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Neighbourhoods



**South
Derbyshire**
District Council



Keeping our Community Safe

Safer South Derbyshire Partnership



**Safer Neighbourhood
Area 3 - North East
(6.15pm - 7.15pm)**

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

and

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

***Thursday
July 14, 2016***

***Shardlow Village Hall
The Wharf
Shardlow
DE72 2GH***

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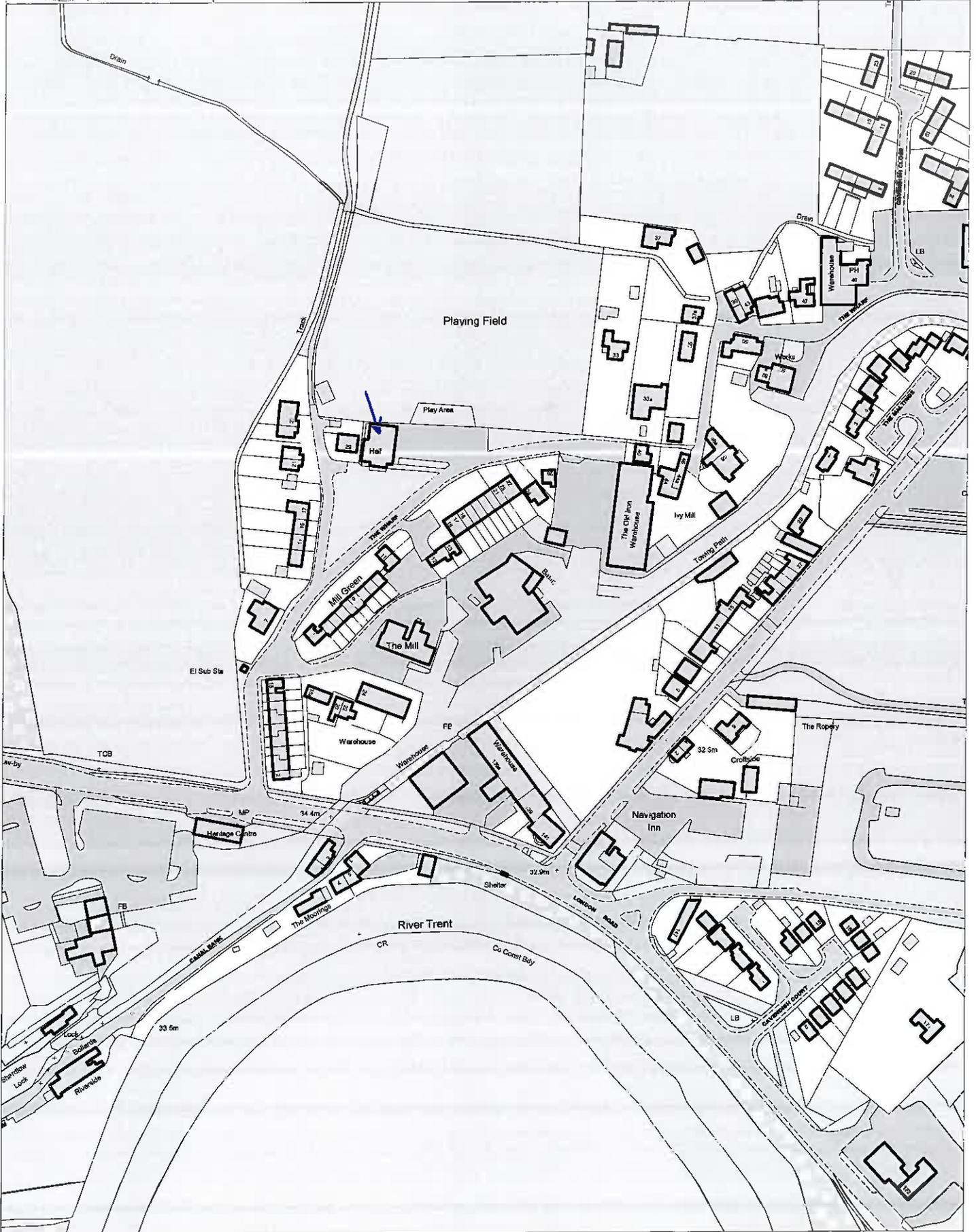
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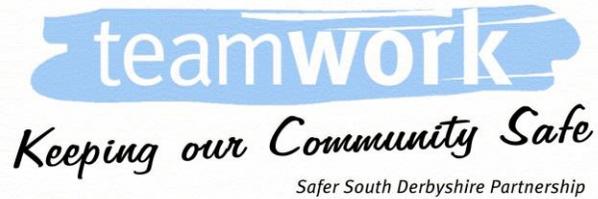
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Committee Dates – 2016/17

| <u>Committee</u> | <u>Day</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| <u>JULY 2016</u> | | |
| Planning | Tue | 19.07.16 |
| Finance & Management (Special) | Thu | 21.07.16 |
| <u>AUGUST 2016</u> | | |
| Planning | Tue | 09.08.16 |
| Environmental & Development Services | Thu | 18.08.16 |
| Housing & Community Services | Thu | 25.08.16 |
| <u>SEPTEMBER 2016</u> | | |
| Finance & Management | Thu | 01.09.16 |
| Planning | Tue | 06.09.16 |
| Overview & Scrutiny | Wed | 07.09.16 |
| Audit Sub | Wed | 21.09.16 |
| Finance & Management (Spec – Final Accounts) (5pm) | Thu | 22.09.16 |
| COUNCIL | Thu | 22.09.16 |
| Etwell JMC | Mon | 26.09.16 |
| Planning | Tue | 27.09.16 |
| Environmental & Development Services | Thu | 29.09.16 |
| <u>OCTOBER 2016</u> | | |
| Housing & Community Services | Thu | 06.10.16 |
| Finance & Management | Thu | 13.10.16 |
| Planning | Tue | 18.10.16 |
| Overview & Scrutiny | Wed | 19.10.16 |
| Employee Health & Safety Committee | Wed | 26.10.16 |
| <u>NOVEMBER 2016</u> | | |
| COUNCIL | Thu | 03.11.16 |
| Planning | Tue | 08.11.16 |
| Environmental & Development Services | Thu | 17.11.16 |
| Housing & Community Services | Thu | 24.11.16 |
| Planning | Tue | 29.11.16 |
| <u>DECEMBER 2016</u> | | |
| Finance & Management | Thu | 01.12.16 |
| Overview & Scrutiny | Wed | 07.12.16 |
| Audit Sub | Wed | 14.12.16 |
| Planning | Tue | 20.12.16 |
| <u>JANUARY 2017</u> | | |
| Environmental & Dev (Special-Budget) | Thu | 05.01.17 |
| Etwell JMC | Mon | 09.01.17 |
| Housing & Com Services (Special-Budget) | Tue | 10.01.17 |
| Finance & Management (Special-Budget) | Thu | 12.01.17 |
| Planning | Tue | 17.01.17 |
| Overview & Scrutiny | Wed | 18.01.17 |
| COUNCIL | Thu | 19.01.17 |
| Employee H & S Committee | Wed | 25.01.17 |
| Environmental & Development Services | Thu | 26.01.17 |
| <u>FEBRUARY 2017</u> | | |
| Housing & Community Services | Thu | 02.02.17 |

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| Planning | Tue | 07.02.17 |
| Overview & Scrutiny | Wed | 08.02.17 |
| Audit Sub | Wed | 15.02.17 |
| Finance & Management | Thu | 16.02.17 |
| Planning | Tue | 28.02.17 |
| MARCH 2017 | | |
| COUNCIL | Wed | 01.03.17 |
| Environmental & Development Services | Thu | 02.03.17 |
| Housing & Community Services | Thu | 09.03.17 |
| Finance & Management | Thu | 16.03.17 |
| Planning | Tue | 21.03.17 |
| Overview & Scrutiny | Wed | 22.03.17 |
| Audit Sub | Wed | 29.03.17 |
| APRIL 2017 | | |
| COUNCIL | Thu | 06.04.17 |
| Etwall JMC | Mon | 10.04.17 |
| Planning | Tue | 11.04.17 |
| Housing & Community Services | Thu | 20.04.17 |
| Employee Health & Safety Committee | Wed | 26.04.17 |
| Environmental & Development Services | Wed | 26.04.17 |
| Finance & Management | Thu | 27.04.17 |
| MAY 2017 | | |
| Planning | Tue | 09.05.17 |
| ANNUAL COUNCIL | Thu | 18.05.17 |
| CIVIC COUNCIL | Thu | 25.05.17 |



AGENDA

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP - AREA 3

Thursday, July 14th, 2016 at 6.15pm
at Shardlow 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. Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview / Priorities Update.
4. Partnership Update / Funding / New project ideas.
- Safer Homes Plus.
5. Local issues – open forum (20 minutes).
6. Agreed priorities.
7. Date of next meeting (TBA).

Meeting close (7.15pm)

AREA 3 – MELBOURNE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

| Present | Date of Meeting | Venue |
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| <p>Councillor Peter Watson (Chair), Chris Smith (South Derbyshire District Council Communities Manager), Insp Kate Bateman, Sgt Graham Summers, PC Gemma Thursfield, PCSO Emma Guest (Derbyshire Police).</p> <p>Neil Atkin (SDDC), Paul Bickerton (Elvaston Parish Council), Councillor Hilary Coyle (SDDC), Councillor Rob Davison (Derbyshire County Council), Wendy Earp (Melbourne Parish Council), Barrie Evans (Aston on Trent Neighbourhood Watch), Sarah Hänel, Paul Hänel, Mike Haynes (SDDC), Councillor Jim Hewlett (SDDC), Edward Hicklin (Aston on Trent Parish Council), Jean Longley, Mike Selby (Aston on Trent Parish Council), Dave Smith (Melbourne Parish Council), Robert Wheat (Stanton by Bridge Parish Meeting).</p> <p>Also present: Tom Sloan (clerk), Lucy Stephens (Village Voice).</p> | <p>Tuesday, January 26, 2016</p> | <p>Melbourne Assembly Rooms</p> |

| 1 | Chair's Introduction, Apologies | Action | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | <p>Councillor Peter Watson welcomed those present to the meeting and apologised for a late change of venue from Stanton by Bridge to Melbourne, with the change forced by a lack of parking at the original venue. Apologies were received from Councillor Linda Chilton and Alison Hicklin. Ed Hicklin has been nominated for the position of Vice-Chair.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Minutes of last meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions | Action | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <p>Mr Hicklin proposed the minutes and they were seconded by Councillor Jim Hewlett. One change was noted – Barrie, not Harry, Evans.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview / Priorities Update | Action | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">Crime Statistics for Area 3 Latest year to date – April 1 to December 31, 2015</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">This year</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Last year</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Violent crime</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Assault</td> <td style="text-align: center;">42</td> <td style="text-align: center;">34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robbery</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | | This year | Last year | Violent crime | | | Assault | 42 | 34 | Robbery | 4 | 5 | |
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| | Sexual offences | 7 | 7 | |
| | Theft related | | | |
| | Dwelling burglary | 20 | 11 | |
| | Non dwelling burglary | 60 | 73 | |
| | Theft of motor vehicle | 6 | 10 | |
| | Theft from motor vehicle | 48 | 37 | |
| | Shoplifting | 11 | 7 | |
| | All theft (incl. other) | 211 | 225 | |
| | Damage (incl. arson) | 45 | 39 | |
| | Drug offences | 11 | 7 | |
| | All crime (incl. misc.) | 205 | 318 | |
| | ASB | 157 | 196 | |
| | <p>Sgt Graham Summers reported that overall crime and bottom line figures are very similar to last year. There has been a spate of thefts from cars but the majority of crimes in the area are unremarkable. A member of the public asked about Melbourne's Christmas lights being vandalised, causing their eventual switch off. He remarked that "no one seemed interested" from the police. Sgt Summers said he had personally had a look at the incident while PCSO Emma Guest had also investigated. The tree was not covered by Melbourne's CCTV. The resident apologised for suggesting the police were not interested. Councillor John Harrison said that in future the tree should be placed in a position where it is covered by a CCTV camera.</p> <p>PC Gemma Thursfield reported that several thefts from cars had taken place over recent weeks. Two men are on bail for the offences while they are being investigated. Since the arrests were made, there has been a fall in the number of similar offences committed. Sgt Summers added that PCSOs at Swadlincote Police Station meticulously went through the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) information and came up with a vehicle and names of people almost certainly involved. Hours of work went into finding out who was involved, he said.</p> <p>A member of the public brought up the fact that the Safer Neighbourhoods team has only 372 followers on Twitter and therefore cannot work to effectively disseminate information. Sgt Summers said that Twitter is one of the fastest-growing social media networks and that it was a case of people making the jump to join it. He said he would review the police policy for using Facebook if residents would prefer it. A member of the public said that Aston Neighbourhood Watch was monitoring the police Twitter account and posting relevant information on Spotted Aston and Weston on Facebook.</p> | | | |
| 4 | Partnership update / funding / new project ideas | | | Sgt Graham Summers to review police policy on the use of Facebook |
| | Chris Smith reported that an application for Safer Neighbourhoods funding had been received from Area 3. It had come from the Melbourne Sporting Partnership group and was for £2,500 for CCTV and security measures at the new pavilion being built. Area 3 has received £4,900 this year. | | | |

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| | <p>Mr Smith told the meeting of the various activities undertaken in recent months by the partnership. These include child sexual exploitation awareness, domestic abuse awareness and 10 warning letters related to CPOs (Community Protection Orders). Councils like Blackpool Borough Council have issued hundreds of these orders to great effect. Steve Yates (Neighbourhood Warden) has used a hidden wildlife camera to catch a resident fly tipping. Councillor Watson reiterated that SDDC will prosecute in every case where a camera can identify someone committing an offence.</p> <p>Councillor Watson said that in Shardlow a facility was being sought for the storage of flood protection equipment. He asked if Safer Neighbourhoods funding could be used. Mr Smith said he would have to enquire if the funding could be used to this end.</p> | |
| <p>5</p> | <p>Local issues – open forum (20 minutes)</p> <p>A resident asked if lessons could be learned from the ‘Argos van crimes’. Witnesses had good evidence but it took a while to get that information through to the police. He said an urgent review of the 101 system was needed. He also asked if the Aston CCTV system could be upgraded. Councillor Watson said the comments regarding the 101 system were very similar to the last meeting in Area 3. Insp Kate Bateman said the 101 system would hopefully improve over time. At present it was a case of living with it. An urgent call should still be made using the 999 system, she said. Councillor Watson said the perception existed that the police were not serving the community and it is a case of showing that the police are doing a good job.</p> <p>A member of the public asked if figures regarding prosecutions for crimes in Area 3 were available as well as figures showing the number of offences. Insp Bateman said it would be a huge undertaking, as crimes were often not processed by the courts for up to a year.</p> <p>PCSO Guest said three or four cannabis warnings had been made to drug users at locations including Staunton Harold, Ticknall Village Hall and Trent Lane, Kings Newton. A resident said there was a “considerable” problem with drug taking in Trent Lane, so it was good to see the police doing something about it. Sgt Summers added that cannabis was “here to stay” and had been widely used for 40 years, so users would simply move on to another location.</p> <p>Mr Smith said a new laptop computer and hard drive had been bought by the partnership for Aston’s CCTV system, but there was still an issue with a wireless connection at the Post Office.</p> | |
| <p>6</p> | <p>Agreed priorities</p> <p>Sgt summers said no priorities were needed and the police should continue with the job in hand. Councillor Davison said he thought it was a “missed opportunity” and that the police should prioritise how they communicate with residents. Most people under the age of 50 use Twitter, he said, but that was only three people in the room.</p> | |

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| | <p>Mr Smith said the Community Safety Partnership should look at the feasibility of putting together a communication strategy. This was proposed by Councillor Watson and seconded by Councillor Davison.</p> <p>PCSO Guest asked if parish councillors from Aston and Weston could tell local tradesmen to be vigilant regarding the content of their vans while out on jobs.</p> | |
| 7 | Date of next meeting | |
| | <p>The meeting closed at 7.10pm.</p> <p>Next meeting date and venue to be advised.</p> | |

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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 MELBOURNE

(Covering Aston-on-Trent, Barrow-on-Trent, Elvaston, Melbourne, Shardlow & Great Wilne, Stanton-by-Bridge, Swarkestone and Weston-on-Trent)

**Meeting to be held at
Shardlow Village Hall
The Wharf
Shardlow
Derby
DE72 2GH
on Thursday, July 14th, 2016
at 7.30pm.**

Members:

District Councillors: Councillors John Harrison (Chairman), Peter Watson (Vice Chairman), Neil Atkin, Mrs Hilary Coyle and Jim Hewlett.

County Councillors: Councillors Mrs Linda Chilton and Rob Davison.

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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 January 26th, 2016 (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

AREA 3 – MELBOURNE AREA

January 26, 2016 at Melbourne Assembly Rooms

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor John Harrison (Chair), Councillor Neil Atkin, Councillor Mrs Hilary Coyle, Councillor Jim Hewlett, Councillor Peter Watson.

Mike Haynes (Director of Housing and Environmental Services), Tom Sloan (Clerk).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Rob Davison.

Parish Council / Meeting Representatives

Paul Bickerton (Elvaston Parish Council), Wendy Earp (Melbourne Parish Council), AR Jefferies (Elvaston Community Group), Dave Smith (Melbourne Parish Council), Robert Wheat (Stanton by Bridge Parish Meeting).

Members of the Public

None.

MA/20 **Apologies for absence**

Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton (Derbyshire County Council), Paul Jameson (Derbyshire County Council), Avril Record.

MA/21 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

MA/22 **Chairman's Announcements**

Councillor John Harrison announced that South Derbyshire District Council's Scrutiny and Overview meetings were going to be peripatetic for a time. The next meeting, on February 10, would be held at the Melbourne Assembly Rooms and discuss Section 106 agreements. Details and timings would be

circulated in due course. Councillor Neil Atkin confirmed that the meetings start at 5pm for the public. This was criticised as being too early. Councillor Mrs Hilary Coyle said the Council was looking at ways a meeting held later could be temporarily suspended to hear the public's views.

MA/23 **The minutes of the meeting held on October 29, 2015**

The minutes were proposed by Councillor Mrs Coyle, seconded by Councillor Atkin and approved.

MA/24 **Report back on issues raised at the last meeting**

Swarkestone Causeway Enforcement Project

Neill Bennett, Derbyshire County Council's Senior Project Officer (Transportation), provided a report to Councillor Rob Davison on a meeting he had with the Derbyshire Police chief of the Casualty Reduction Enforcement Resource Team (CREST) operation. The feedback Mr Bennett received early in the New Year was that Swarkestone did not feature in the police threat and risk priorities and as such the CREST unit could not support enforcement operations and the demands it would place on the back office, unless DCC could fund that operation. Given the current state of finance this was not an option.

Councillor Harrison said the response seemed to lack appreciation of the gravity of the problem of overweight vehicles on Swarkestone Causeway; it was this and not speeding traffic that needed enforcement. He pointed out that the bridge was a Grade A listed monument and had tens of thousands of vehicles travelling across it including lorries which should not be there, causing danger of future damage and even the collapse of the structure. Councillor Harrison said this demanded immediate attention. Councillor Davison reiterated his belief that Mr Bennett was committed to getting enforcement on the Causeway but was faced with the issue of costs. Councillor Peter Watson thanked Councillor Davison for the report but added that the information should have been available in advance and that the two issues which DCC were asked to report back on from the last meeting had not been adequately answered.

Councillor Davison reported that five truck drivers had been prosecuted for breaching the weight restriction on the Causeway. Total fines imposed: £1,526. Total of costs / court charges imposed: £1,178. In addition, three drivers were scheduled to appear in court on February 22 and three more reports were under consideration. Two further drivers had been issued with formal cautions and six drivers had received warning letters. One driver had been prosecuted for breaching the weight restriction through the village of Stanton-by-Bridge. He was fined £450 with costs of £305.

A resident added that a leaking water main under the A514 at Swarkestone had caused part of the road to collapse. Another resident reported that traffic lights put up around road works at the Cuttle Bridge were allowing too few cars

through in one direction. Councillor Mrs Coyle said that traffic was not allowed to back up onto the A50 island, so that was the reason for the lights' timing. Councillor Harrison added that what was happening at the Cuttle Bridge was a microcosm of what would happen if the Causeway collapsed.

MA/25 **Public questions on issues raised by residents**

Councillor Jim Hewlett reported that a motorist had blocked the entrance to the car park of Melbourne Senior Citizens' Centre with its members' cars parked and unable to get out. It took half an hour to find the driver responsible. Councillor Hewlett asked if pressure could be brought on the highways authority to put double yellow lines down to discourage parking across the entrance, or even paint a white line to draw attention to it. He asked a year ago for measures to be taken. Councillor Harrison said the issue should be taken up by Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton upon her return. Councillor Mrs Coyle asked if it was a police matter.

ACTION: Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton to raise issue with Derbyshire County Council.

A resident reported that the road through Thulston was showing serious signs of stress right through the village. There was a large hole near the Harrington Arms and the resident said it was fortunate there had been no accident there. A motorcycle which hit the hole would be in difficulties, he added. He felt the roads in rural areas such as Thulston were not suitable for the levels of traffic they were now experiencing with the growth in South Derbyshire's population. Councillor Davison noted the complaints.

ACTION: Councillor Rob Davison to notify Derbyshire County Council of complaints.

Councillor Watson raised the issue of the kerb stone outside the Bay Tree in Melbourne. It had not yet been repaired, despite Derbyshire County Council carrying out works elsewhere in the village. Councillor Harrison added that South Derbyshire District Council's previous Heritage Officer had insisted on the kerb stones being made from sandstone. Very large vehicles' back wheels go over it and the sandstone cracks. During Councillor Harrison's time as a county councillor, efforts had been made to fill in the gaps created with concrete, which didn't take, and later with tar, which had also failed. Since then, he said, nothing had been done about this eye sore in the centre of the village. Councillor Harrison added that what was needed was a granite kerb, only it didn't fit in with the niceties of the conservation area. Councillor Hewlett said a similar repair (granite) had been carried out along the road at the junction of Chapel Street and Derby Road. Councillor Harrison said a precedent had therefore been set.

ACTION: Councillor John Harrison and Councillor Jim Hewlett to pursue the issue at South Derbyshire District Council and Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton to do likewise at Derbyshire County Council.

MA/26 **County Council Issues**

None.

MA/27 **District Council issues**

Local Plan

Mike Haynes (Director of Housing and Environmental Services) reported that South Derbyshire District Council's Local Plan Part 1 was now with the Government Planning Inspector awaiting her final recommendations. If there was a positive response, the plan would be adopted in the spring. The Local Plan Part 2 was currently under consultation. SDDC's Open Space Strategy was also being consulted upon and Mr Haynes reminded the meeting that facilities needed to ensure their inclusion to avoid missing out on Section 106 money.

South Derbyshire District Council finances

Mr Haynes also spoke about the forthcoming £1.5 million savings needed to be found by SDDC by 2018-19. He said he was confident the authority would meet the challenge head on and bring about the savings needed. Councillor Harrison added that the financial situation in the short-term for SDDC was satisfactory, with £5 million in reserve. He said the savings needed would be made. A resident asked by how much Council Tax was going up and Councillor Harrison confirmed it would be by 1.95% for SDDC, subject to Full Council approval. Mr Haynes added that Derbyshire County Council was free to increase Council Tax by a further amount to help fund adult social care. Councillor Harrison said the cut in Central Government grant to SDDC would be to some extent offset by the New Homes Bonus, which rewarded authorities for approving housing developments, and the retention of Business Rates. Councillor Davison added that DCC had raised Council Tax by 3.9% and was facing a £12m rise in care for elderly residents.

MA/28 **Date of Next Meeting**

To be advised in due course.

CHAIRMAN

The meeting terminated at 8.25pm.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MELBOURNE AREA FORUM

(Covering Aston-on-Trent, Barrow-on-Trent, Elvaston, Melbourne, Shardlow & Great Wilne, Stanton by Bridge, Swarkestone and Weston-on-Trent)

July 14th, 2016

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the Melbourne Area Forum held on January 26th, 2016 at Melbourne Assembly Rooms, the following issues were raised. They are listed below, together with progress made to date:

1. SWARKESTONE CAUSEWAY

Paul Jameson has provided an update on the long-running Swarkestone Causeway Enforcement Project.

The following update has been received from Neill Bennett in DCC's Transportation Team, in regard to the overweight vehicle project for Swarkestone:

- I have met with traffic and safety colleagues regarding options, and plans have been drawn up to assist with this.
- We are looking at providing VAS (Vehicle Activated Signs) on the main routes as previously discussed.
- Review of signing alongside the provision of VAS to make messages clear to HGV road users.
- A specification will be produced, and alongside the drawings, will be used to go out to the market to ascertain likely costs – this is to test the market to assess whether our budget is sufficient before we commit.
- To create the specification there needs to be further work to:-
- Assess locations of underground services.
- Assess the proximity of potential power supplies – this will have implications for budget if power is not available in the locations specified.
- Look at options for wireless triggering of signs as the ducting of cables is costly and disruptive.
- Assuming that all goes to plan over the summer, we hope to be in a position to present our proposals to a future forum.

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