

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

LINTON

29th January 2014 at Coton-in-the-Elms Community Centre

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Wheeler (Chairman) and Councillors Jones and Mrs Hall.

F McArdle (Chief Executive); S Winfield (Service Assistant)

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

P Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

A Lees, K Bradford, C Powell (Coton-in-the-Elms Parish Council); M Horne (Walton-on-Trent Parish Council); J Pallett, O Pallett (Castle Gresley Parish Council); J McGibbon (Netherseal Parish Council); S Jones & S C Sharpe (Overseal Parish Council)

Members of the Public

M Cobb (Burton Mail)

LA/18 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from H Wheeler MP; Councillor Frost and S Jackson

LA/19 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

LA/20 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Draft Local Plan comments have been collated and are currently being considered. Pre-submission Plan to be consulted on in March through into April. The pre-submission consultation will go to a venue in each of the Area Forum areas for an afternoon/evening drop in session. The Local Plan will be submitted in June with a public examination likely to be in the autumn this year.

LA/21 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Linton Area Forum held on Thursday 24th October 2013 were noted.

Reference to DCC on page 2, LA/14 should be SDDC.

LA/22 **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

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

Broadband Champions meetings have been disbanded but champion's roles exist. To find out more go to www.digitalderbyshire.org.uk. On the digital derbyshire map, click on the icon to generate an email to the Broadband Champion.

Toons sign has been moved at Cadley island.

Flooding at Acresford Road (near Cricketts pub) - Nev Wallace, Drainage Officer contacted the land owner as need permission to enter the land, still awaiting response.

Chris Payne at SDDC to liaise with County and Forum Liaison Officer to pursue the matter

Gullies at Appleby Glade gave been done.

Caldwell road drainage was instructed on 7th November and works should be carried out within 3 months.

LA/23 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

It was reported that large amounts of sludge are left on the A444 at Castle Gresley at the St Modwens site, which is making the road very slippery. The road is being swept at night. This issue was also raised at the Safer Neighbourhood Meeting.

Forum Liaison Officer to speak with the Clerk of works.

It was reported that the road surface was poor at new traffic lights in Overseal. The Forum Liaison Officer confirmed that the surface was damaged when old lines were burnt off the road. A bid would be put forward to perform patching

works in the next financial year. It would not be known until the end of March if the funding has been secured

Resident asked when the new pedestrian refuge on the A444, Overseal near to the Co-operative would be carried out. This work is scheduled to commence on 17th February.

Cllr Hall raised that the road surface between Rosliston and Coton is in a very bad state.

Forum Liaison Officer to make enquiries and report back to a future meeting.

A444 Cadley island resurfacing works have not been done. Patching works have been carried out by Toons and Swadlincote Lane but not the roundabout.

The Forum Liaison Officer confirmed that this should have been done at the same time as the Toons patching. Enquiries would be made with DCC.

LA/24 **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

None

LA/25 **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

The Chief Executive discussed the reduction in government funding from 2010 to 2018, totalling 1.25 million since 2010, which equates to 20% less. Savings have been made by looking at efficiencies, the management structure and support services but not cuts in services. £320,000 was saved last year and from April 2014 another £300,000 has to be saved. Capital investment has been made to the district's leisure facilities and improvements to recycling last year with the new plastics scheme.

The new golf course in Swadlincote will be making a big announcement on 13th February. Swadlincote Family Golf Centre, phase 1 should be open in the spring with the first 6 holes, followed closely by the development of a hotel.

Council tax is still to be decided on, with a government announcement on grant

funding awaited. No increases have been made over the past 4 years. The Finance and Management meeting will take place on 20th February and Council Tax will be set in March.

Councillor Wheeler raised that the District Council provides funding for concurrent functions, which will increase by 2% and the voluntary sector funding will also increase by 2%.

Cllr Wheeler discussed that the government are yet to announce a capping limit and whether this would be 1.5% or 2%.

Resident questioned the future in child care centres. The Forum Liaison Officer confirmed that budget reductions of 157 million are to be found and 36.7 million during the next financial year. Changes are proposed to mobile libraries and adult care services. A webpage called the Derbyshire Challenge can be found via the County Council website www.derbyshire.gov.uk. Details of consultations can be found on this webpage.

The Chief Executive confirmed that SDDC work closely with DCC by a joint use of venues, for example, Social Services operate from the Civic offices. There are plans with County to share more property.

Councillor Wheeler confirmed that SDDC have no plans to charge for parking. This is good for the trading town. Council Tax reductions of 10% for a second home will also go in the new financial year.

LA/26 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting would be confirmed in due course.

R WHEELER

CHAIRMAN

The meeting terminated at 8.05 pm