

LINTON AREA MEETING

22nd October 2002

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Lauro (Chair) and Councillors Douglas, Shaw and Southern.
Mr. T. Neaves (Chief Finance Officer), Mrs. D. Cook (Democratic Services Officer), Mr. B. Jones (Helpdesk) and M. Collins (Community Safety Officer).

County Council Representative

Councillor Mrs. K. Lauro (Vice-Chair).

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

B. Laxton (Castle Gresley Parish Council), P. Ellis and J. Blythe (Linton Parish Council), G. J. Kirby (Netherseal Parish Council), G. Edwards (Overseal Parish Council), V. Taylor (Walton-on-Trent Parish Council), Dr. D. A. Eaton (Caldwell Parish Meeting).

Members of the Public

M. Hall, D. E. Sendell, J. Nicklin and T. Nicklin (Netherseal Parish Council).

Police Representative

M. Gahagan.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillor Knight, Mr. R. Bull, Mr. C. Tagg and Mr. Culbert.

LA/8. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st August 2002 were noted. It was noted that within these Minutes G. Edwards of Overseal Parish Council had been listed as G. Evans in error

LA/9. **POLICE ISSUES**

M. Gahagan of the Swadlincote Police was in attendance at the Meeting and asked whether there were any specific items requiring attention. It was noted that the recent spate of vandalism at Netherseal was to be addressed by PC Denise Hornblower. M. Gahagan advised that there had been a recent spate of burglaries within the District where the elderly had been targeted and advised particular care in this regard.

Councillor Southern expressed concern that whilst two Anti-Social Behaviour Orders had been served on individuals living at Linton, the Police did not seem to be using their authority following the serving of the Notices. M. Gahagan advised that these two individuals had been served with Breach of Condition Notices and the Police were taking appropriate action.

J. Blythe asked what arrangements had been put in place for Bonfire Night and was advised that all registered premises had been issued with Notices

regarding the prohibition of selling fireworks to the underage. The Police had also involved Trading Standards in this initiative and sent in undercover young people to purchase fireworks and prosecuted sellers accordingly.

LA/10. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

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

A general discussion took place arising from the item on the Ten Year Development Plan for land surrounding Walton-on-Trent and the issue of a “Walton-on-Trent bypass”. Councillor Douglas expressed concern that no action had been taken with regard to approaching local businesses to provide finance for this project. It was noted that Aggregates had submitted plans for gravel extraction within the area. V. Taylor expressed her support for a Walton-on-Trent bypass but expressed concern that traffic would still need to pass from the A444 to the A38 through Drakelow. Councillor Southern advised that the District Council was in negotiations with East Staffordshire Borough Council to put a spur in off the A38 island. Due to the amount of interest expressed at the Meeting regarding the possibility of a Walton-on-Trent bypass and concern expressed regarding issues arising from possible development in East Staffordshire which would impact on the District, it was agreed to ask an appropriate officer of the District Council to attend the next Meeting to give advice on this matter.

LA/11. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE LOCAL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

V. Taylor referred to the Bar Hall development at Walton-on-Trent and expressed concern regarding both visibility to and from the entrance to this development. County Councillor Lauro agreed to refer this matter to the appropriate Officers at Derbyshire County Council.

J. Blythe referred to the 7.5 tonne weight limit applicable to villages within the area and advised of an incident whereby several hard core lorries had travelled through Linton to get to Rosliston. He had referred this matter to a representative at Cliffe Hill Quarry who had investigated the issue. Derbyshire County Council had subsequently advised that the 7.5 tonne limit was a blanket cover and that lorries could pass through villages to access other villages. J. Blythe expressed concern that there was no sign stating that vehicles were leaving the 7.5 tonne weight limit area but was advised that there was little action that could be taken on this matter.

V. Taylor advised that signs preventing HGV's travelling on the Cadley Hill Road into Walton to the A38 required replacement and County Councillor Lauro agreed to pursue this matter with officers at Derbyshire County Council. V. Taylor also queried whether any work was to be undertaken by Staffordshire County Council on the road the other side of the Bailey Bridge and accordingly County Councillor Lauro agreed to ask officers of Derbyshire County Council to liaise with Staffordshire County Council officers on this matter.

Concern was expressed regarding the positioning of dropped kerbs in Netherseal, particularly at Clifton Road. It was suggested that dropped kerbs should be positioned directly opposite to one another on either side of the

road to allow users to cross easily. It was agreed to advise the appropriate officers of the concerns expressed.

V. Taylor advised that the Lime trees opposite the Shoulder of Mutton in Walton-on-Trent needed cutting back and accordingly County Councillor Lauro agreed to pursue this matter with the appropriate officers of Derbyshire County Council. Concern was also expressed that the hedge on the bend from Linton Road to Rosliston was overgrown and causing an obstruction and accordingly County Councillor Mrs. Lauro agreed to pursue this matter with appropriate officers.

LA/12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next Meeting would be held on Wednesday, 22nd January 2003 at Coton-in-the-Elms Primary School.

LA/13. **CRIME AND DISORDER INITIATIVES**

The Area Meeting received a presentation from Michelle Collins, the Council's Community Safety Officer. She spoke to a circulated handout "Reducing Crime in our Community". The vision for a safe South Derbyshire would be achieved through partnership working between the range of local authorities, Police, Health, other statutory bodies, voluntary organisations and the business sector. The community would also be encouraged to take action itself to reduce criminal and anti-social behaviour.

The Crime and Disorder Act had placed a statutory responsibility on authorities to work in partnership to reduce crime and disorder through the production of a strategy every three years. The 2002 to 2005 Strategy had identified six main priority areas which were outlined together with their respective three year targets. The literature showed the South Derbyshire Crime and Disorder Partnership structure and a table was submitted outlining current activity being undertaken by each of the action teams.

Councillor Shaw suggested that representatives of the Crime and Disorder Partnership could visit the elderly to discuss measures they could take to avoid becoming victims of crime. Michelle Collins advised that Officers intended visiting the Council's sheltered housing complexes during the next few months in this regard and asked for details of any elderly groups who might be interested in such a visit to be provided to her.

Concern was expressed that occasionally bogus callers would often state that they were representing the Council on business and it was suggested that before visiting a property Council Officers could post a card advising of the visit. Michelle Collins advised that the Council was operating a scheme providing stickers for the elderly to place adjacent to their doors reminding them to check on callers' details and ask for the appropriate identification.

M.R. LAURO

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 8.05pm