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**Safer Neighbourhood  
Area 2 - Mercia  
(6.15pm - 7.15pm)**

**Interval with light  
refreshments 7.15 - 7.30pm**

**and**

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

**Tuesday, July 5, 2016**

**Repton Village Hall  
Askew Grove  
Repton  
DE65 6GR**

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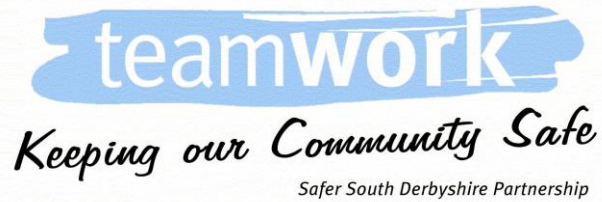
# Repton Village Hall, Askew Grove



## Committee Dates – 2016/17

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b><u>JUNE 2016</u></b>		
COUNCIL	Thu	30.06.16
<b><u>JULY 2016</u></b>		
Etwall JMC	Mon	11.07.16
Employee Health & Safety	Wed	13.07.16
Planning	Tue	19.07.16
Finance & Management (Special)	Thu	21.07.16
<b><u>AUGUST 2016</u></b>		
Planning	Tue	09.08.16
Environmental & Development Services	Thu	18.08.16
Housing & Community Services	Thu	25.08.16
<b><u>SEPTEMBER 2016</u></b>		
Finance & Management	Thu	01.09.16
Planning	Tue	06.09.16
Overview & Scrutiny	Wed	07.09.16
Audit Sub	Wed	21.09.16
Finance & Management (Spec – Final Accounts) (5pm)	Thu	22.09.16
COUNCIL	Thu	22.09.16
Etwall JMC	Mon	26.09.16
Planning	Tue	27.09.16
Environmental & Development Services	Thu	29.09.16
<b><u>OCTOBER 2016</u></b>		
Housing & Community Services	Thu	06.10.16
Finance & Management	Thu	13.10.16
Planning	Tue	18.10.16
Overview & Scrutiny	Wed	19.10.16
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>FEBRUARY 2017</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>MARCH 2017</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>APRIL 2017</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>MAY 2017</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, July 5, 2016 at 6.15pm**  
**at Repton Village Hall**

**(Light refreshments will be served between 7.15pm 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.  
- Safer Homes Plus.
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 Peter Smith (Chair), Insp Kate Bateman, Sgt Graham Summers, PC Gemma Thursfield, PCSO Kerry Waite, Phil Marriott (Safer Communities Officer).</p> <p>Petra Barlow, Councillor Linda Chilton (DCC), Dennis Bateman (SDDC Senior Neighbourhood Warden), Charles Fellows, Councillor Martyn Ford (SDDC), Mary Goodall, Heather Hall, Roger Paulson, Councillor David Shepherd (SDDC), Trevor Skeith, Phil Smith, Councillor Michael Stanton (SDDC).</p> <p>Also present: Tom Sloan (clerk).</p>	<p>Tuesday February 16, 2016</p>	<p>Stenson Fields Primary School</p>

1	<b>Chair's Introduction. Apologies</b>	Action
	<p>Councillor Martyn Ford announced that a substantial planning application for Stenson Fields Primary School had been registered. Apologies were received from Councillor Andy MacPherson, Council Manjit Chahal and Councillor Rob Davison. Councillor MacPherson was nominated to be vice-chair of the meeting. The proposal was made by Councillor Michael Stanton and seconded by Councillor Peter Smith.</p>	
2	<b>Minutes of last meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions</b>	
	<p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.</p> <p>Dennis Bateman, SDDC's Senior Safer Neighbourhood Warden, updated the meeting on his role and spoke about the Green Dog Walking Scheme. A new member of Mr Bateman's team had also allowed it to be more proactive. So far, 17 Fixed Penalty Notices had been issued to owners of dogs not under control on a lead. The wardens had recently obtained body cameras and a bike to help them undertake their work. However, public information still had a crucial part to play in what the wardens did.</p> <p>In answer to questions regarding speeding on Wragley Way at the previous SNT meeting, Sgt Graham Summers reported that Grampian Way is on the radar of CREST (Casualty Reduction Enforcement Support Team). Getting Wragley Way on the list of sites covered by CREST would take some analytical work. Road policing knew about the issue. Sgt Summers said that if a Community Speed watch operation had been set up in the area its evidence would have been enough for CREST. PCSO Kerry Waite added that Community Speed Watch was being looked into in the area.</p>	
3	<b>Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview / Priorities Update</b>	
	<p>Sgt Summers said there was very little deviation in crime levels from the year before, with crime remaining very low. Priorities were ASB at Fox Close park.</p>	

PCSO Waite asked residents to follow the neighbourhood policing unit's Twitter account, where most incidents were logged.

Councillor David Shepherd asked for an update regarding Fox Close. Sgt Summers replied that patrols had been directed to Fox Close following reports of youngsters using cannabis, but there had been few further problems.

**Crime Statistics for Area 2**

**Latest Year to Date – April 1 to January 31, 2016**

<b>Violent Crime</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Assault	62	70
Robbery	1	0
Sexual offences	12	10
<b>Theft related</b>		
Dwelling burglary	20	14
Non dwell burglary	37	49
Theft of motor vehicle	10	5
Theft from motor vehicle	57	60
Shoplifting	10	7
All theft (incl. other)	210	207
<b>Damage (incl. arson)</b>	46	47
<b>Drug offences</b>	17	17
<b>All crime (incl. misc.)</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>360</b>
<b>ASB</b>	222	231

**4 Partnership update / funding / new project ideas**

Phil Marriott (Safer Neighbourhoods Officer) reported that Liberation Day, a very popular event in the district, was coming up on May 18. An Abba tribute group was lined up to play.

A Neighbourhood Watch initiative was being launched in Castle Gresley on the Castleton Park estate. Councillor Ford said that Councillor Stuart Swann would be interested in this initiative for Church Gresley.

Mr Marriott reported that SDDC was looking for volunteers to help at events and Derbyshire Police was also seeking unpaid help.

No funding applications had been received from Area 2 in the previous quarter, Mr Marriott said. Walton Village Hall, Next Step in Swadlincote and Netherseal Parish Council were all due to receive funding in the near future.

**5 Local issues – open forum (20 minutes)**

A resident reported that one of her horses had been the victim of a serious and sadistic crime. She asked how her horses could be protected against certain people in the horse world who were targeting them. Sgt Summers asked if she had reported the incident to the police. She replied that her complaint fell on deaf ears and she was told to see the RSPCA. Sgt Summers said he would discuss the issue with the resident after the meeting.



	<p>Councillor Ford reported that issues surrounding drugs had moved from Heath Lane to Porters Lane, with drugs paraphernalia found at the boundary of two fields.</p> <p>Councillor Peter Smith reported a problem with drug usage in Bretby at the top of Gravel Pit Hill. A blue Audi A3 and a 3 Series BMW were regular visitors to the site.</p> <p>A member of the public asked if email alerts from Derbyshire Police had restarted after they were suspended through lack of funding. Mr Marriott replied that unfortunately the emails had been forced to stop – but there was a chance they would start again.</p> <p>Councillor David Shepherd asked if the SNT contacts list could be updated. He also told the meeting that residents around Stenson Fields Community Primary School were still struggling with school run traffic and being forced to walk in the road by cars parked on pavements. He asked if police could visit to see the problem for themselves. Councillor Ford added that because the school had doubled in size so had its policing issues. A new traffic plan was being created for the school, he said. A resident said that it had been mooted that Goathland Road would be made one-way. Councillor Ford agreed that this could be a good idea.</p> <p>A resident reported a problem with dog walkers hanging bags of dog dirt off trees and bushes. Mr Bateman said when such incidents occur it moves the offence from the realm of dog fouling and into littering.</p> <p>A member of the public expressed his disappointment that nothing was being done to tackle parking on double yellow and double white lines. Police, he said, were not interested and would drive by while on their way to deal with other issues. Insp Kate Bateman replied that officers are urged to tackle offences as they see them.</p>	<p>Tom Sloan and Sgt Graham Summers to update contacts list</p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Agreed priorities</b></p>	
	<p>No priorities were agreed.</p>	
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p>	
	<p>The date and time of the next meeting to be advised in due course.</p>	

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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: -**

**Repton Village Hall  
Askew Grove  
Repton  
Derbyshire  
DE65 6GR  
on**

**Tuesday, July 5, 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 February 16, 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.

**SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM**

**REPTON**

**February 16, 2016 at Stenson Fields Community Primary School**

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council representatives**

Councillor Peter Smith (Chair), Councillor Martyn Ford, Councillor David Shepherd, Councillor Michael Stanton.

Kevin Stackhouse (Director of Finance and Corporate Services), Tom Sloan (Clerk).

**Derbyshire County Council representatives**

Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton, Councillor Martyn Ford.

Paul Jameson (Area Forum Liaison Officer).

**Parish Council / Meeting representatives**

Charlie Fellows (Stenson Fields Parish Council), Mary Goodall (Findern Parish Council), Richard Lisewski (Stenson Fields Parish Council), Trevor Skeith (Repton Parish Council).

**Members of the public**

Larissa Atwal, Petra Barlow, Heather Hall, John Orme, Stuart Orme, Roger Paulson.

RA/19 **Apologies for absence**

Councillor Manjit Chahal, Mrs Griffiths, Councillor Andy MacPherson, Councillor Rob Davison. Councillor Davison reported that he was unable to attend meetings held on the second Tuesday in the month.

RA/20 **Declarations of interest**

None.

RA/21 **Chairman's announcements**

Councillor Peter Smith announced the forthcoming Parish and Member Briefings being held by South Derbyshire District Council.

RA/22 **The minutes of the meeting held on October 13, 2015**

Councillor David Shepherd proposed the minutes and Councillor Martyn Ford seconded them.

RA/23 **Report back on issues raised at the last meeting**

**Bretby Lane, Bretby – drainage issues**

Paul Jameson (AFLO) reported that it was a long-standing issue. His report contained a summary of the site's history. The AFLO had received an email from maintenance manager Simon Tilley and it appeared as though some positive talks had taken place with Severn Trent. Further updates on any progress made would be provided to the forum when available.

**Beech Avenue, Willington – defective streetlight**

A straightforward issue which had been resolved.

**Repton Road, Willington – pedestrian safety on river bridge**

The AFLO reported that concerns had been raised over how flush the pavement was with the carriageway. A resident said the lack of a raised area meant there was nothing to stop a vehicle entering the pedestrian area and suggestions had been made to paint the kerb edge to delineate the footway from the carriageway. The AFLO reported that white edge of carriageway markings were already in place, visually separating the footway and carriageway, and said safety measures were unlikely given the good safety record at the location.

**Repton Road junction, Nether Hall Road, Hartshorne**

The pothole in question had been attended to by Derbyshire County Council's Rapid Response Team.

**Himalayan Balsam**

The AFLO reported that Himalayan Balsam was not a noxious weed and so there was no legal requirement for DCC to control it. Councillor Michael Stanton said that presumably there was no onus on someone to stop it encroaching on someone else's land. The AFLO assumed that to be the case.

RA/24 **Public questions on issues raised by residents**

A resident asked if a central refuge could be built in Stenson Road. The AFLO said that residents primarily wanted to cross at the junction with Pilgrims Way, where most of the local amenities were situated, and there was a tactile dropped crossing point here. DCC had previously investigated a request for a

pedestrian refuge but there was insufficient carriageway width to accommodate a refuge, while maintaining adequate running lane width on either side.

A resident said that if anything contaminated was put in a recycling bin it would be not be collected. He asked if fines were planned for the future. Councillor Smith said that in South Derbyshire an educational approach was preferred. He said SDDC wanted to help people get their recycling right rather than punish them. He doubted if fines would ever be introduced.

A member of the public said that what South Derbyshire had been doing stood out in the rest of the county. He said waste was being sorted for the contractor who recycled it rather than getting them to do it. His view was that waste should be piled into bins and then sorted by the company paid to process it. Councillor Smith replied that he understood the resident's viewpoint. He also said it was the contractor's business and they would take measures for it to be as efficient as possible.

A resident raised the issue of window envelopes and the problem they posed for recycling. He asked if envelopes were put in recycling at all because of the glue on their flaps. Kevin Stackhouse replied that SDDC had an excellent animated video on its website which provided guidance on what could and couldn't be recycled.

A resident reported that he had discovered that waste from south of the River Trent went to Wilshee's in Burton while waste from north of the river went to Raynesway in Derby. He wondered what Wilshee's was doing with the waste. Councillor Smith said he couldn't possibly comment on something he knew nothing about.

A member of the public asked if plans were afoot to use the new incinerator being planned for Derby. Mr Stackhouse replied that no plans existed to use it.

A resident reported that potholes he had flagged up 18 months previously in Askew Grove, Repton, had not been repaired to a satisfactory standard. He reported them again on January 12 but they were still there. He asked if he was wasting his time reporting them. The AFLO responded that potholes were categorised by the class of road they were on and levels of traffic passing over them. He said a response was usually made within five working days for higher priority defects.

**ACTION: AFLO to review the situation at Askew Grove with the pothole centre**

A resident reported another faulty street light in Willington, next to the one in Beech Avenue which had been recently fixed. This one was on 24 hours a day. The resident also reported a street light on 24 hours a day between St Michael's Close and Hall Lane. He claimed to have reported them in January but nothing had been done. The AFLO said he was unsure if there were still full-time light

inspectors employed by DCC. Councillor Ford asked if the area could be inspected.

**ACTION: AFLO to check on progress of repairs**

A member of the public again raised the issue of a crossing in Pilgrims Way, Stenson Fields. They said the only response ever received from DCC was that it would be reviewed at the end of the housing development. The AFLO said that DCC's stance had not changed. A certain level of pedestrian activity was needed before a crossing was built. The figure was not being met and DCC would wait until the development was complete to act further. The resident replied that the tests were carried out at 11am and asked if they could be revisited at a busier time of day when schoolchildren were travelling to or from school. Councillor Shepherd said a comprehensive response had been provided at a previous meeting and the stance of DCC had been consistent. He said when the development was complete, it would be revisited.

Councillor Ford asked for a streetlight to be provided at the new development in Milton Road, Repton.

**ACTION: AFLO to report back on whether a street light could be provided**

Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton asked for a streetlight to be provided at Bladon House School near Newton Solney. She said the speed of traffic made the area dangerous for parents and pupils and had forwarded a petition to DCC's Cabinet. The AFLO replied that legal processes have to be followed for a petition.

A resident said that Repton Road, Willington, rapidly got a crossing when the old doctor's surgery opened. He asked why Stenson Road could not get one so quickly. Councillor Ford replied that money was found for the crossing at the time. Councillor Shepherd said he had quoted the area in the past when requesting crossings, citing the fact that the road had two crossings in place. A Willington resident said that the village had a population of 3,000 and four crossings within a few hundred yards, illustrating how dangerous it was.

Councillor Ford said speeding in Heath Lane, Findern, in the direction of the A50 was a problem. A resident said the parish council had money ready to spend on speed-activated signage. The AFLO replied that the traffic and safety team had a significant workload and its response time was not as fast as it would like. He was confident the issue was being dealt with.

**ACTION: AFLO to provide a report outlining the progress at Heath Lane**



Councillor Ford reported that a consultation over parking charges at Willington was ongoing.

Councillor Mrs Chilton raised the issue of Swarkestone Causeway and said should it ever fail, it would badly damage investment into South Derbyshire. The AFLO replied that a bypass at Swarkestone remained in DCC's Local Transport Plan as a major scheme, which the authority supported in principal. From memory, the feasibility study carried out some years ago estimated the cost of a bypass in the region of £15m. Such amounts were well beyond the funds available to DCC and, if a bypass were to come to fruition, external funding sources would be required.

RA/26 **District Council issues**

**Local Plan**

Kevin Stackhouse reported that Part 1 of the South Derbyshire District Council Local Plan was nearing completion, with only the Government Planning Inspector's decision awaited. Part 2 of the plan was being consulted upon.

**Open Space, Sporting and Community Facilities Strategy**

Mr Stackhouse told the meeting the strategy related to which facilities would be needed in the district in the coming years. The strategy needed local clubs and community facilities to come forward to ensure they received their share of Section 106 money from developers.

**Budget**

Mr Stackhouse reported that once again the landscape was changing for local authorities across the country. In 2010 the council had to go through savings in its budget, but achieved these without impacting on frontline services. In the last two years the authority's financial position had stabilised and was currently in a healthy state. However, another round of reductions had been passed down from central government to all authorities. Before Christmas, SDDC got its settlement from Central Government and in three years' time there would be a 14-15% cut in the grant, a figure in the region of £1.5m. One bright spot was that local authorities would be allowed to keep a greater proportion of the Business Rates they gathered. Currently, 50% went to central government and in South Derbyshire £10m a year was gathered in Business Rates. A greater share of that money staying in the district would help to offset the loss in grant. The situation would be a challenge for SDDC but one that the authority would meet head on. Regarding Council Tax, for the past five years it had been frozen by SDDC. Now, central government was expecting councils to raise it. County councils are allowed to raise their share by 4% and districts or boroughs by up to 2%. SDDC had, subject to full approval, decided to raise Council Tax by 1.95%.

RA/27 **Date of next meeting**

To be announced in due course.

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.30pm.

**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, July 5, 2016**

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

At the last Repton Area Forum held on February 16, 2016, at Stenson Fields Primary School, the following issues were raised and a progress report is provided.

**Derbyshire County Council issues:**

**1. ASKEW GROVE, REPTON – POTHOLE REPORTING PROCESS**

A resident explained that he had reported potholes at the above location, via DCC's online reporting form. This was done on January 12 but, to date, the defects had yet to be attended to. He asked what had happened with this enquiry and did the county council have timescales in which it was required to respond to reports of potholes.

The AFLO answered that there were timescales worked to which were dependent on the type of road (i.e. whether it is a main road or a side road). It may have been that this particular location had been visited and assessed as requiring repairs that needed to be programmed into the works schedule.

**Work at this location had already been issued to reinstate potholes – prior to receipt of the resident's reporting form – which were subsequently completed.**

**Askew Grove has been identified for carriageway patching works in the new (2016/17) financial year, if the budget allows.**

**2. STENSON ROAD, STENSON FIELDS – REQUEST FOR CROSSING**

Parish councillors repeated previous requests made to DCC for a formal crossing facility on Stenson Road. DCC officers had previously advised that pedestrian activity fell below the required level to justify putting forward a proposed bid for funding for the inclusion of a crossing facility here. It was DCC's intention to reassess the situation once the housing developments in the area were fully occupied to establish whether pedestrian activity had increased to a level which might justify a proposed bid for funding. However, councillors noted that Stenson Fields Primary School had been extended to cater for the increase in children generated by the housing development, who need to cross Stenson Road to get to school. It was further suggested that DCC had only observed pedestrian activity at 11am, which did not give a true reflection of the situation, as this was well outside of school arrival and dispersal times. Councillors reiterated their belief that a crossing was now needed.

**The views of the Parish Council have been forwarded for the information of the appropriate officer in the Traffic & Safety Team.**

### **3. MILTON ROAD, REPTON – STREETLIGHTING**

DCC have proposals to extend the 30mph on Milton Road in order to incorporate the new housing development. It was suggested that additional street lighting was required in the locality to cater for residents walking to and from this new development during the hours of darkness. It was suggested that the nearest street light was some distance away and that a new column would ideally be located at the existing 30mph/NSL terminal point.

**Additional street lighting has now been installed as part of the development.**

### **4. PETITION FOR LIGHTING OUTSIDE BLADON HOUSE SCHOOL**

Cllr Mrs Linda Chilton made reference to a petition which had been submitted to DCC, for a lighting column to be provided at the bus stop, located at the bottom of the school drive.

Cllr Chilton supported the petitioners and requested that the forum's liaison officer pursue the matter.

The AFLO advised that there is a legal process to follow when a petition is received. The petition will have been received by DCC's Legal Services and presented to the relevant cabinet member (in this case the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport & Infrastructure).

The cabinet member will normally note receipt of the petition and arrange for appropriate officers to investigate and provide a report, with recommendations to a future meeting. It will then be for the cabinet member to make a decision on whether they accept or refuse the petitioner's request with the lead petitioner and local member being advised of the decision.

The AFLO was aware that an officer from the Traffic & Safety Team had been asked to investigate and provide a report on the matter. The outcome of the process will be reported to a future forum meeting.

**The content of this petition has been fully investigated and a report presented to the Cabinet Member – Highways, Transport & Infrastructure at a committee meeting on May 10, 2016.**

**The report recommended that the request for lighting at the bus stop be refused and this recommendation has been supported by the Cabinet Member. The full report can be viewed on the County Council's website.**

### **5. FINDERN PARISH COUNCIL: VAS QUERY**

A query had been submitted to DCC in regard to the possibility of the parish council funding their own speed-activated sign (VAS) and what the associated costs would be. To date, no response had been received and the forum liaison officer was asked to pursue this.

**A letter of response was sent on February 18, 2016, directing the Parish Council to DCC's current policy governing the introduction of VAS.**

**There have been no recorded personal injury collisions on the route from Heath Lane, through Findern to the roundabout junction with the A38 in the last three years (the standard test period for assessment). In accordance with the policy, these roads do not meet the required criteria for a VAS.**

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