# South Derbyshire Area Forum



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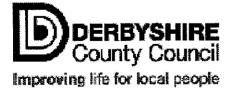


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Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010

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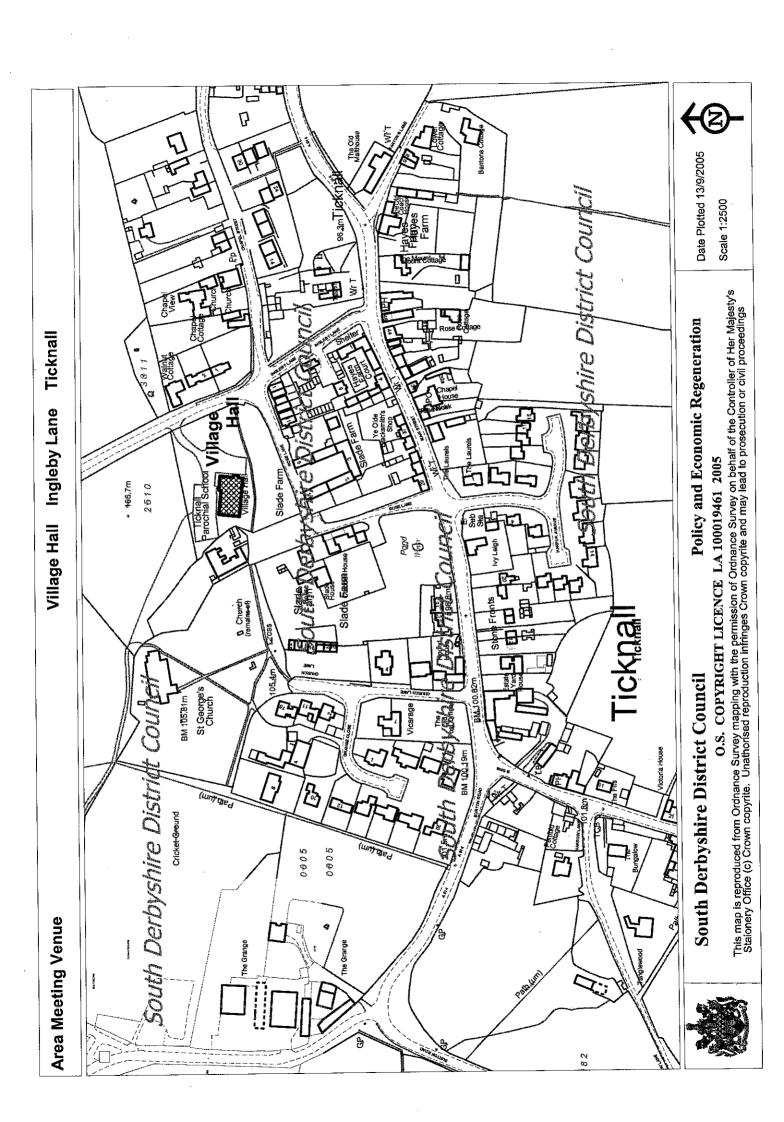
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## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

Unless stated otherwise, all meetings will be held at the Council's Civic Offices and will start at 6.00 p.m.

COUNCIL	Thursday 8.7.10
Newhall Area Forum, Rowland Memorial Hall,	Tuesday, 13.7.10
James Street, Midway at 7.00 p.m.	
Linton Area Forum, Rosliston & Cauldwell	Wednesday, 14.7.10
Village Hall, Main Street, Rosliston at 7.00 p.m.	
Swadlincote Area Forum, St. George's and St.	Thursday, 15.7.10
Mary's Parish Rooms, Church Street, Church	
Gresley at 7.00 p.m.	
Etwall Leisure Centre, Etwall Leisure Centre,	Monday 19.7.10
John Port School, Etwall at 5.00 p.m.	
Repton Area Forum, Repton Village Hall, Askew	Tuesday, 20.7.10
Grove, Repton at 7.00 p.m.	
Etwall Area Forum, Findern Village Hall, Castle	Thursday 22.7.10
Hill, Findern at 7.00 p.m.	
Planning	Tuesday 27.7.10
Planning	Tuesday 24.8.10
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 26.8.10
Housing & Community Services	Thursday 2.9.10
Finance & Management	Thursday 9.9.10
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 15.9.10
Planning	Tuesday 21.9.10
Standards	Tuesday 28.9.10
Audit Sub at 4.00 p.m.	Wednesday 29.9.10
COUNCIL	Thursday 30.9.10

#### SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

# SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MELBOURNE

(Covering Aston-on-Trent, Barrow-on-Trent, Calke, Elvaston, Foremark, Ingleby, Melbourne, Shardlow & Great Wilne, Smisby, Stanton-by-Bridge, Stenson Fields, Swarkestone, Ticknall, Twyford & Stenson and Weston-on-Trent)

Meeting to be held at the
Ticknall Village Hall
Ingleby Lane
Ticknall
DE73 7JQ
on Wednesday, 21st July 2010
at 7.00 p.m.

(Light Refreshments will be available at 6.30 p.m.)

Members:

District Councillors:

Councillor Harrison (Chairman) and Councillors Atkin, Bladen, Mrs.

Coyle, Hewlett, Murray, Pabla, Shepherd, Stanton, Watson, and

Mrs. Wheeler.

County Councillors:

Councillors Ford, Harrison and Murray.

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#### **BUSINESS**

- 1. Apologies for absence.
- 2. Appointment of Vice-Chairman
- 3. Declarations of Interest.
- 4. Police issues.
- 5. Chairman's Announcements.
- 6. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th March 2010 (copy attached).
- 7. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
- 8. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
- 9. County Council issues.
- 10. District Council issues.
- 11. Date of Next Meeting (details will be confirmed).

#### SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

#### **MELBOURNE**

#### 17th March 2010

#### PRESENT:-

#### **District Council Representatives**

Councillor Harrison (Chairman), Councillor Watson (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Hewlett, Pabla and Shepherd.

J. Jones (Director of Corporate Services), P. Spencer (Democratic Services) and K. Ward (Helpdesk).

#### **County Council Representatives**

Councillor Harrison.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

#### **Derbyshire Constabulary**

Sergeant A. Sutherland.

#### Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

D. Martin (Aston-on-Trent Parish Council), K. Slater (Barrow-on-Trent Parish Council), F. Mitchell (Elvaston Parish Council), C. Fellows and R. Lisewski (Stenson Fields Parish Council) and R. Wheat (Stanton-by-Bridge Parish Meeting).

#### **Members of the Public**

D. Bayliss, D. Bellis, R. Knibb, A. Madeley, G. Pollard, R. Saxby, P. Waters, K. Whewell.

#### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District and County Councillor Ford and District Councillor Mrs. Coyle.

#### MA/24. POLICE ISSUES

Sergeant Sutherland gave an update on crime statistics. Overall, there had been a slight reduction in crime levels and a breakdown was provided on specific areas. There had been a slight increase in the level of reported antisocial behaviour. At the Safer Neighbourhood Meeting held the previous week, priorities had been set for the next three months and these were reducing anti-social behaviour in two areas of Aston-on-Trent and addressing car crime in Melbourne.

A District Councillor was concerned about anti-social behaviour in the Stenson Fields area, explaining the problems being experienced by local residents. Whilst this area was in close proximity to the City of Derby, police cover was provided from Swadlincote. Collaboration was sought between the two Police Divisions to address the reported problems. Residents were encouraged to report all problems on the telephone number 0345 123 3333, or for reactive support when crimes were taking place by ringing 999.

There were concerns related to door-to-door sales by people thought to be former offenders. Sometimes they were visiting properties after dark, which was disturbing for some residents. The Sergeant responded that whilst this might be a nuisance, it was not a crime. It was questioned what could be done to regulate this and noted that individuals had to apply to the local authority for a Hawker's Licence. At the Safer Neighbourhood meetings, residents could obtain signs, which discouraged door-to-door sales people. In Leicestershire, an authority had designated no "cold calling" zones. It was agreed that Officers at the District Council undertake research on Hawker's Licences, including the conditions attached to them and provide a report back to the next Meeting.

In response to further questions, confirmation was provided on the telephone numbers to be used when reporting incidents. A resident voiced concerns about the speed of traffic along the A5132 between Swarkestone and Barrow-on-Trent.

#### MA/25. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman provided information on Liberation Day, which would take place at the Bretby Conference Centre on 20th May 2010. This year, priority was being given to people who had not attended before, which should help residents in rural areas to get the much sought after places. It was noted that residents had to be aged 65 or over to attend. To request a place, residents should ring the registration line on 01283 595795. Full details were available via the District Council's website.

#### MA/26. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Melbourne Area Forum held on 2nd February 2010 were noted.

#### MA/27. REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

Information had been circulated with the agenda to provide an update on the issues raised at the last Meeting. The Chairman reviewed each of the items, providing further updates where appropriate. On winter gritting, it was explained that the County Council had increased its resources for this service area by some £2million. It was requested that Deepdale Lane at Stenson Fields be added to the County Council's gritting run. Previous requests by a District Councillor and the local Parish Council had been refused. The Chairman urged that a further request be made to Councillor Chris Jackson, the Cabinet Member for Highways.

#### MA/28. PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS

Further reference was made to Deepdale Lane, about the installation of a safety barrier adjacent to the canal. A resident was critical that the road had been closed for three weeks, that no pothole repairs had taken place during that time, but most significantly that the barrier actually worsened safety on a particular corner, which vehicles were now taking much wider. It was requested that speed limits be reduced on this section of road and that traffic calming be introduced, to reduce the risk of road traffic accidents. The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to pursue this matter and would provide a report to the next Meeting.

A District Councillor referred to a hot food takeaway premises in Pilgrims Way, Stenson Fields and food wrappers were being deposited, causing litter. A request was submitted for an additional litter bin and it was asked that the District Council fund this. A representative of the Parish Council commented that it would be prepared to provide some funding. It was agreed that Officers of the District Council liaise with the Parish Council Clerk regarding the provision of an additional litter bin. The Environmental Health Team would also be informed, with a view to taking enforcement action.

#### MA/29. COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES - BIG CHOICES - WASTE CONSULTATION

The Forum Liaison Officer publicised a Joint Consultation by Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council on plans for waste management over the next twenty years. The consultation period had been extended to the end of April 2010 and residents' views were sought to shape the formation of a draft plan, on which further consultation would then take place. A copy of the report was available via the County Council's website or by phoning Call Derbyshire. Residents were urged to respond to this consultation and the Chairman spoke about the increasing costs of waste disposal.

A view was expressed that insufficient time had been allowed for this consultation and others, which the District and County Councils undertook. Local representatives explained the difficulties in responding effectively to such consultations, given the frequency of their meetings amongst other things. The Chairman urged that parish councils respond to the consultation exercise, seeking an extension for their views to be submitted.

There followed a discussion about consultation generally and how this could be made more effective. This included reference to the available parish newsletters, such as the Melbourne Village Voice and the quarterly magazine that circulated in Aston-on-Trent. The comments made by local representatives were noted and it was felt that the District and County Council could work with these organisations to improve communication. It would be helpful if parish councils could notify of publication dates and deadlines. The Forum Liaison Officer explained the other mechanisms used for this consultation exercise.

#### FM/30. **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

A District Councillor referred to the Local Development Framework (LDF) and the recent exhibitions that had been held. He spoke about the importance of this process and had been surprised by the lack of local awareness of the LDF. A further exhibition would take place at the Stenson Fields Primary School on Friday 19th March 2010 and he urged residents to attend. Another District Member also spoke of the importance of the LDF process and the lack of responses received to date. If parish councils were unable to submit detailed responses at this stage, he urged them to at least submit their respective parish plans, even if these documents were in draft form, to give some input to the LDF process.

#### MA/31. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Details of the dates and venues for future Area Forum Meetings would be circulated to residents in due course.

J. HARRISON

**CHAIRMAN** 

The Meeting terminated at 8.20 p.m.

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21st July 2010

#### REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last Melbourne Area Forum held on 17th March 2010 at the Stenson Fields Primary School, a number of issues were raised. These issues are listed below, together with progress made to date:-

#### **Derbyshire County Council Issues:**

#### 1. WOODSHOP LANE, SWARKESTONE: PROPOSED FOOTWAY

DCC Liaison Officer reported that he had enquired with the officers who had originally designed this scheme and had been advised that the issue regarding land ownership had not been resolved. As such, the scheme was no longer being pursued.

The Liaison Officer had also enquired with the appropriate legal officer to clarify whether there was any possibility that the land ownership dispute could be resolved. The forum, and resident who raised the matter, would be updated in due course.

Confirmation has now been received from the DCC Legal Officer that, due to the significant difficulties relating to land ownership issues, the footway scheme here is no longer being actively pursued.

#### 2. DEEP DALE LANE, STENSON FIELDS: SAFETY BARRIERS & SPEED LIMIT

A number of issues were raised in regard to Deep Dale Lane:

- a) A resident stated that Deep Dale Lane had been closed for two weeks in order to install a safety barrier and it was questioned why, during that time, were the potholes and general carriageway deterioration at the edges not attended to? This matter was passed for the attention of the local Highway Inspector. It has been further reported, that following investigation, no patching is considered necessary. There were, however, two or three areas of minor edge of carriageway deterioration. An order has been issued to have these areas repaired.
- b) Concern was raised in regard to the safety barrier itself. It was suggested that the barrier had not been put in the correct place as a car had again gone into the canal. There is also a yellow & black square on the edge of the barrier, which sticks into the carriageway and forces vehicles into the middle of the road.

The safety barrier has been installed at the most vulnerable point of Deep Dale Lane (where recent incidents of vehicles going into the canal had occurred). Consideration was originally given to the possibility of constructing a barrier along the entire length of the canal but the cost would have been prohibitively expensive and difficult to justify. As such, it was decided to construct a short, more affordable barrier at the problem location. There is the potential to extend the safety barrier in the future but this would require significant funds. Funds for such a scheme are not currently available or being pursued at this time.

The purpose of the yellow/black square on the safety barrier is to make drivers aware of the presence/end of the barrier. The positioning of the square has been checked and it was noted that it hangs above and slightly to the back of the white edge of carriageway marking; it does not intrude into the carriageway itself and would not force passing drivers into the middle of the road.

c) The local parish councils have previously requested a 30 or 40mph limit on Deep Dale Lane, although they were told by DCC that this would not be possible. It was believed that a 30mph limit would then allow for speed humps to be installed which would physically prevent people from speeding around the bend. Could DCC please reconsider this request for a lower speed limit and speed humps?

Deep Dale Lane is largely rural in nature with very few accesses. As such, it does not meet the criteria set out by the Department for Transport for the introduction of either a 30mph or 40mph speed restriction. Furthermore, even if a 30mph restriction was considered appropriate, speed humps would require the introduction of street lighting which would have considerable funding and environmental implications.

It is anticipated that the recent introduction of the safety barrier- supported by the previous improvements to the signing/lining at this location – will have the desired impact on road safety on Deep Dale Lane.

#### 3. 'BIG CHOICES' WASTE CONSULTATION

In response to information provided for the 'Big Choices' consultation, local councillors expressed disappointment at the shortness of the consultation period (officially closing on 9<sup>th</sup> April, although DCC's Liaison Officer advised that comments could be submitted up until the end of April). It was felt that this should have been brought to the Forum's attention at the previous meeting. Parish council's don't meet regularly enough to allow sufficient time to consider the consultation and there was a general feeling that the consultation should be extended up until the end of May. Some parish councils also stated that they had not been consulted on this matter.

DCC Liaison Officer advised that the community forums were only one mechanism by which DCC was consulting. A widespread consultation had already been carried out – i.e. a mailing list of 700, local press and radio interviews, advertising via the 50 biggest supermarkets in the County, etc.

The Big Choices consultation is not a statutory consultation – it is being done as part of our general duty to try to involve people in the preparation of the Plan (the Core Strategy Development Plan document) – so there is no legal period in which we are required to consult.

The only stage at which there is a legal consultation period is when we have prepared the plan, ready for submission to the Secretary of State for approval. At that stage (which we have programmed for June 2011), there is a legally required consultation period of a minimum of 6 weeks.

The period of consultation for Big Choices was initially 2 months (5 February to 9 April), but the end date was always flexible. Because some people anticipated difficulty in replying in that time DCC confirmed that it would accept replies up until the end of April.

Parish councils and other respondents have usually been able to reply to our planning consultations within 6-8 weeks in recent years and, where they have had difficulties, we have allowed them longer (except when there were statutory limits).

Regarding the suggestion that earlier notice should have been given (i.e. at the January Forum); we could not consult people on a document that had not yet been finalised and approved for consultation. If we had been ready to consult in January we would still have set a 2-month period. People often complain that planning moves too slowly and so we have to hope that those we consult will look at their processes and see if they can adapt, to help us keep things moving.

DCC strives to be flexible. It wants it to be known that the preparation of this Plan is a continuous process and, until DCC has finalised any particular document, it is always open to comments and opinions. People are welcome to contribute whatever they like about waste planning whenever they like. If some do not reply until May, their comments will still come in useful as we prepare for the autumn consultation.

#### South Derbyshire District Council Issues:

#### 1 LITTER BIN – STENSON FIELDS

Following the request made at the last meeting, the District Council was asked to liaise with the Parish Council Clerk regarding the provision of an additional litter bin and it is understood that this has been actioned. The Environmental Health Team were also informed, with a view to taking enforcement action.

#### 2. HAWKER'S LICENCES

It was agreed that Officers at the District Council undertake research on Hawker's Licences, including the conditions attached to them. A response has been provided by Environmental Health Officers as follows: The Hawkers licence was repealed several years ago, but it is believed the enquiry may be about Pedlars' Licences, which are a different matter.

A pedlar is someone who typically travels around selling door to door or at organised events such a fairs. The pedlar pays £12.50 to the Police and can then trade anywhere in England and Wales for 12 months. It is understood there are no time limits on the pedlars' hours of operation. The Government has recently closed a consultation on legislation, but the Council is not aware of any conclusion that has yet come out from that consultation. This matter has also been referred to police colleagues.