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Wednesday 1st April 2009



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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

Meeting	Date of Meeting
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 25 th March 2009
Newhall Area Forum, 7.00 p.m. William Allitt School, Sunnyside, Newhall	Thursday 26th March 2009
Linton Area Forum, 7.00 p.m. Coton Community Centre, Elms Road, Coton-in-the Elms	Monday 30th March 2009
Swadlincote Area Forum, 7.00 p.m. Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote	Tuesday 31st March 2009
Etwall Area Forum, 7.00 p.m. Hatton Centre, Station Road, Hatton	Wednesday, 1st April 2009
Audit Sub, 4.00 p.m.	Wednesday 8 th April 2009
COUNCIL	Thursday 9 th April 2009
Melbourne Area Forum, 7.00 p.m. Ticknall Village Hall, Ingleby Lane, Ticknall	Wednesday, 15th April 2009
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 16th April 2009
Etwall Leisure Centre, 5.00 p.m. Resource Centre, John Port School, Etwall	Monday 20 th April 2009
Repton Area Forum, 7.00 p.m. Woodville Infants School, High Street, Woodville	Monday 20th April 2009
Development Control	Tuesday 21st April 2009
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 23 rd April 2009
Finance & Management	Thursday 30 th April 2009
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 6 th May 2009
Development Control	Tuesday 12 th May 2009
ANNUAL COUNCIL	Thursday 21st May 2009
CIVIC COUNCIL, Town Hall, The Delph, Swadlincote	Thursday 28th May 2009

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Meeting to be held at Hatton Centre Station Road Hatton

on Wednesday 1st April 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

(Light Refreshments will be available at 6.30 p.m.)

Members:

District Councillors:

Councillor Lemmon (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Plenderleith (Vice-

Chairman) and Councillors Bale, Mrs. Brown, Ford, Mrs. Hood,

Mrs. Patten, and Roberts.

County Councillors:

Councillors Ford and Hood.

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BUSINESS

- 1. Apologies for absence.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.
- 3. Police issues.
- 4. Chairman's Announcements.
- 5. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th February 2009 (copy attached).
- 6. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
- 7. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
- 8. County Council issues.
- 9. District Council issues: Update on Vision and Priorities 2009/14.
- 10. Date of Next Meeting.



SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM ETWALL

4th February 2009

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Lemmon (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Plenderleith (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Bale, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Hood, Mrs. Patten and Roberts.

F. McArdle (Chief Executive), P. Spencer (Democratic Services) and K. Ward (Helpdesk).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Hood.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer) and R. Perbedy (Library Service).

Derbyshire Constabulary

Sergeant A. Wright and PCSO Waite.

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

C. Gerrard, B. Penny and P. Whittingham (Egginton Parish Council), N. Ireland and B. Payton (Etwall Parish Council), L. Nash (Findern Parish Council), T. Beresford (Foston & Scropton Parish Council), D. Taylor and C. Thurman (Hatton Parish Council), G. Banton, and L. Kolkman (Hilton Parish Council).

Members of the Public

S. Avery, F. Baston, K. Baston, J. Bates, C. Beddows, K. Bennett, J. Bilbie, C. Brazier, C. Brockington, M. Brockington, A. Carter, A. Cooling, M. Coulthard, S. Cowdery, M. Cramp, J. Crane, K. Cresswell, A. Dutton, M. Edwards, O. Emery, R. Emery, G. Green, R. Guthrie, H. Hague, E. Holbrook, K. Holbrook, D. Hughes, R. Jellis, V. Jennings, M. Jones, T. Jones, E. Kemps, T. Kemps, R. Kendall, M. Kennell, H. Kreft, C. Marples, P. Mosson, D. Muller, M. Murray, M. Nesbitt, S. Nesbitt, S. Noakes, T. O'Brien, J. Parkinson, G. Platt, D. Price, J. Riley, P. Riley, J. Southard, J. Seilings, I. Stiles, G. Wale, L. Wherly, T. Wherly and A. Wassell.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from M. Todd M.P., District and County Councillor M. Ford, R. Buxton, J. Clarke, J. Orme and V. Stewart.

EA/12. **POLICE ISSUES**

The Chairman introduced Sergeant A. Wright and congratulated local police officers, following their recent success and arrests in the Hilton Area. The Sergeant publicised details of the Safer Neighbourhood meetings for South Derbyshire and the next for the North-West area would be held on 9th March

2009 at 6.30 p.m. at the Egginton Memorial Hall. He advised that crime statistics were now available via the Derbyshire Police and District Council websites. He sought feedback from residents on the value of these statistics. The Sergeant then referred to continuing reductions in crime levels for South Derbyshire and the County as a whole. Other issues raised were the availability of graffiti removal kits, test purchase operations to respond to concerns about young people purchasing and consuming alcohol and the link to anti-social behaviour. An update was also given on the speed watch scheme.

Questions were invited and the first concerned the continuation of speed watch. The Officer was confident that this initiative would be continued. A request was made for Hilton to be included in the scheme. It was suggested that an anti-graffiti kit be provided for Tesco at Hilton. The problems associated with people using mobile telephones whilst driving was discussed, it being acknowledged that this was difficult to police effectively. A further issue raised was vehicle registration plates that did not conform to the required standards. It was confirmed the police did prosecute the owners of such vehicles, where evidence was available and the resident was encouraged to refer any particular issues to the local beat officer.

EA/13. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Etwall Area Forum held on 8th October 2008 were submitted. A local District Councillor corrected the wording on page 5, paragraphs 2 and 3 on the importance of this local issue, which was of considerable local concern and the wish to provide information. The Member also wished to correct that they had only left the Meeting temporarily and returned after 10 minutes or so. There was a consensus that these alterations should be accepted and the Minutes of the Area Forum would be altered accordingly.

The Chief Executive referred to the circulated information on the Local Development Framework Core Strategy. Being mindful of earlier discussions, he referred to the employment and skills section of the Strategy and particularly the potential for rail freight services to be provided within the District. An offer was made to provide further information on the regional spatial issues either after this Forum meeting or in the near future, either within the locality or at the Council's Civic Offices. Being mindful of the weather conditions, there was a consensus that such a meeting should be arranged in the near future. The Chief Executive confirmed the District Council's role as a planning authority, which meant it could not allow the discussion of any forthcoming planning applications at the Area Forum. District Council Members might also wish to attend the meeting on spatial issues and guidance was provided to those Members who served on the Development Control Committee. In response to residents' questions, the Chief Executive provided further guidance on the nature of the Area Forum Meetings, why any planning applications could not be discussed and the separate mechanisms that existed for the planning process.

EA/14. REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

A report had been circulated with the Agenda, to provide feedback on the issues raised at the previous meeting. Clarification was provided on the item on traffic calming for Main Street, Hilton, particularly about the lack of

consultation with the Parish Council and the inadequacy of signing and marking for the "humped" crossing. The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to refer this issue back to Derbyshire County Council.

A question had been submitted about a review of speed limits in the vicinity of the Willington Marina. **The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to refer this issue back to Derbyshire County Council.** Thanks were recorded for the assistance given on issues raised at the last Meeting by both Mr. Jameson and Mr. Payne of the District Council.

EA/15. PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS

A resident had submitted a letter about highway issues in the Hilton and Hatton area. As this resident was not present at the Area Forum, a response would be provided to him direct.

Complaints had been received about the lack of gritting on icy roads in the north-western parishes. Particular problems had been experienced in Church Broughton for both residents and those visiting the village school. The Forum Liaison Officer spoke about the gritting routes and over 50% of the County's roads were treated. He urged residents to report any areas of concern through 'Call Derbyshire'. Further information was provided by the local County Councillor, on the capacity of these vehicles, the pre-set gritting routes and the representations made to the responsible Cabinet Member. Information was also provided on the siting of grit bins, which would be funded by the County Council. Providing additional grit would be the responsibility of the local parish council.

In Hatton, concerns had been reported about the access to the Nestle Factory and information was given on the County' Council's assistance to date. A further update was sought on this matter and this would be provided to the next Meeting.

Changes to the County Council's Call Centre were discussed. Previously, residents were able to report highway issues via an answerphone service, but this was no longer available from the revised options on the telephone system. It was agreed that Derbyshire County Council respond to this issue at the next Meeting.

In the Etwall and Egginton areas, complaints were being submitted about dog fouling being thrown into the highway verge. There was a discussion about responsibility for dog waste and litter bins and it was understood that this was a matter for the local parish councils. Further information was provided on the maintenance works undertaken by Derbyshire Wildlife Rangers.

EA/16. COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES - PRESENTATION BY THE LIBRARY SERVICE

The Area Forum received a presentation from Rosina Perbedy of the Derbyshire Library Service. The County Council was seeking residents' feedback on how the service could be improved. She provided statistics on the number of visits to libraries both nationally and within Derbyshire. She explained the current range of services provided, which included free broadband, the free hire of books, the availability of other media and online facilities. She explained how library services were provided through a range of venues, referred to the awards the service had received and its Charter

Mark status. There was a home library service, which delivered materials to residents and such things as publications in Braille, prescription books, the school libraries service and work with Surestart.

Questions were invited and reference was made to the free internet service. However, the printing and photocopying costs were high, particularly for children doing research. It was requested that feedback be provided through the circulated consultation questionnaire. In Hilton, there was no library for the 6,000 residents. The nearest alternative was at Etwall, which was difficult for some to access, because of the poor local bus services. The Officer responded on the issues which would have to be considered in providing an additional library, but feedback was sought through the consultation to raise awareness of this issue. Mrs. Perbedy was thanked for presentation.

The Forum Liaison Officer publicised the Trusted Trader scheme. An initiative with Social Services to respond to concerns about certain service providers had led to the compilation of a database of different skilled trades people. Those involved in the scheme had been through rigorous checks. A leaflet and card were available to provide further details on how to access this service. Mr. Jameson also explained how trades people could join the scheme.

EA/17. DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES: PROGRESS ON COUNCIL PRIORITIES

The Area Forum received a presentation from the Chief Executive on the Council's priorities and budget for the period 2009/14. Initially, this covered the new Corporate Plan and evidence base, with details of the consultation undertaken and the top priorities identified. The Chief Executive highlighted particular issues, including how the economic climate had impacted on the District as compared to the rest of the region. He spoke about environmental issues such as flood risks and the proportion of householders within the District that were affected by flooding. He referred to the low crime statistics, but the fear of crime was increasing. The District had a higher than national average death rate through motor accidents, which reflected on the need for better public transport. He spoke about the growth of South Derbyshire, which was now the sixth fastest growing area in the Country. Other issues were health-related problems, including obesity, alcohol and smoking.

The Chief Executive then referred to the budget for 2009/14. He explained the District Council's proportion of the Council Tax and the services which it provided. Information was provided on the 2009/10 Draft Budget Plan, together with issues for the next five years, including a review of priorities and the fact that the Council was now debt free.

A question was submitted about the place survey and the resident was not aware of anyone who had completed it locally. Further information was provided on this survey and the other consultation mechanisms that the Council had used.

J. LEMMON

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8:20 p.m.

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REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last Etwall Area Meeting held on 4th February 2009, at the Frank Wickham Hall, the following issues were raised. The issues are listed below, together with progress made to date:-

Derbyshire County Council Issues

1. Main Street, Hilton: Traffic Calming

There was further discussion about the improvements to the traffic calming features and a site meeting was requested. DCC have responded that improvements to the middle cushions were opposed by a resident whose property fronted the area of road where the cushions were located. There were also issues regarding ground vibration within the resident's property and, as a result, DCC had reluctantly withdrawn the proposed improvements. The Area Traffic & Safety Manager will contact the Parish Council to arrange a site meeting, if appropriate.

2. Station Road, Hatton: Pedestrian Crossing Facilities

At the last meeting, it was noted that DCC's Area Traffic & Safety Manager had met with the Parish Council on site and agreed to carry our a resurvey, to ascertain whether a pedestrian refuge would now be a viable option. It is confirmed that the site meeting involved Cllr Frank Hood, the Chairman of Hatton Parish Council, a local resident and Peter Leigh and Terry Hayes from DCC's Traffic & Safety section.

3. Findern Lane, Willington-Findern: Speed Limit Review

A resident, referring to the Minutes of the last meeting, sought an update about the speed limit review in the vicinity of the new Marina, in the interests of road safety. A speed survey has recently been carried out here, the results of which have confirmed that a 40mph speed restriction would be appropriate (for the de-restricted section of road). The legal process for the reduced speed limit will begin shortly and it is hoped to be in place within the next 6-9 months.

4. Church Broughton/Hatton: Gritting Routes

Concerns were raised over icy roads in the Church Broughton and Hatton areas and the consequent safety issues. Particular reference was made to a road in Church Broughton where several cars had skidded. It was requested that DCC consider adding roads within these villages to their gritting routes.

The DCC Liaison Officer gave details of the Precautionary Gritting Routes (PGR's); the main strategic routes are covered, which include A-roads, most B-roads, most bus routes and some other roads which experience particular difficulties. Minor roads can only be treated once the PGR's have been completed. Residents were advised that they could contact Call Derbyshire,

during times of particular difficulty, and request that specific roads are included on the daily treatment list.

In respect of Church Broughton, it was advised that consideration was being given to including some roads within the PGR's. Cllr Frank Hood (DCC) also informed the Forum that a request to have Broughton Heath Road included in the PGR's had initially been rejected, but the DCC Cabinet Member for Environmental Services was to look into this matter again. Hatton Parish Council are also to request a grit bin from DCC.

5. Marston Lane, Hatton: Carriageway Deterioration

District Cllr Roberts raised concerns over the deep potholes on Marston Lane at the Nestle factory. There have been several occasions where HGV drivers entering/exiting the factory have tried to avoid the potholes and almost hit pedestrians. It was requested that these potholes be repaired as a matter of urgency.

DCC Maintenance Officers have confirmed that the surfacing course here has eroded down to the cobble sets. However, the damage is not actionable as a category 1 defect and therefore repairs will be carried out in the new financial year.

6. Call Derbyshire

A resident queried how issues, such as potholes, could be reported 'out of hours'. The resident had called 'Call Derbyshire' after 8pm and was diverted to a message, which gave a number of options, none of which covered this particular area. Cllr Hood had already queried this issue and was awaiting a response.

General highways issues, such as potholes and defective street lighting, can be reported by calling Call Derbyshire between 0800-2000hrs on weekdays and 0930-1600hrs on Saturdays. Alternatively, residents can report such faults to Call Derbyshire via e-mail or text message at any time. These messages will be picked up once the call centre has re-opened and are dealt with promptly. Prior to the launch of the Call Derbyshire service, the hours in which a member of the public could report such matters were much more limited. Any highways issues that pose a serious safety risk – i.e. fallen trees, missing manhole covers, flooding, etc – should be reported to the Police immediately.

Willington Road, Etwall: Damaged Verges

A resident had contacted DCC recently, to complain about the condition of the verges on Willington Road – heading out of Etwall towards the A38/A50 roundabout. Large vehicles, passing down the road, have damaged the verges and caused them to encroach into the carriageway, narrowing the road. Maintenance officers have carried out a further inspection of the area, but no action is considered necessary.