

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.