

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

LINTON – AREA 6

Wednesday 3rd July 2019 at Walton Village Hall

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council representatives

Councillor Melanie Bridgen (Chair), Councillor Andrew Brady, Councillor Amy Wheelton

Ardip Kaur – Head of Legal and Democratic Services & Monitoring Officer
Chris Smith – Communities Manager
Debbie Ward – Service Assistant

Derbyshire County Council representatives

Councillor Pat Murray

Derbyshire Police representatives

PC Stuart Kelly

Parish Council/ Meeting representatives

Karen Bradford (Coton in the Elms Parish Council), Councillor Paul Marbrow (Rosliston Parish Council), Councillor Stephanie Marbrow (Rosliston Parish Council), Councillor Janice Pallett (Castle Gresley Parish Council), Oliver Pallett (Castle Gresley Parish Council), John Powell (Linton Parish Council), Kevin Tizzard (Linton Parish Council)

Members of the public

Chris Beebee, Jane Beebee, Eddie Bisknell, Katy Fieldhouse, Paul Holland, Rob Talbot, Joanna Tounson, Arthur Webb

LA/1 **Open meeting**

• **Introductions and apologies**

Councillor Sheila Jackson (Castle Gresley Parish Council), Councillor Dan Pegg Siobhan Burton (South Derbyshire CVS)

- **Declarations of interest**

None.

- **Chair's announcements**

Councillor Melanie Bridgen was elected Chair of the meeting and proposed as Vice Chair for future meetings, all were in favour.

The new Summer Activities leaflet has been launched to promote Active South Derbyshire's summer holiday programme.

The Council has just submitted its Local Green Spaces Plan for examination by the Planning Inspectorate. Local Green Spaces are areas of land that are of value to the local community; they can be located in rural or built up areas. Once allocated, a local green space would have a policy designation similar to that of green belt, and therefore would restrict future development. The examination is expected to take place in the late summer or autumn.

- **To receive the minutes of the last meeting**

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

- **Matters arising from last minutes**

None.

LA/2 Police Safer Neighbourhood report

PC Stuart Kelly provided the following report: -

- Drugs and County Lines – please continue to keep an eye on vulnerable neighbours and report anything suspicious to 101.
- A male was arrested during a public order incident in which he was searched and found to be in possession of a large quantity of drugs.
- Shoplifting – the number of crimes for shoplifting is down on previous months.
- There have been a number of recent dwelling burglaries in the area where entry has been gained through forced rear windows and doors. Please be vigilant and report anything suspicious to 101.
- There were two garage breaks on Clifton Road, Netherseal.
- An out-building was attacked in Coton in the Elms.
- Farm machinery was stolen from a farm at Grangewood.

- There was a car theft in Overseal. Keys were stolen from the owner's property.
- A BT van was parked up in the secure car park at the Telephone Exchange on Burton Road, Overseal where offenders stole £10k worth of equipment.
- A van was broken into during the early hours of the morning in Overseal by forcing the driver's door with a screwdriver. A suitcase containing high value jewellery items and a works radio were taken. Please ensure that valuables are not left in vehicles overnight and ensure that your vehicles are secured.
- Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) – Community Protection Notice Warnings (CPNW's) are being issued to parents in regard to their children's behaviour in a bid to help combat ASB in the South Derbyshire area, with success. A CPNW would be the first stage and hopefully the last in the process but can be followed by a Community Protection Notice, up to x2 Fixed Penalty Notices and also Court proceedings dependant on the circumstances surrounding the case in question.
- Bike Marking & Van Alarm events – please refer to Social Media for dates and times of upcoming events.
- Nuisance motorbikes have been an issue throughout the district – operation BRENCO has now been set up in order to try and tackle the problem. Members of the Public are encouraged to get in touch with Crime Stoppers and a £1000 reward is on offer for information which leads to a successful conviction. The campaign also invites motorists to upload dash-cam footage of nuisance motorbikes to the Derbyshire capture website (<https://snap.derbyshire.police.uk/>).
- Social Media is being used to engage with the local community. Please however do not use this to report crime.
- There have been some recent changes in staff as there is now a rural crime team. A new officer has started in Melbourne and there are more coming between now and August which should make a full complement of six PC's plus a number of PCSO's across the Safer Neighbourhood Team by the end of the summer.

Councillor Pat Murray asked whether the number plate security screws would be included at the Bike Marking & Van Alarm events.

Chris Smith responded to say that Mark from Safer Homes who attends the events together with the PCSO's usually has a supply of the screws but this hasn't been publicised.

A resident asked whether the Police would consider holding a Bike Marking & Van Alarm event in one of the villages. Rosliston Forestry Centre was suggested as a potential venue.

ACTION: Chris Smith to look into organising a Village Bike Marking & Van Alarm event at Rosliston Forestry Centre.

A resident reported receiving scam emails and phone calls.

Chris Smith advised that people need to be vigilant and are encouraged to report any scam emails/ calls received to Action Fraud (www.actionfraud.police.uk/) or call 0300 123 2040.

Councillor John Powell reported that in the last week a home-made crack pipe and other drug paraphernalia was found by a Parish Councillor at Linton Recreation Ground.

Councillor Pat Murray suggested that perhaps the Bike Marking events could be held at schools as part of a road safety programme.

ACTION: Chris Smith to speak to PCSO Kerry Wallington-Waite to see whether Bike Marking could be linked in with cycle/ road safety initiatives in schools.

A resident raised speeding issues at either end of the A444 through Overseal.

PC Stuart Kelly advised that speeding issues should be reported to the Casualty Reduction Enforcement Support Team (CREST) at www.crestderbyshire.org/.

Councillor Melanie Bridgen asked whether there was an alternative non-premium rate number that people can call rather than calling 101.

Chris Smith advised that there wasn't an alternative number and a resident added that on the 'Ask the Police' website it explains that calls to 101 cost a total of 15p, no matter how long the call, what time of day it is made or whether it is from a landline or mobile phone.

Councillor Melanie Bridgen asked whether there was a particular day or time that the recent spate of dwelling house burglaries occur.

PC Stuart Kelly advised that the majority of incidents happened on a Tuesday at various times throughout the day.

Councillor John Powell reported that two Irish males have been wandering around Linton village acting suspiciously.

PC Stuart Kelly advised that it is always worth calling in any suspicious behaviour to 101.

LA/3 **Safer South Derbyshire Partnership update and Safer Neighbourhood grants**

Chris Smith provided the following update: -

- The Safer South Derbyshire Partnership is South Derbyshire's Community Safety Partnership which is a statutory partnership that every District, Borough and City across the Country have to have and works to prevent and educate around crime and disorder and work very closely with the Police and other organisations on various initiatives.
- The contacts page has been reintroduced in the Area Forum Agenda Packs and contains lots of useful contact information including that of CREST (to report speeding).
- 'Your Choice' events have been taking place in secondary schools across the district, coordinated by Derbyshire Police. Talks around gangs and knife crime are given by Jason Farmer who was on the verge getting into gang related trouble as a youngster in Liverpool and has since joined the Police and Dr Manny Barot who is a hate crime expert and has previously worked with right-wing extremists. These events have gone down extremely well with the schools involved and pupils have been completely engrossed.
- Faraday Bags – nationally there has been a marked increase in the theft of keyless cars, with criminals using what is called a relay system to get into vehicles and start them without needing to use forced entry or a key. We now have stocks available and are working together with the Police on campaigns which will enable distribution to people who actually need them.
- Safer Neighbourhood Grants – there is currently £1500 available for the community to spend on projects which help to reduce crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the area. People Express have already made a successful application for £2500 to set-up a new art based youth club in Linton for a period of 20 weeks and is called 'Stay & Spray' – start date TBC.

ACTION: Chris Smith to provide an update in regard to the start date of the 'Stay & Spray' art based youth club in Linton.

Councillor Amy Wheelton asked whether underspend from the six areas would get lost if it isn't spent. Chris Smith advised that after Christmas any underspend across the six areas is put into a 'Big Pot' which any of the six areas can then bid on.

A resident asked whether there are any plans for the Police to do talks in Primary schools as well as Secondary schools.

Chris Smith responded to say the Police Crime Commissioner is currently looking into a countywide initiative around input into both Primary and Secondary schools.

LA/4 **Local authority issues**

Chris Smith provided the following update: -

SDDC have appointed a new Community Safety Enforcement Officer (CSEO) with specific responsibilities and duties for Swadlincote Town Centre and the surrounding area, making a four strong team. This will allow the other three wardens to focus on issues reported across the rest of the District.

Councillor John Powell extended his thanks to Dennis Bateman for the valuable work he does in the area and asked whether the CSEO team could re-double their efforts in regard to parking in Rosliston, Walton and Linton.

ACTION: Communities Team to extend thanks to the CSEO Team for their hard work in the area.

LA/5 **Local community and voluntary sector projects/ update**

Chris Smith provided the following update: -

- CVS has recently undergone a restructure due to funding cuts and now has a new Chief Executive Officer (Kerry Fletcher) and Managing Director (Roger Moors).
- CVS has been awarded funding to offer the Derbyshire Home from Hospital support service.
- Safer Homes Scheme – CVS provide this valuable service funded through the Community Safety Partnership. Self-referrals can be made if you are over the age of 60.

A resident raised the issue of doorstep sellers calling at elderly resident's properties in New Road and Greenacre Park, Coton in the Elms and asked if

Safer Homes could come out and do security checks on the properties concerned.

Chris Smith advised that we can send out letters to the residents concerned in regard to making the area an advisory 'No Cold Calling Zone'. Together with the letter we would also provide a window sticker and signs would be erected on lamp posts.

ACTION: Chris Smith to organise for 'No Cold Calling Zone' letters to be sent out in respect to the properties mentioned at New Road and Greenacre Park, Coton in the Elms.

A resident asked whether there was any feedback in regard to the Rosliston Section 106 money that was raised at the last Area Forum meeting. Chris Smith advised that he didn't have an answer but would find out and feedback at the next meeting.

ACTION: Chris Smith to look into the Rosliston Section 106 money following the construction of new houses in the village and report back.

Councillor Amy Wheelton added that she now has the Section 106 figures for Drakelow.

Councillor Pat Murray advised that Swadlincote Fire Station is now fully operational. Residents were encouraged to check their fire alarms and to ensure that if they use plug in air fresheners that they do not allow them to go dry as they can get hot and catch fire. It was also mentioned that when people are having BBQ's that they should consider whether they are situated far enough away from anything that could catch fire, e.g. fence panels etc.

Councillor John Powell reiterated his concerns in respect to parking on pavements outside of schools, speeding motorists and illegible road signage.

Chris Smith advised that parking on pavements should be reported to DCC Civil Parking Enforcement and speeding should be reported directly to CREST Derbyshire.

Councillor Pat Murray advised that there is a scheme available for volunteers to be trained so that a Community Speedwatch group can be set-up but that there has to be a minimum number of ten volunteers.

A resident asked whether the 'Welcome to our Village' signs could be updated.

Councillor Pat Murray advised that DCC Highways have to approve requests for new signs and that Parish Councils have to apply to DCC for planning.

LA/6 Summary of any agreed priorities / actions

- Chris Smith to publicise the availability of the number plate security screws in respect to future Bike Marking & Van Alarm events.
- Chris Smith to look into organising a Village Bike Marking & Van Alarm event at Rosliston Forestry Centre.
- Chris Smith to speak to PCSO Kerry Wallington-Waite to see whether Bike Marking could be linked in with cycle/ road safety initiatives in schools.
- Chris Smith to provide an update in regard to the start date of the 'Stay & Spray' art based youth club in Linton.
- Chris Smith to organise for 'No Cold Calling Zone' letters to be sent out in respect to the properties mentioned at New Road and Greenacre Park, Coton in the Elms.
- Chris Smith to look into the Section 106 money following the construction of new houses in the village of Rosliston and report back.
- Communities Team to extend thanks to the CSEO Team for their hard work in the area.

LA/7 Close and date of next meeting

Tuesday 22nd October 2019

Councillor Melanie Bridgen
CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 7:50pm