SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

LINTON

Wednesday, June 28th, 2017 at Walton Village Hall

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Pat Murray (Chair), Councillor Bob Wheeler.

Stuart Batchelor – Director of Community and Planning Services
Tom Sloan – Clerk.

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Pat Murray.

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

Mary Blackman (Walton Parish Council), Sheila Jackson (Castle Gresley Parish Council), Alan Lees (Coton in the Elms Parish Council), Stephanie Marbrow (Rosliston Parish Council), Janice Pallett, Ollie Pallett (Castle Gresley Parish Council), John Powell (Linton Parish Council), Kevin Tizzard (Linton Parish Council).

Members of the Public

Lynda Smout, Jane Summers, Rob Talbot, Hilary White-Evans (Money Spider Credit Union), B Wilson, G Wilson.

LA/1   **APOLOGIES**

Claire Bradford, Karen Bradford, Councillor John Grant, Councillor Mrs Beth Hall, Paul Jameson, Carole Knight, Carol Wright.

LA/2   **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

LA/3   **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Pat Murray introduced Hilary White-Evans from the Money Spider Credit Union, who gave a presentation on the benefits of the organisation for

borrowers and savers. Councillor Murray added that there were families in South Derbyshire who needed the service of this established union.

LA/4   **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

The minutes were approved as an accurate and correct record, with one change that Paul Marbrow was not a member of Rosliston Parish Council.

LA/5   **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

Derbyshire County Council issues

Sunken Manhole

Several manholes had been reported as sunken at Ryder Close. Derbyshire County Council (DCC) replied that two needed remedial work. John Powell said there was a cross painted on one of the manholes in question and it was sunk 6in into the road. The other five were in an acceptable condition but one was rattling.

LA/6   **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

Mr Powell raised the issue of ivy encroaching onto the footway at Hillside Road, Linton. He said residents had been informed that it wasn't wide enough for prams and buggies as the only pavement at the location. He thanked DCC for its work to clear the pavement. However, the work needed to be completed as there was around a foot of pavement still under the bank. A retaining concrete kerb was needed to ensure the pavement kept its full width.

ACTION: Report back required from Derbyshire County Council as to the state of the pavement

A Walton resident asked if an update was available on the new third river crossing and Walton bypass. Councillor Bob Wheeler replied that unfortunately there wasn't. Discussions were ongoing between the developer, DCC and the Local Enterprise Partnership. The resident asked how more houses had been allowed to be built without the road network in place following the initial 99 which were granted permission. Councillor Wheeler replied that DCC's Highways team acted as a statutory consultee on planning applications and if they didn't object to an application you couldn't decline it on highways grounds. Jean Blackman asked if there was any use in her contacting Drakelow Development and Councillor Wheeler replied that it could be useful.

A Walton resident raised the issue of inappropriate vehicles going into Station Lane and then turning around to avoid the Bailey Bridge, which had a three tonne weight limit. As many as two or three vehicles a day were turning in the road – with the result that two walls belonging to residents had been knocked down and a fence damaged. Residents were having to police the issue

themselves to prevent vehicles from using their driveways to turn around. He asked if it was possible for DCC to install improved signage to prevent the vehicles from entering Station Lane in the first place. Drivers appeared to be blindly following satnavs but better signs – including a three tonne weight limit sign – could help.

ACTION: Report back required from Derbyshire County Council into possible improved signage. Councillor Pat Murray and Walton Parish Council to liaise with residents before pursuing the issue at County Hall

Mr Powell added that recently a half-hour delay occurred in the area after an articulated lorry missed the quarry entrance on the Staffordshire side of the river. Better signage was also needed on the other side of the bridge.

An Overseal resident raised the issue of traffic coming into the village along Lullington Road and mounting the pavement to avoid oncoming traffic and posing a risk to pedestrians. Councillor Murray said he used the road most days and understood the issue. Residents were up in arms as it was an accident waiting to happen – and another 60 houses in Valley Road would only make the situation worse.

ACTION: Councillor Pat Murray to pursue the issue with Derbyshire County Council Highways

A resident asked why permission for more houses had been given if the issue was such a problem. Stuart Batchelor replied that the experts on highways resided with the county council, not the district council who granted permission. Nationwide specifications – taking into account traffic levels in London and the South East – were used and if SDDC refused permission on highways grounds without the backing of DCC, then any appeal would likely succeed. The basis was that every planning application should be passed unless a sound basis for rejection was presented.

ACTION: Tom Sloan to request a Derbyshire County Council Highways officer be present at the next meeting

Sheila Jackson reported a problem with fly-tipping at 72, Bass' Crescent, Mount Pleasant. One bag was still there while one bag had been removed. Was there any chance of CCTV being installed to catch the offender? Mr Batchelor replied that he would pass the issue on to SDDC Environmental Health Manager Matt Holford. Where there was a real hot-spot, cameras could be used. SDDC's Clean Team couldn't move the bags of rubbish as they were on private land. If rubbish was fly tipped, it would be opened by SDDC and an address sought to action a prosecution.

ACTION: Stuart Batchelor to report issue to Matt Holford at SDDC

LA/7   **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

Councillor Murray reported that the new administration was just settling in following the election and a holiday period was now beginning. Changes would be made including charges for the recycling of household rubble being dropped and free parking for motorbikes in Matlock. He would bring reports to the meeting of his activities at County Hall.

LA/8   **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

Mr Batchelor updated the meeting that:

- Local Plan Pt II. Comments were being received ahead of the plan's adoption.
- Rosliston Forestry Centre's current contract ended on March 31 and the procurement process had begun for a new contract. A meeting with prospective future management companies had been well-attended.
- SDDC's annual Flood Liaison meeting had been held. Severn Trent now came and updated on their work, while the relationship between the various agencies had improved. Councillor Mrs Beth Hall and Rosliston Parish Council were among the attendees. The next meeting was due in 2018.
- Enforcement action carried out by the Neighbourhood Wardens was now being updated on showing number of prosecutions etc.
- A review of Safer Neighbourhoods Meetings / Area Forums was taking place with the possibility that the meetings would be merged into one. It would be similar to how the meetings were run 10 years previously. Further information would be available at the next round of meetings.
- The Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation Strategy had been adopted by South Derbyshire District Council on June 14th. It was about trying to change people's habits by them using their local parks and facilities, not necessarily a leisure centre.

A resident asked if there was any way to force an eatery to put food hygiene ratings in their window. Mr Batchelor replied that there wasn't.

LA/9   **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

Councillor Pat Murray
Chair

The meeting terminated at 8.25pm.