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

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

and

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

**Wednesday, February 7th
2018**

**Ticknall Village Hall
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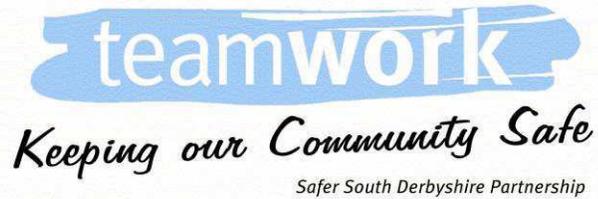
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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS – JANUARY TO MAY 2018

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>JANUARY 2018</u>		
Environmental & Dev (Special-Budget)	Thu	04.01.18
Housing & Com Services (Special-Budget)	Tue	09.01.18
Etwall JMC	Wed	10.01.18
Finance & Management (Special-Budget)	Thu	11.01.18
Planning	Tue	16.01.18
Overview & Scrutiny	Wed	17.01.18
COUNCIL	Thu	18.01.18
Employee H & S Committee	Wed	24.01.18
Environmental & Development Services	Thu	25.01.18
Overview & Scrutiny	Wed	31.01.18
<u>FEBRUARY 2018</u>		
Housing & Community Services	Thu	01.02.18
Planning	Tue	06.02.18
Audit Sub	Wed	14.02.18
Finance & Management	Thu	15.02.18
COUNCIL	Mon	26.02.18
Planning	Tue	27.02.18
<u>MARCH 2018</u>		
Environmental & Development Services	Thu	01.03.18
Housing & Community Services	Thu	08.03.18
Finance & Management	Thu	15.03.18
Planning	Tue	20.03.18
Audit Sub	Wed	21.03.18
Overview & Scrutiny	Wed	21.03.18
<u>APRIL 2018</u>		
Planning	Tue	10.04.18
Etwall JMC	Wed	11.04.18
COUNCIL	Thu	12.04.18
Environmental & Development Services	Thu	19.04.18
Employee Health & Safety Committee	Wed	25.04.18
Housing & Community Services	Thu	26.04.18
<u>MAY 2018</u>		
Planning	Tue	01.05.18
Finance & Management	Thu	03.05.18
ANNUAL COUNCIL	Thu	17.05.18
CIVIC COUNCIL	Thu	24.05.18



AGENDA

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP - AREA 2

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 6.15pm
at Ticknall Village Hall

(Light refreshments will be served between 7.15 and 7.30pm)

1. Chair's introduction. Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions
3. Police & Crime Commissioner Hardyal Dhindsa - a Q&A
4. Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview /Priorities Update
5. Partnership Update / Funding / New project ideas
6. Local issues – open forum (20 minutes)
7. Agreed priorities
8. Date of next meeting

Meeting close (7.15pm)

AREA 2 – MERCIA SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Present	Date of Meeting	Venue
<p>Councillor Andy MacPherson (Chairman), Claire Rawlins (Safer South Derbyshire Community Safety Projects Officer), Sgt Graham Summers, PCSO Kerry Wallington-Waite.</p> <p>Ben Broadhurst, Councillor Linda Chilton, Heather Hall, Fred Hill, Richard Lisewski, David Morris, Peter Rainey, Councillor David Shepherd, Councillor Peter Smith, Sam Watters.</p> <p>Also present: Tom Sloan (clerk).</p>	<p>Tuesday, October 10, 2017</p>	<p>Stenson Fields Primary School</p>

1	Chair's Introduction. Apologies	Action
	<p>Apologies were received from Councillor Neil Atkin, Sue Carter, Councillor Manjit Chahal, Councillor Martyn Ford, Mary Goodall, Mrs Griffiths, Derek Lomas, Phil Smith and Carol Wynn.</p>	
2	Minutes of last meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions	
	<p>The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p>	
3	Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview / Priorities Update	
	<p>PCSO Kerry Wallington-Waite updated on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numerous letters had been sent to owners of cars caught parking on hatched lines near a roundabout in Stenson Fields. It seemed to have had an effect. • A Community Protection Notice (CPN) warning had been issued to a woman in Bretby who was causing nuisance to her neighbours. It was followed up with a full CPN • Three men were arrested in Bakeacre Lane, Findern, for possession of cannabis. • Two arrests had been made in Derby following reports of a wallet theft in Willington. Drugs were also found at the address. • Two people were dealt with by way of restorative justice for poaching offences. They were made to pay for what they had taken and pay for a licence. • Arrests had been made in connection with a burglary in Smisby and property recovered to the owner. • Arrests had been made in Stenson Fields in connection with motorbike offences. <p>Councillor Andy MacPherson asked if the poaching offence sat with the wildlife officer. Sgt Graham Summers replied that PC Paul Russell was ideally placed to act as wildlife officer. He had been the officer on Area 3 for a while and would pick up</p>	

	<p>jobs in rural areas as part of the Safer Neighbourhood Team. Councillor MacPherson said it was reassuring to have an officer out in rural areas. Sgt Summers added that Police and Crime Commissioner Hardyal Dhindsa had said that rural crime would be more closely looked at. There was money in the north of the county for a dedicated rural crime officer, but not in the south, so an SNT officer was having to be used.</p> <p>Sgt Summers told the meeting that the South Derbyshire SNT had won Safer Neighbourhood Team of the Year at the annual Derbyshire Police awards. They had largely been honoured for pioneering work around CPNws and CPNs to combat ASB in the district. The methods were now being used across the county. Sgt Summers had been taken aback at winning and it reflected the hard work of the 17 officers in the SNT and also partnership working undertaken with Safer South Derbyshire.</p>	
4	Partnership update / funding / new project ideas	
	<p>Claire Rawlins reported that £4,000 was available for Area 2 for any project related to crime, disorder, youth activities, target hardening and ASB. Application forms were available from Communities Manager Chris Smith.</p> <p>The Police and Crime Commissioner’s grant scheme had been updated an leaflet was available.</p> <p>The South Derbyshire Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator’s meeting would be held at Sharpe’s Pottery at 6pm on November 21.</p> <p>A “no trick or treaters” poster was available for any residents who didn’t want to be disturbed on Halloween.</p>	
5	Local issues – open forum (20 minutes)	
	<p>A Stenson Fields resident reported that their parked car had been struck by a drink driver in May, causing extensive damage. They had caught the perpetrator at the scene and they smelled strongly of drink. The driver got back in their own badly damaged car and drove off and went down Arleston Lane. The resident rang the police but the call handler was uninterested in the incident, despite what seemed a clear risk to the public. It turned out the drink driver had been drinking all day in the Ferrers until 5.30pm on a Sunday afternoon. The caller was told to attend a police station at 9am on the Monday morning, whereupon he was asked to fill a form in to get an incident number. He was totally dissatisfied with the service he received from police. Sgt Summers asked if the operator had been told the driver was clearly drunk. When told they had, Sgt Summers offered apologies for what he considered an unjustifiable response. If it had got over the radio, an officer would have responded. Details of the car should have been taken and a unit dispatched to the scene. The response wasn’t good enough. More than 1,000 incidents a day were logged and one incident like this lowered faith in the police – and that wasn’t down to the officers. There had been a sequence of failings and Sgt Summers asked for the details of the incident. Councillor MacPherson added that the meeting was an excellent forum for reporting such issues. A member of the public asked for a report to the next meeting showing that such a situation wouldn’t arise again when the ‘civvies’ seemed to be trying to ease pressure on uniformed officers. Sgt Summers denied there was a blame culture between civilian and warranted officers. Both relied on each other. He had been a police officer for 25 years and if someone was in drink at the scene of a road traffic accident, a response would be forthcoming.</p> <p>A resident reported that there were still issues with the 101 non-emergency number. People were giving up after being kept waiting for 20 minutes. The Police and</p>	

	<p>Crime Commissioner had recognised there was a problem. Sgt Summers replied that Mrs Dhindsa had been adamant at another meeting that there had been a significant improvement. There was an issue around retention of civilian officers due to the pressure of working on the 101 number.</p> <p>Councillor David Shepherd said he'd had a meeting with PCSO Wallington-Waite, Chris Smith from SDDC regarding drug dealing in Stenson Fields. Residents had been very methodical in collecting number plates, times etc. The alleged drug dealers were visiting an area for 10-20 minutes at a time. He was concerned where police would come from to a call for service in the area: Swadlincote was a good distance away while it wasn't Derby City's patch. How did the interaction in such an area work? Sgt Summers replied that there wasn't an immediate response to the question. Drug dealing information would be treated as intelligence and put into a patrol strategy.</p> <p>Councillor Shepherd asked if South Derbyshire police dealt exclusively with Stenson Fields. Sgt Summers replied that it used to be part of Pear Tree's beat. If a 999 call came in from Stenson Fields, it was likely that Derby East would respond. It depended who was nearest and even a CID unit in the area could be instructed to attend.</p> <p>A Findern resident asked for an update on the verbally abusive travellers in the village. ASB diary logs had been distributed to complainants. Mrs Rawlins said there had been no further incidents since PCSO Wallington-Waite had a word with the woman. Any further verbal incidents could be reported to the police and the CPN route taken.</p> <p>A resident reported ASB on the Green in Findern on a Sunday and Monday night. There was a 15-year-old and three 12-year-olds responsible. Sgt Summers asked for some photos and he could find out who they were and deal with the parents.</p> <p>A Repton resident raised anti-social parking in Main Street, High Street and Pinfold Lane. PCSO Wallington-Waite said she would continue to check the problem – but 10 more streets in the village could be added to the list.</p>	
6	Agreed priorities	
	No priorities were agreed.	
7	Date of next meeting	
	The date and time of the next meeting would be advised in due course.	

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Police Area 2 SNT Twitter www.twitter.com/MerciaSNT
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Safer South Derbyshire Partnership www.south-derbys.gov.uk/ssdp
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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:

**Ticknall Village Hall
Ingleby Road
Ticknall
DE73 7JW**

**on Wednesday, February 7,
2018 at 7.30pm**

Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Peter Smith (Chair) and Councillors Manjit Chahal, Martyn Ford, Andrew MacPherson, David Shepherd and Michael Stanton.

County Councillors: Councillors Neil Atkin, Mrs Linda Chilton and Martyn Ford.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of interest.
3. Chairman's announcements.
4. To note the minutes of the meeting held on October 10 , 2017 (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 (TBA).

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

REPTON

October 10, 2017 at Stenson Fields Primary School

PRESENT:-

District Council representatives

Councillor Peter Smith (Chair), Councillor Andy MacPherson, Councillor David Shepherd, Councillor Michael Stanton.

Stuart Batchelor (Director of Community and Planning Services), Tom Sloan (Clerk).

Derbyshire County Council representatives

Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton.

Parish Council / Meeting representatives

Fred Hill (Newton Solney Parish Council), Dave Morris (Newton Solney Parish Council), Richard Lisewski (Stenson Fields Parish Council), Peter Rainey (Repton Parish Council).

Members of the public

David Barker, Ben Broadhurst, Ragnild Dahl-Cunningham, Rob Davison, Heather Hall, Sam Watters, Simon Yearby.

RA/10 **Apologies for absence**

Councillor Neil Atkin, Sue Carter, Councillor Manjit Chahal, Councillor Martyn Ford, Mrs Griffiths, Derek Lomas, Phil Smith, Carol Wynn.

RA/11 **Declarations of interest**

None.

RA/12 **Chairman's announcements**

Councillor Peter Smith announced that SDDC had launched its new website. It was more intuitive and user-friendly than its predecessor. Stuart Batchelor added that the website should be more useful to residents in future.

RA/13 **The minutes of the meeting held on June 26, 2017**

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

RA/14 **Report back on issues raised at the last meeting**

Car damaged opposite the Bonnie Prince due to incomplete road works

Councillor David Shepherd reported that several cars had been damaged at the site. Councillor Smith added that developers needed to take heed of their responsibilities.

Wall at Church Side, Willington

Councillor Smith said he would have chosen a wall more in keeping with the area. It was an eyesore. Councillor Andy MacPherson added that the householder had planned some planting to soften the scene.

Anti-social behaviour at Foremark Reservoir

Councillor Smith said he was pleased to see regular meetings taking place with Severn Trent and thanked Mr Batchelor for improving links with the company. Councillor Smith asked if something could be done about Chinese Lanterns released from Severn Trent land. Mr Batchelor said he would get SDDC Anti-Social Behaviour Officer Claire Rawlins to pick the issue up. Councillor MacPherson added that there were people using Foremark Reservoir to camp overnight and a Severn Trent ranger would help tackle the problem.

ACTION: SDDC Anti-Social Behaviour Officer Claire Rawlins to be informed of issues at Foremark Reservoir

Japanese Knotweed in Repton

Councillor MacPherson said he was concerned that the weed had been hacked back and the sap in it would potentially spread. There were occasions when it was best to leave the weed alone. Weed killer was used to treat Japanese Knotweed. Peter Rainey from Repton Parish Council replied that he believed the weed had been treated and a covering had been put down at the entrance to the site. The job would take a few years to complete.

RA/15 **Public questions on issues raised by residents**

A resident reported that they had fallen quite heavily outside the dentist's surgery at 95, High Street, Repton, due to the poor condition of the pavement. Another resident said they used a website called www.fixmystreet.com to report issues around roads and pavements. It

automatically informed the relevant authority of the problem. The problem had not been reported to Repton Parish Council.

ACTION: Tom Sloan to report damaged pavement to Derbyshire County Council

A Newton Solney resident raised a patch of common land next to the River Trent off an unmade and unadopted road. There were concerns locally over travellers getting onto the site. Newton Solney Parish Council wanted to put a gate over the lane but provide access to a farmer and any other statutory body needing access to the river from the lane. Councillor Smith said he'd spoken to the Rights of Way department at DCC and approval was possible as long as pedestrian access was maintained and water bailiffs could access the site.

A Stenson Fields resident whose daughter attended Stenson Fields Primary School asked whose responsibility it was for parking in the area of the school. It was chaotic in the morning and something needed doing. Councillor Smith replied that it was a frustrating issue but was a nationwide problem around schools. Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton added that it was endemic. People were lazy and wouldn't walk – but it was an offence to park over someone's drive. She'd been out with police numerous times but once police went the problem returned. Councillor David Shepherd said that in 30 years as a school governor the issue had been raised over and over again with parents and residents. Only police could solve the problem but they couldn't police every school. A resident suggested a Private Members' Bill from MP Heather Wheeler to force a wholesale rewriting of the laws.

ACTION: Tom Sloan to report issue to Sgt Graham Summers and MP Heather Wheeler. Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton to take photographs of issue and liaise with Councillor Neil Atkin, the area county councillor

A resident complained about speeding along the 40mph section of Wragley Way. He felt it should have been a 30mph limit and not a 40, with drivers doing "60-70mph". Another resident added that campaigns had been undertaken on the issue for years. Police were aware of it but had to prioritise roads due to resources.

ACTION: Tom Sloan to report issue to police and ask for feedback for the next Safer Neighbourhood Meeting

RA/16 **County Council issues**

Councillor Shepherd had asked for one last look at a pedestrian crossing and signage for Stenson Road, with no response. Could some sort of sign not be put up reminding drivers that pedestrians were around? Mr Batchelor asked if Safer Neighbourhood Funding could be used. A resident added that there was no response on getting a DCC officer back to the meetings again. What

could Councillor Mrs Chilton update after raising it at her group meeting? Councillor Mrs Chilton replied that Paul Jameson (ex-Area Forum Liaison Officer) could not return as he had a new role. Councillor Smith added that efforts were being made to get the role refilled.

ACTION: Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton to provide a further report back on the Area Forum Liaison Officer role

RA/17 **District Council issues**

Mr Batchelor reported that Local Plan Part II would go to Full Council after feedback from the Planning Inspector. The South Derbyshire Open Space, Sport And Community Facilities Strategy had been approved. It dictated how money was spent on such facilities. It was a live document and any ideas should be brought forward to ensure they were considered and would attract funding.

A Parish Liaison Meeting had been held to discuss issues affecting parishes. A request had been made to have DCC Highways attend a future meeting to discuss how they dealt with planning applications.

Councillor Shepherd raised the issue of the canal bridge at Barrow on Trent being damaged, possibly by developer's lorries visiting the new estate in Wragley Way. It had been reported to the Canal and River Trust. He felt the damage made the bridge dangerous. Could the forum ask Derby City Council for a travel plan for developers and the aforementioned trust whether the bridge would be repaired? A resident added that livestock hauliers visiting local farms could also be responsible.

ACTION: Tom Sloan to obtain travel plan and seek a timetable of repairs from the Canal and River Trust

A resident said that parking at Stenson Bubble at weekends was a problem. The road was narrow and chicaned and it was incredibly dangerous. A roadside sign was covered with vegetation, which didn't help.

ACTION: Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton to report covered sign to Councillor Neil Atkin

RA/18 **Date of next meeting**

To be announced in due course.

Councillor Peter Smith
CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 8.30pm.

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Wednesday, February 7, 2018

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last Repton Area Forum held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at Stenson Fields Primary School, the following issues were raised and a progress report is provided.

Derbyshire County Council issues:

1. Damaged pavement outside dentist's surgery in Repton

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ACTION: Tom Sloan to report damaged pavement to Derbyshire County Council

In response to your enquiry regarding footway deterioration outside 95 High Street, Repton, the Highway Inspector visited the location on 6 December 2017 on foot. He reported no defects were found and the footway was in good condition. The Inspector will continue to monitor the area on his regular safety inspections.

Highways Hub

Derbyshire County Council

2. Anti-social parking outside schools

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Many residents who live near schools in South Derbyshire experience a similar issue twice a day. However, much of the parking which is objected to is not illegal, but it is inconsiderate. This causes a huge problem for the police in terms of enforcement.

I will comment about two of the statements.

1) To a certain extent there is some truth in the fact that people are lazy and do not want to walk. We have seen it time and time again where parents want to get as close to school as possible. Again, if it's not illegal there is nothing for the police to enforce. However, in partnership with DCC, we have piloted a 'Big Walk' event where parents and children gathered together in a parking area away from the school and then walk to school on mass to demonstrate how quick and efficient it can be. Successful when made into the event, but all participants reverted to old habits as soon as the police event was over.

2) 'Only the police could solve the problem'. Nonsense. The above event could have easily been adopted by the school after the police demonstration. It was not. Schools have to accept some responsibility to educate parents or educate children to educate parents. The police are a very thinly spread resource who have heaps of responsibility which in most cases 'trump' school parking issues. Even if the local Safer Neighbourhood Team changed its name to 'School Parking Patrol', there are more schools in South Derbyshire than members of the SNT.

Local schools know of the 'Mode Shift / Travel Smart' scheme run by Rob Bounds of Derbyshire County Council (Sustainable Travel). Local people, via their parish councils could encourage their schools to look at what is on offer to assist with the issue. The police cannot solve the problem.

Sgt Graham Summers
Swadlincote Safer Neighbourhood Team
Derbyshire Police

Unfortunately, I receive a lot of correspondence regarding parking problems, not all relating to schools – there are a significant number from residents who complain about neighbours parking across the drives or blocking the road in many roads and cul-de-

sacs in South Derbyshire.

Unfortunately, solving the problems takes a significant amount of time and effort and where there are no obvious physical solutions time is needed to resolve the problem.

Many schools and residents close to schools are affected by inconsiderate parking at drop off and collection times, causing problems for residents and increasing the risk for children.

We are aware that parents parking dangerously outside local schools is a safety concern for many teachers, parents, pupils and local residents. We are also aware that this is a significant problem that is replicated at almost every primary and secondary school across the district and that more and more head teachers and school representatives want to do something about this problem outside their school.

It must be remembered that we currently live with a car culture and freedom of choice in schooling means some children now travel from a much wider area. Removing all the vehicles taking children to school is therefore an unrealistic target. The fact that cars are parked does not necessarily mean there is a parking problem. It is only a problem if the parking is illegal or causing a danger to pedestrian movement. It is, however, regarded as important to reduce the number of vehicles making the school run as this is now seen as a major contributor to congestion on the roads and environmental pollution.

The local authority does not have the power or indeed time to deal with all perceived problems associated with parking and parking spaces in residential areas and schools and the police also have limited resources to put into this area

Dangerous parking is first and foremost an enforcement issue, but realistically the threat of prosecution will not provide a long term solution outside every school. The Department of Transport is looking at bringing the rest of the country in line with London to ban parking on pavements which could be used to prosecute those parking in hazardous locations.

With regard to the use of Private Members' Bills, they are introduced by individual MPs or members of the Lords rather than by the Government.

As with other public Bills, their purpose is to change the law as it applies to the general population. Very few Private Members' Bills become law but, by creating publicity around an issue, they may affect legislation indirectly.

I do not think that a Private Members' Bill is necessarily the way forward to deal with this and further parking legislation would require enforcement either by the police or local authority and sadly will not be the 'magic wand' to control the inconsiderate few who cause problems for many.

I understand the frustrations of residents and other drivers but there is already significant legislation through traffic regulations. The problem is that there can never be enough police or civil enforcement officers to manage the problem. That is why schools, local authorities and the police have had to take a variety of actions to try to control the situation, including periodic crackdowns. Some police forces and local authorities are taking fairly drastic action by introducing partial road closures during the peak times.

The county council has started consultation on planning for new schools and I have contacted them to ask them to ensure that dropping off and collection of pupils is taken into account so that we do not have deal with this issue in the future.

Thank you for contacting me about parking issues.

Heather Wheeler MP

Member of Parliament for South Derbyshire

3. Speeding in Wragley Way

A resident complained about speeding along the 40mph section of Wragley Way. He felt it should have been a 30mph limit and not a 40, with drivers doing "60-70mph". Another resident added that campaigns had been undertaken on the issue for years. Police were aware of it but had to prioritise roads due to resources.

ACTION: Tom Sloan to report issue to police and ask for feedback for the next Safer Neighbourhood Meeting

Feedback to be provided by police at the earlier Safer Neighbourhood Meeting. Specific speeding concerns can also be reported at <https://www.crestderbyshire.org/about-us/report-a-speeding-concern> to be logged and put on a list of possible sites for the camera van to visit.

Tom Sloan

Service Assistant

South Derbyshire District Council

4. Area Forum Liaison Officer role at DCC

A resident added that there was no response on getting a DCC officer back to the meetings again. What could Councillor Mrs Chilton update after raising it at her group meeting? Councillor Mrs Chilton replied that Paul Jameson (ex-Area Forum Liaison Officer) could not return as he had a new role. Councillor Smith added that efforts were being made to get the role refilled.

ACTION: Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton to provide a further report back on the Area Forum Liaison Officer role

(A final word on this issue has been provided below by Councillor Bob Wheeler, who was leader of SDDC at the time this report was compiled, as a review of Area Forums by the district council is

under way)

Derbyshire County Council will not send an officer as a matter of routine, but will send an officer to a forum if there's an item of particular importance to the meeting. All queries should be addressed in the first place to the relevant county councillor.

Councillor Bob Wheeler
South Derbyshire District Council

5. Canal bridge at Barrow on Trent

Councillor Shepherd raised the issue of the canal bridge at Barrow on Trent being damaged, possibly by developer's lorries visiting the new estate in Wragley Way. It had been reported to the Canal and River Trust. He felt the damage made the bridge dangerous. Could the forum ask Derby City Council for a travel plan for developers and the aforementioned trust whether the bridge would be repaired? A resident added that livestock hauliers visiting local farms could also be responsible.

ACTION: Tom Sloan to obtain travel plan and seek a timetable of repairs from the Canal and River Trust

The bridge has been assessed by our Senior Engineer who is satisfied the damaged section of the bridge is stable. Due to programming constraints, we have scheduled the repair of the bridge to take place during the 2018 financial year.

Our information is that the bridge was damaged at the end of August. However, we do not have any information as to the vehicle that struck the bridge. Your email indicated that the vehicle involved was a developer's lorry. Was there any other information available as to the identity? This would allow us to try and recoup some of the costs of the repair through the insurance company of the vehicle in question. The availability of this funding may also allow us to complete the works earlier than if the Trust has to budget for the repair.

The bridge had only just been subject to a five-figure repair earlier this year from a previous impact and I am sure you can understand that it is frustrating to be repairing it again in the space of a few months.

If you have any other queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me by return email.

Matthew Pickering
Asset Engineer (East Midlands)
Asset Management
Canal & River Trust

The Travel Plan can be viewed under the Discharge of Condition documents on our website here:

<https://docs.derby.gov.uk/paserver/index.aspx?caseref=05/13/00596>

Nigel Scollin
Senior Planning Assistant
Derby City Council

South Derbyshire District Council issues:

1. Anti-social behaviour at Foremark Reservoir

Councillor Smith said he was pleased to see regular meetings taking place with Severn Trent and thanked Stuart Batchelor for improving links with the company. Councillor Smith asked if something could be done about Chinese Lanterns released from Severn Trent land. Mr Batchelor said he would get SDDC Anti-Social Behaviour Officer Claire Rawlins to pick the issue up. Councillor Andy MacPherson added that there were people using Foremark Reservoir to camp overnight and a Severn Trent ranger would help tackle the problem.

ACTION: SDDC Anti-Social Behaviour Officer Claire Rawlins to be informed of issues at Foremark Reservoir

I have had meetings with Foremark Reservoir staff to raise issues and they are dealing with them as best they can.

Claire Rawlins
Anti-social Behaviour Officer
South Derbyshire District Council