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Neighbourhoods



**South
Derbyshire**
District Council



Keeping our Community Safe

Safer South Derbyshire Partnership



**Safer Neighbourhood
Area 4 - Central
(6.15pm - 7.15pm)**

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

and

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

**Tuesday, June 13th,
2017**

***Goseley Community
Centre
Hartshill Road
Goseley Estate
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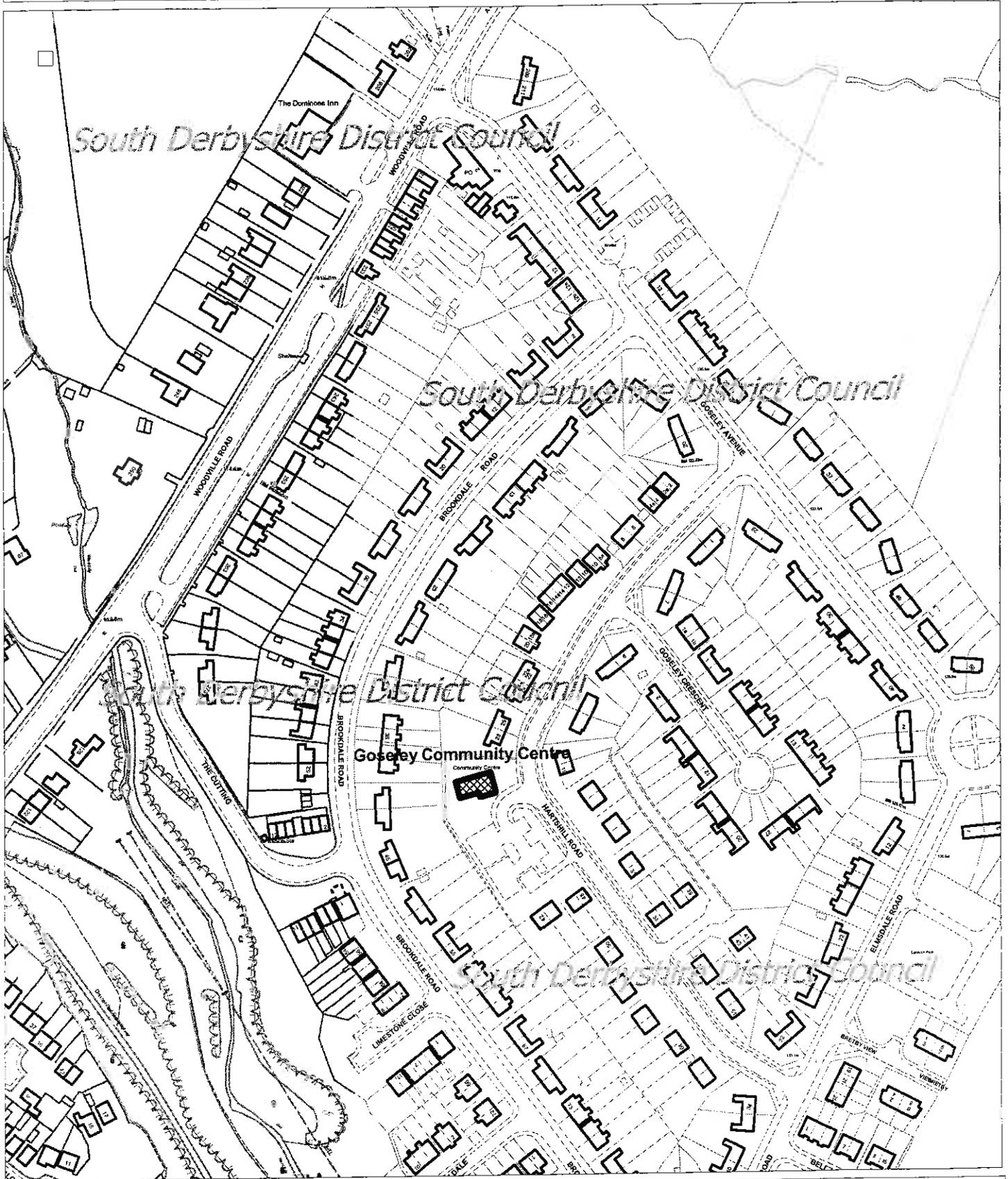
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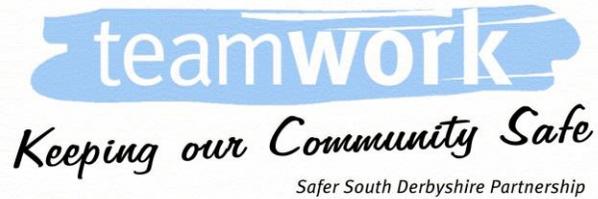


COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS 2017/18

Committee	Day	Date
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday	01.06.17
Planning	Tuesday	06.06.17
Housing & Community Services	Thursday	08.06.17
Audit Sub	Wednesday	14.06.17
Finance & Management	Thursday	15.06.17
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	21.06.17
Finance & Management (Special – Final Accounts)	Thursday	22.06.17
Planning	Tuesday	27.06.17
COUNCIL	Thursday	29.06.17
Etwall JMC	Wednesday	12.07.17
Planning	Tuesday	18.07.17
Finance and Management (Special)	Thursday	20.07.17
Planning	Tuesday	08.08.17
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday	17.08.17
Housing & Community Services	Thursday	24.08.17
Finance & Management	Thursday	31.08.17
Planning	Tuesday	05.09.17
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	06.09.17
Audit Sub	Wednesday	20.09.17
Finance & Management (Special - Final Accounts) 5pm	Thursday	21.09.17
COUNCIL	Thursday	21.09.17
Planning	Tuesday	26.09.17
Etwall JMC	Wednesday	27.09.17
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday	28.09.17
Housing & Community Services	Thursday	05.10.17
Finance & Management	Thursday	12.10.17
Planning	Tuesday	17.10.17
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	18.10.17
COUNCIL	Thursday	02.11.17
Planning	Tuesday	07.11.17
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday	16.11.17
Housing & Community Services	Thursday	23.11.17
Planning	Tuesday	28.11.17
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	29.11.17
Finance & Management	Thursday	30.11.17
Audit Sub	Wednesday	13.12.17
Planning	Tuesday	19.12.17
Environmental & Development Services (Special - Budget)	Thursday	04.01.18
Housing & Community Services (Special – Budget)	Tuesday	09.01.18
Etwall JMC	Wednesday	10.01.18
Finance & Management (Special – Budget)	Thursday	11.01.18
Planning	Tuesday	16.01.18
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	17.01.18
COUNCIL	Thursday	18.01.18

COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS 2017/18

Environmental & Development Services	Thursday	25.01.18
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	31.01.18
Housing & Community Services	Thursday	01.02.18
Planning	Tuesday	06.02.18
Audit Sub	Wednesday	14.02.18
Finance & Management	Thursday	15.02.18
COUNCIL	Monday	26.02.18
Planning	Tuesday	27.02.18
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday	01.03.18
Housing & Community Services	Thursday	08.03.18
Finance & Management	Thursday	15.03.18
Planning	Tuesday	20.03.18
Audit Sub	Wednesday	21.03.18
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday	21.03.18
Planning	Tuesday	10.04.18
Etwall JMC	Wednesday	11.04.18
COUNCIL	Thursday	12.04.18
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday	19.04.18
Housing & Community Services	Thursday	26.04.18
Planning	Tuesday	01.05.18
Finance & Management	Thursday	03.05.18
ANNUAL COUNCIL	Thursday	17.05.18
CIVIC COUNCIL	Thursday	24.05.18



AGENDA

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP - AREA 4

Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 6.15pm
at Goseley Community Centre

(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. Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview / Priorities Update
4. Partnership Update / Funding / New project ideas
5. Local issues – open forum (20 minutes)
6. Agreed priorities
7. Date of next meeting (TBA)

Meeting close (7.15pm)

AREA 4 – SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Present	Date of Meeting	Venue
<p>Councillor Kim Coe (Chair), Sgt Graham Summers, PC Stuart Kelly, PCSO Lee Walker, PCSO Claire Statham (Derbyshire Police), Shaun Woodcock (Safer South Derbyshire Partnership Community Engagement Officer).</p> <p>Malcolm Barsby, Ian Bradford, Councillor Linda Chilton, Councillor Robert Coe, Ken Dicken, Colin Dobson, Eric Lummis, J McEwan, Maureen Mycock, Eric Parker, Don Redfern, Dave Sharpe, Emma Simpson (Rural Action Derbyshire), R Slaney, Councillor Stuart Swann, Councillor Steve Taylor, Councillor Sandra Wyatt.</p> <p>Also present: Tom Sloan (Clerk).</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 15th, 2017</p>	<p>Oakland Village, Swadlincote</p>

1	Chair's Introduction. Apologies. Nominations for vice-chair	Action
	<p>Apologies were received from Jenny Burley, Helen Davis, Alan Jones, Mick Lunn, Councillor Gordon Rhind, Dot Shuttleworth, Councillor Trevor Southerd and Councillor Neil Tilley.</p>	
2	Minutes of the last meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions.	
	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on October 3rd were agreed as a true and correct record.</p>	
3	Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview / Priorities Update	
	<p>Sgt Graham Summers reported that PCSO Claire Statham had joined the team and was being trained by PCSO Lee Walker.</p> <p>In late 2015 and early 2016 there were horrendous problems in Swadlincote town centre with hordes of feral kids. It had caused police a real headache. Community Protection Notices (CPNs) had been put in place, the majority of which went to parents who were failing to control their children. The legislation had worked very well until recently. Several of the same people had raised their heads again and brought along a whole new posse of kids. Police were working very closely with SDDC's Anti-Social Behaviour Officer and Neighbourhood Wardens and had learned from the previous problems. Sgt Summers couldn't promise that the problems would be over quickly but it would be dealt with more swiftly than the last time they occurred. Criminal charges would be coming from it – including public order offences and criminal damage.</p> <p>At Christmas, police were busy with several prolific shoplifters. PC Stuart Kelly did the enforcement work and the PCSOs did the background work. A lot of the offenders were put away over Christmas and were now coming back out – it was like Groundhog Day. Sgt Summers was hopeful one offender would be back in the prison in the next couple of days.</p> <p>South Derbyshire had been hit with a spate of thefts of high powered vehicles,</p>	

	<p>particularly Audis and BMWs. Equipment was now in place to steal them, despite the manufacturers' safety devices. Organised crime teams were coming in to the area and using specialist equipment to get into these vehicles and take them away. There were burglaries being committed too in order to access keys – but a lot of it was the use of high-tech equipment.</p> <p>Councillor Sandra Wyatt said she'd seen potential thieves trying the handles of cars up her street. Sgt Summers classified it as more of an opportunistic attempt to steal from cars. What was happening elsewhere was more professional, with a car stolen for a couple of days and stored in a car park while it was discovered if it had a tracker. Shaun Woodcock added that a criminal could jam the connection between a remote key and the car. He advised anyone with a particularly high value vehicle to check that the car had actually locked before walking away from it. Sgt Summers said it was a consistent battle to be ahead of the game.</p> <p>Regarding drugs, PC Kev Cassidy was the officer who sifted through the data and went to Sgt Summers when a warrant was needed. Cannabis producers and dealers had been arrested in Area 4 and Area 5.</p> <p>Since the previous meeting, the Safer Neighbourhood team had run a campaign to catch motorists using a mobile phone at the wheel. The whole team was involved across a nine-hour period. A total of 50 vehicles were stopped and 34 people found to be using a mobile phone, either making a call, texting or changing music. One driver was still texting as he almost ran over a police officer stopping him! There were 21 other offences uncovered during the operation. The revenue raised was £9,000 in total and two people were going to court after contesting their Fixed Penalty Notices. Sgt Summers said it was amazing how many people were committing the offences. From a threat and risk point of view it was far more important than shoplifting some shampoo and razor blades.</p>	
4	Local Issues – open forum (20 minutes)	
	<p>Mr Woodcock reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Safer South Derbyshire Partnership was now attending the Swadlincote Town Team meetings. • Lots of work had been done around child sexual exploitation (CSE) with schools. An awareness event with parents had been held at Granville School. It was vital that parents were involved and similar events were planned at other secondary schools in the District. • Raising Aspirations, a project to help young people with no idea of what to do with their lives, was something Mr Woodcock would soon start work on. • Simon Brown, a wounded war veteran and inspirational speaker, had impressed the partnership with his work with youngsters in South Derbyshire. He had a tough upbringing and had been involved in drugs and criminality. After joining the forces he was wounded in Iraq but had continued to make a success of his life despite his injuries. 	
5	Partnership Update / Funding / New Project Ideas	
	<p>A resident asked what had happened regarding the raid on Swadlincote's branch of HSBC. Sgt Summers replied that enquiries centred around a group from the West Midlands.</p> <p>A member of the public reported a potential problem at the Swadlincote Christmas lights switch-on. He had spotted a pipe to a refreshment wagon covered with a mat which could have posed a trip hazard as scores of people poured off the Delph and into Belmont Street. It could potentially have caused a serious problem. Councillor Kim Coe</p>	<p>ACTION: Councillor Kim Coe to report issue</p>

<p>said she would report the issue to Cultural Services Manager Malcolm Roseburgh so he knew of a possible issue ahead of the 2017 event.</p> <p>A resident complained about two building sites in Woodville where vehicles belonging to site workers were parked on pavements in Swadlincote Road and Ashby Road.</p> <p>Councillor Wyatt complained about inconsiderate parking outside Pennine Way Junior School. She said residents had been told to take photographs of the offending cars but no one had heard anything back since. People had to bring their children to school and residents had come up with the idea of only allowing parking along one side of the road. Sgt Summers said the picture idea had been his. Unfortunately, the PCSOs couldn't be there at all times but photos could be used as evidence. He couldn't determine which side of the road people could park. There didn't seem to be an answer to the problem. Drivers had been leafleted in the past but it had a limited effect. PC Kelly added that the PCSOs had worked very closely with the school to combat the problem. PCSO Walker said a letter was going out to all parents from both schools in the area. The idea was only to target those causing repeat problems.</p> <p>A resident raised the issue of cars parking on a corner at the entrance to Chester Gardens. It was affecting the ability of drivers trying to exit the road. PCSO Walker said he would speak to the resident after the meeting.</p> <p>A member of the public complained about articulated lorries waiting on the main road to access the recycling centre in Woodville. They were causing tailbacks towards the Clock Island. A resident said there wasn't an area inside the yard where they could wait. Councillor Steve Taylor said it was an ongoing problem which had gone on for years. It needed constant vigilance on the part of Ward's to ensure the roads weren't blocked.</p> <p>A resident expressed concern for pedestrians in Coppice Side due to the speed of traffic in the street. An old man had recently fallen over in the road and if he had been on his own his life would have been in danger. Sgt Summer replied that the area had been monitored in the past and prosecutions secured as a result. The problem was that police couldn't be there all the time. Councillor Kim Coe recommended speaking to county council representative Councillor Paul Dunn.</p> <p>A member of the public asked if there had once been double yellow lines opposite Ward's in Woodville. Councillor Taylor confirmed that they were still there. The resident said that therefore trucks shouldn't be parked there. Councillor Kim Coe said it was a case of parking versus waiting. Which was it?</p> <p>A resident asked if night-time patrols would be conducted around Eureka Park as the bowls club had been targeted by vandals. Sgt Summers said often those moved on from the town centre ended up at Eureka Park. He hadn't recently received any reports of criminal damage. Mr Woodcock suggested getting in touch with SDDC Eureka Park Community Engagement Officer Charlotte Brown.</p> <p>A Goseley resident said improving weather could cause an upsurge of problems on the estate and often when police concentrated on one area it could push issues elsewhere. Sgt Summers said that would always be the case until he was given a much larger team of PCs and PCSOs to cover the area. Despite this, he hoped to soon deal with the issue in the town centre.</p>	<p>to Malcolm Roseburgh</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Agreed Priorities</p>
<p>Sgt Summers said the police's core job remained ASB. Tackling it would be the priority for the next three months.</p> <p>Councillor Kim Coe organised a minute's silence for Councillor Gill Farrington, who had</p>	

	recently died. Best wishes were also sent to Councillor Gordon Rhind, who had recently suffered a heart attack.	
7	Date of next meeting	
	To be announced.	

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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM SWADLINCOTE

(Covering Church Gresley, Hartshorne village, Goseley, Swadlincote, Woodville)

**Meeting to be held at:
Goseley Community Centre
Hartshill Road
Goseley Estate
DE11 7HJ
on Tuesday, June 13, 2017
at 7.30pm**

Members:

District Councillors: Councillors Gordon Rhind (Chairman), Mrs Kim Coe, Robert Coe, Trevor Southerd, Stuart Swann, Steve Taylor, Neil Tilley, Ray Tipping and Mrs Sandra Wyatt.

County Councillors: Mrs Linda Chilton, Gary Musson and Stuart Swann.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of interest.
3. Chairman's announcements.
4. To note the minutes of the meeting held on February 15, 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

SWADLINCOTE

Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at Oakland Grange, Swadlincote

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Steve Taylor, Councillor Mrs Kim Coe, Councillor Robert Coe, Councillor Stuart Swann, Councillor Mrs Sandra Wyatt.

Frank McArdle – Chief Executive.
Tom Sloan – Clerk.

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton.

Parish Council / Meeting Representatives

Maureen Mycock (Hartshorne Parish Council).

Members of the Public

Chris Allen, Doug Allen, Michael Barsby, Helen Kreft (Burton Mail), Eric Lummis, S Mayer, J McEwan, Dave Sharpe, Emma Simpson (Rural Action Derbyshire), Ben Stuart.

SA/19 **APOLOGIES**

Jenny Burley, Helen Davis, Colin Dobson, Councillor Paul Dunn, Paul Jameson, Alan Jones, Mick Lunn, Councillor Gordon Rhind, Dot Shuttleworth, Councillor Trevor Southerd, Councillor Neil Tilley.

SA/20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

SA/21 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chief Executive Frank McArdle wished chairman Councillor Gordon Rhind a speedy recovery from the illness which had forced him to miss the meeting. He also told the meeting that Derbyshire County Council (DCC) was now unable to supply an officer on a regular basis for future meetings.

He recorded his thanks to Paul Jameson for the work he had done at Area Forums to serve the public.

Mr McArdle asked for nominations for temporary chair from the floor. Councillor Stuart Swann nominated Councillor Steve Taylor and Councillor Sandra Wyatt seconded the motion.

Councillor Taylor took the chair and introduced Emma Simpson from Rural Action Derbyshire to give a presentation on the benefits of her charity's community gas and oil buying scheme. It aimed to save people money through collective bargaining with big suppliers. There was also a scheme to replace faulty or aging boilers free of charge.

SA/22 **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 3, 2017**

The minutes were agreed as a true and correct record of the previous meeting.

SA/23 **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

Overgrown flower beds at the Tollgate Island

Councillor Taylor reported that the problem wasn't the flower beds themselves, but the condition of the brickwork planters. Another report back was needed.

ACTION: Report to be obtained into maintenance of the brickwork

SA/24 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

A resident said they were concerned about pedestrians crossing Castle Road near its junction with Princess Street, Castle Gresley. Visibility was poor with traffic coming at speed out of the Castleton Park estate and going up the hill. Could DCC come and have a look? Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton said DCC would ask for another refuge to be installed.

ACTION: Issue to be reported to DCC Highways

A member of the public asked if there was any further information available regarding the Woodville Regeneration Route. Councillor Taylor said he understood a capital injection from the Government was needed for the route. Specific funding could not yet be announced.

A resident complained about the flooding of the roundabout at the end of Civic Way, opposite the SDDC offices. Mr McArdle replied that to his knowledge repairs had been attempted by DCC on three occasions, but

the problem was believed to lie elsewhere and was in need of further urgent investigation by the Highways Authority.

ACTION: Issue to be reported to DCC Highways

Councillor Mrs Kim Coe reported that there was still flooding under the bridge in Occupation Lane, Woodville. Councillor Taylor added that the road had been closed for a couple of weeks and it had been expected that the flood would be sorted. However, work carried out by Leicestershire County Council (LCC) to shore up a bank had not worked. DCC was aware of the situation and a solution was being sought. The land which was causing a problem was in Leicestershire but not in LCC's ownership. A resident said drains needed clearing as they were full of silt and the problem was now worse than before. Another resident added that the issue had existed in Occupation Lane for at least 50 years. What was needed was a project to fill the dip in as the rail bridge which it used to accommodate was no longer extant.

ACTION: Issue to be reported to DCC Highways

A resident complained about the pedestrian crossing near a blind corner at the top of a steep rise on the Hepworths Retail Park. Mr McArdle said he would raise the issue with the new owners of the site. The resident also asked if a sign could be erected directing delivery lorries away from Coppice Side.

ACTION: Frank McArdle to raise issues in a meeting with Hepworths owners

Councillor Taylor reported that two developers in Woodville were choosing to use the pavement for their contractors' parking, rather than their own site. The sites affected were the White Hart site in Swadlincote Road and a site in Ashby Road adjacent to some allotments.

SA/25 **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

None.

SA/26 **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

Mr McArdle informed the meeting that there was good news and challenging news for SDDC. Reserves were healthy but could only be used in a certain way to make sure they didn't run out when a rainy day occurred. In two years' time there would be an £800,000 deficit and efficiency savings were needed as Central Government funding was being reduced by £1.2 million by 2019-20. Council Tax could be raised and other charges levied could be increased. As one of the fastest growing districts outside the South East, South Derbyshire gained opportunities. The New

Homes Bonus brought money in, but that was going to be 'top sliced' to pay for DCC adult social care, as were the Business Rates. SDDC would attempt to do more with less by looking at different ways of working. Joint working with other authorities and the private sector could be considered. The new community centre in Chestnut Avenue, Midway, was a good example of working with the private sector and similar results could be achieved in other parts of the district. Houses were also being refurbished behind Swadlincote Fire Station.

On March 1, SDDC's councillors had been recommended to increase the Council Tax by 1.95%. A rise of more than 2% would have necessitated a referendum which would have cost more than any rise in the Council Tax itself. The rise meant that SDDC took 11% of the total bill from an average Band D property in the district.

Voluntary groups in the district would get an extra 1% if members agreed on March 1.

A resident asked what happened to those who attempted to avoid paying Council Tax. Mr McArdle replied that the recovery rate in South Derbyshire was almost 99%.

Councillor Mrs Wyatt asked what the recovery rate was on SDDC property rentals. Mr McArdle replied that the figure was higher than average but not as high as for Council Tax. People's ability to pay was considered. However, recovery was pursued on houses showing consistent non-payment.

SA/27 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was to be announced.

**Councillor Steve Taylor
Chair**

The meeting terminated at 8.20pm.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SWADLINCOTE AREA FORUM

(Covering: Church Gresley, Goseley, Hartshorne, Swadlincote, Woodville)

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last Swadlincote Area Forum, held on February 15, 2017, at Oakland Grange the following issues were raised and a progress report is provided.

South Derbyshire District Council issues:

1. Overgrown flower beds at the Tollgate Island

Councillor Steve Taylor reported that the problem wasn't the flower beds themselves, but the condition of the brickwork planters. Another report back was needed.

ACTION: Report to be obtained into maintenance of the brickwork

Initially, it was believed that the planters in question in a poor condition belonged to the district council. Further investigation has shown that although they have periodically been maintained by SDDC, the planters do not belong to the authority. Enquiries are being made with DCC to ascertain if the asset belongs to them.

2. Pedestrian crossing at Hepworths Retail Park

A resident complained about the pedestrian crossing near a blind corner at the top of a steep rise on the Hepworths Retail Park. Mr McArdle said he would raise the issue with the new owners of the site. The resident also asked if a sign could be erected directing delivery lorries away from Coppice Side.

ACTION: Frank McArdle to raise issues in a meeting with Hepworths owners

A verbal update will be delivered at the meeting.

Tom Sloan
Service Assistant
South Derbyshire District Council

Derbyshire County Council issues:

1. Potential for a pedestrian crossing / refuge at Castle Road

A resident said they were concerned about pedestrians crossing Castle Road near its junction with Princess Street, Castle Gresley. Visibility was poor with traffic coming at speed out of the Castleton Park estate and going up the hill. Could DCC come and have a look? Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton said DCC would ask for another refuge to be installed.

ACTION: Issue to be reported to DCC Highways

The county council receives many request for road safety improvements from across the county, the sheer number of which far outweighing the resources available. Given this demand, a system of prioritisation is employed using pertinent information, such as the number and severity of collisions which may have occurred. This helps to ensure that the resources are firstly used in locations with the greatest need and where most benefit can be achieved in terms of road safety. The limited funds must therefore be directed to those roads where there is a history of reported injury collisions, with a trend across collisions, which allows us to identify a highway improvement scheme which will effectively reduce the risk of collisions occurring. This 'methodology' for the prioritisation of funds is adopted by all local highway authorities countrywide.

A review of the police database – which records all collisions resulting in injury – reveals that there has been one at this location over the last three years (the standard test period for assessment). This involved a pedestrian entering the carriageway on Castle Road and being struck by a vehicle as it exited Princess Street. Failing to look properly was recorded as a contributory factor in the collision. While any collision is regrettable, there is nothing to suggest that this incident would have been prevented through the inclusion of a pedestrian refuge on Castle Road at this location. Given the relatively good collision history, there is little justification for the inclusion of a pedestrian refuge at this time.

Notwithstanding the above, pedestrian facilities can be considered where there is sufficient demand from pedestrian activity to justify the expenditure. While the criteria for a pedestrian refuge is less stringent than that required for a formal crossing (i.e. pelican crossing), we would still need to be able to demonstrate a certain level of pedestrian activity, a degree of difficulty experienced in crossing and a general absence of crossing facilities in the locality.

While it is acknowledged that the view of traffic leaving the roundabout is restricted, it is considered that forward visibility at the Princess Street junction is sufficient to allow those with reasonable mobility to cross the road without too much

difficulty. Alternatively, pedestrians have the option to use the pedestrian refuge at the roundabout, located approximately 60m to the south of the Princess Street junction. From here, pedestrians have an improved view of traffic approaching in all directions and have opportunity to cross the road in two phases.

2. Flooding of the roundabout in Civic Way

A resident complained about the flooding of the roundabout at the end of Civic Way, opposite the SDDC offices. Frank McArdle replied that to his knowledge repairs had been attempted by DCC on three occasions, but the problem was believed to lie elsewhere and was in need of further urgent investigation by the Highways Authority.

ACTION: Issue to be reported to DCC Highways

Previous investigations have determined that there is no damage to the drainage system here. South Derbyshire District Council, acting as agents to Derbyshire County Council, carry out the cleaning of gullies on our behalf. Highways maintenance officers have advised that there is a potential issue with a Severn Trent Water system, located on Darklands Road, which they are currently investigating.

3. Flooding under the bridge in Occupation Lane, Woodville

Councillor Mrs Kim Coe reported that there was still flooding under the bridge in Occupation Lane, Woodville. Councillor Taylor added that the road had been closed for a couple of weeks and it had been expected that the flood would be sorted. However, work carried out by Leicestershire County Council (LCC) to shore up a bank had not worked. DCC was aware of the situation and a solution was being sought. The land which was causing a problem was in Leicestershire but not in LCC's ownership. A resident said drains needed clearing as they were full of silt and the problem was now worse than before. Another resident added that the issue had existed in Occupation Lane for at least 50 years. What was needed was a project to fill the dip in as the rail bridge which it used to accommodate was no longer extant.

ACTION: Issue to be reported to DCC Highways

Works to remove banking and install a new drainage pipe has now been completed. It is anticipated that this increased capacity will help to alleviate flooding of the carriageway. LCC have also been asked to revisit the matter in order to identify a more effective solution, to minimise the level of silt being washed into the carriageway on their side of the boundary.

Paul Jameson
Area Forum Liaison Officer
South Derbyshire District Council