

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

LINTON

Thursday, November 18, 2015 at Walton Village Hall

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Pat Murray (Chair), Councillor John Grant, Councillor Mrs Margaret Hall.

Frank McArdle – Chief Executive.
Tom Sloan – Clerk.

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Mrs Kath Lauro.
Paul Jameson (Area Forum Liaison Officer).

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

Claire Bradford, Karen Bradford, Alan Lees (Coton Parish Council), Mary Horne (Walton Parish Council), Paul Marbrow, Stephanie Marbrow (Rosliston Parish Council), Janice Pallett, Oliver Pallett, Sheila Jackson, Carol Wright (Castle Gresley Parish Council), John Powell (Linton Parish Council), Tony Stone (Netherseal Parish Council), Kevin Tizzard (Linton Parish Council).

Members of the Public

Annemarie Dennis, Marie Hopcott, Helen Kreft (Burton Mail), Jeanette Moses, Mr Wilson, Mrs Wilson.

LA/11 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Bob Wheeler.

LA/12 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

LA/13 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Pat Murray updated the meeting on the latest Member and Parish Briefing dates.

LA/14 **TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JULY 15, 2015**

The minutes were agreed as a true record with one amendment. Sheila Jackson's apologies were not recorded in July.

LA/15 **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

Derbyshire County Council Issues

Paul Jameson (AFLO) updated the meeting on:

Cadley Hill Roundabout, Castle Gresley, carriageway concerns

Castle Gresley Parish Council had concerns relating to the condition of the carriageway at the roundabout. The AFLO reported that no works were planned at present but they would be considered for the next financial year (2016-17). The roundabout will continue to be monitored during regular routine inspections.

Moira Road, Overseal: Carriageway condition

A member of the public raised the issue of potholes in Moira Road, Overseal. He said the quality of previous repairs was such they would not last the winter. He cited the stretch of the road from Hall Croft Avenue up to the Leicestershire border as needing remedial work. The AFLO reported that an inspection had been undertaken and no problems were identified, apart from at a nearby gully where another repair had been completed.

ACTION: AFLO to ask for the repair team to review the situation

Netherseal: Broadband query

The AFLO had forwarded postcodes from residents in Netherseal to ask the county council's Broadband Project officers for a date to improve broadband in Netherseal. A response is awaited.

Coton in the Elms: On-street parking

A resident reported high levels of on-street parking in the village, on verges and streets. A query was made regarding whether the county council could advertise its dropped kerb programme to allow residents better access to off-road parking. The AFLO made enquiries and the authority, as a public body, does not actively advertise this service.

Station Lane, Walton-on-Trent: Over-width vehicles

Reports had been received that over-width vehicles were regularly being seen on Station Lane trying to access Walton Bridge before struggling to turn around. Extra signing was requested. The AFLO reported that further signs, it was felt, would only duplicate existing information. He further added that blindly following satellite navigation systems could be creating the problem.

Linton Heath, Linton: Potholes

A resident had reported a series of potholes. The AFLO reported that the road was repaired on July 20. A member of the public added that one of the potholes was missed entirely. The hole is reported to be opposite the Red Lion pub in the middle of the road.

ACTION: AFLO to have hole investigated

Acresford Road, Netherseal: Potholes

Reports were received on major potholes and deterioration from the A444 to the Cricketts Inn. The AFLO reported that the road was repaired on July 20.

South Derbyshire District Council Issues

Empty property in Netherseal

The property in Netherseal was identified and is currently being investigated by SDDC's Private Sector Housing team. The legal ownership issue is being confirmed so progress can be made.

Dog fouling

SDDC's Senior Neighbourhood Warden attended the Area 6 Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting and updated residents on the issue.

LA/16

PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS

A member of the public complained about a developer varying an application to build 400 homes instead of 100 at Drakelow, stating that traffic chaos would result. SDDC Chief Executive Frank McArdle said that live planning applications could not be discussed at Area Forums. The resident also asked about the construction of a bridge over the Trent at Walton involving D2N2 money. Mr McArdle said matters were progressing regarding funding for the bridge.

Councillor Murray raised an issue regarding a roundabout at Netherseal with an overgrown hedgerow and said it has been reported to the county council, with nothing yet done.

A member of the public asked why work to cut back a hedgerow and move road signs at the Flint Mills Crossroads had not been completed. He claimed that the

view of traffic coming from Rosliston was obscured. Councillor Mrs Kath Lauro responded that works have been completed in the area and those at the crossroads should have been one of them. She said it should be done in the near future.

A resident reported two manhole covers sunk on Swadlincote Road as it approaches the A444, near to Rider Close. Another manhole on the A444 near to Toons was also sinking.

A member of the public reported road markings at High Cross Bank roundabout wearing away due to vehicles driving across them. The markings are there to corral traffic into one lane and, the resident said, several small accidents had occurred as a result of them wearing away.

A resident asked about a Government directive allowing local authorities to bring in 'no parking zones'. He said such a directive would be useful in Rosliston, where parking half on and half off pavements causes problems. The AFLO responded that care needed to be taken, as villages with narrow roads could see highways blocked by vehicles parking entirely in the road. He also added that parking on the footpath itself is not illegal.

ACTION: AFLO to get feedback from Derbyshire County Council on the legislation

A member of the public reported that police had warned someone parking in Linton about leaving insufficient room on the pavement.

LA/17 **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

None.

LA/18 **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

Chief Executive Frank McArdle reported that the South Derbyshire Local Plan was nearing completion before its adoption in the near future.

LA/19 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday, January 27, 2016.

**Councillor Pat Murray
Chair**

The meeting terminated at 8pm.