemist in High Street, Newhall, one of the main issues was that delivery vans to the Chemist were parking on the pavement. It was suggested that Derbyshire County Council write to the owner of the Chemist requesting that delivery vans park in a more suitable place

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to follow up this action.

The Forum Liaison Officer gave an additional update on the footpath at the Old Market Place development. The Derbyshire County Council Maintenance Manager believed that works to the access had been done without approval and was therefore in breach of planning conditions. Further meetings were planned, to attempt to reach a compromise between the County Council, District Council and the developer.

It was agreed that the Forum Liaison Officer report back to the Area Forum when further information was available.

With regard to the footpath between Yewtree Road and Badger Bank, it was confirmed that Footpath 1 led from Yewtree Road to Beech Grove not Beech Avenue as reported. The Forum Liaison Officer reported that the Footpaths Officer had requested the owners of properties adjacent to the footpath cut back the overgrown trees. It could then be cleaned up and undergrowth cut back.

In regard to the funding of the Climate Action Conference, the Forum Liaison Officer reported that this was part funded by Derbyshire County Council, the remainder being funded by March's Energy Agency.

NA/35. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

A resident reported that young people were congregating at the Plummer Road junction with Robinson Road, and there were a large number of empty drink cans littering the street. The Chairman suggested that residents contact the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership, who might be able to provide some assistance with this matter. She also suggested that they attend the next Safer Neighbourhood Meeting.

It was reported that the new mini traffic island at the junction of Newhall Road and Midway Road had caused several serious accidents since it had been installed. It was considered to be more dangerous than the junction it replaced.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to look into this and report back to the next Meeting.

It was reported that due to parking on the Orchard Street junction with Parliament Street, this area was very difficult to navigate.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to look into this issue and report back to the next Meeting.

The Chief Executive also reported that a letter had been written to the Chief Executive of Derbyshire County Council, expressing concern with regard to the adequacy of some responses to certain issues raised at Area Forums. He added that he would endeavour to request that an officer from the Highways Department be available for the next Meeting. It was also requested that if an Officer did attend, a map of the area be provided, to assist residents and Officers in identifying problem areas.

It was pointed out that the metal barrier on Park Road, near to the Nadin's site had been broken.

It was agreed to write to UK Coal to request that this be reinstated.

An update was requested on the current plans for land at Plummer Road, where a building was being demolished. It was understood that this land belonged to Derbyshire County Council, and it was suggested that a possible re-use of this land could be for allotments.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to look into this suggestion and report back to the next Meeting.

It was understood that a children's play area was planned for an area of land off the A444, and a resident asked if there was any progress.

It was requested that an update on this matter be provided at the next Area Forum.

The sign at Ryder Close Industrial Estate had been knocked down and it was asked if it could be reinstated. It was understood that this was a private sign.

The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to look into this to establish ownership of the sign.

The Chairman reported that she was in receipt of a letter about the increasing numbers of commercial vehicles using Ashleigh and Oakleigh Avenues in Newhall. She advised that the County Council would respond directly to the resident concerned.

NA/36. **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES – BIG CHOICES WASTE CONSULTATION**

The Forum Liaison Officer publicised a joint consultation by Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council on plans for waste management over the next twenty years. This consultation ended on 9th April 2010 and residents' views were sought to shape the formation of a draft plan, on which further consultation would take place. A copy of the report was available via the County Council's website or by phoning Call Derbyshire.

A resident commented that it was becoming very confusing as to what could be put in the black refuse bin. A sticker had recently been put on bins that highlighted all the items that couldn't be put in. This included plastic, and residents were unsure where this should be taken. It was felt that it should be made clear exactly what could go in the refuse bin.

The Chief Executive agreed to request that an update be provided at the next Meeting on what items could go in the black refuse bin.

NA/37. **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

The Chief Executive gave an update on the golf course development. He also offered to arrange a meeting on site for local residents with the developer, to look at further detailed plans and see the progress being made. A resident also requested that in addition to attendees of the Area Forum, the invites be sent to residents of Appleby Glade.

It was agreed that this Meeting be set up before a future Area Forum.

It was reported that residents were experiencing nuisance from dust, which was being emitted from the golf course and Lafarge. This had also been raised at the Swadlincote Area Forum, and the Environmental Protection Manager had agreed to look into this.

It was requested that the seat on the football field off Oversetts Road be repaired, and asked if the gate to this area could be changed to allow disabled access.

It was agreed that the District Council consider these issues.

It was reported that travellers had moved on to the former Osbourne's Site on Swadlincote Road. There was a lot of broken glass in the area, which was also going on to the road.

It was agreed that the Clean Team be requested to visit this area to deal with the broken glass.

NA/38. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Details of the dates and venues for future Area Forum Meetings would be circulated in due course.

MRS. G. FARRINGTON

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.00 p.m.