

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM LINTON

(Covering Castle Gresley, Catton, Cauldwell, Coton-in-the-Elms, Drakelow, Linton, Lullington, Netherseal, Overseal, Rosliston and Walton-on-Trent)

Meeting to be held at:

**Walton Village Hall
Main Street
Walton on Trent
DE12 8LZ**

**On Wednesday, November 18, 2015
at 7.30pm.**

Members:

District Councillors: Councillors Murray (Chairman), Grant, Mrs Hall, and Wheeler.

County Councillor: Councillor Mrs Lauro.

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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 July 15, 2015 (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.
 - Dennis Bateman to talk about dog fouling issues.
9. Date of next meeting.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

LINTON

15 July 2015 at Coton-in-the-Elms Community Centre

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Murray (Chairman) and Councillors Atkin, Grant; Mrs Hall and Councillor Wheeler

S Batchelor (Director of Community and Planning); L Brewster (Service Assistant)

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

P Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

County Council Representatives

Councillor Mrs Lauro

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

O & J Pallett and C Wright (Castle Gresley Parish Council); K Bradford & A Lees (Coton in the Elms Parish Council); J Powell (Linton Parish Council); PJ McGibbon & A Stone (Netherseal Parish Council) S Jones (Overseal Parish Council); P Marbrow (Rosliston Parish Council); M Horne (Walton on Trent Parish Council)

Members of the Public

L Grosvenor (Burton Mail)

LA/01 **APOLOGIES**
Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Heather Wheeler MP

LA/02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None

LA/03 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Councillor Pat Murray introduced himself as the new Chairman of the Linton Area Forum and District Councillor for the Seales Ward.

Councillor Beth Hall was proposed as Vice Chair by Councillor Bob Wheeler and duly seconded by Councillor John Grant.

Councillor Neil Atkin introduced himself as the new Chair of South Derbyshire District Council and outlined his aims for the coming year. He named his theme for the year as Unsung Heroes in the Community.

South Derbyshire Sport, Recreation, Community Facility Strategy

A strategy for the future provision of built community facilities, including formal open space and play is being developed. The Strategy will aim to provide a plan for the provision of community infrastructure for the growing population, building on the significant progress made in recent years. Parish Councils and community groups will be consulted and a workshop will be held in September to allow more in depth discussion with stakeholders.

Derbyshire Cycle Plan

The County, City, Districts and a number of other bodies are producing a Plan for Cycling which aims to raise the participation of cycling in the County significantly over the next decade. The consultation process will be promoted from next week via the Derbyshire Sport website and the District Council will host a briefing session for interested parties. A South Derbyshire Action Plan will be developed from that briefing session and will feed into infrastructure development and cycle participation and events.

Grove Climbing Centre

A £1million development of a Climbing Centre in Swadlincote at the Green Bank Leisure Centre is progressing with a completion date of October. A further stage of the project includes the provision of a Skatepark in Newhall Park and an Outdoor Gym in Eureka Park

Members and Parish Council Briefings

Following on from the sessions that were delivered in previous years, a new series of briefing sessions are planned for the coming year starting with Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy and Development on 16 September. The full programme of dates for 2015/16 is as follows:

16 September 2015	Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy and Development - Reducing Physical Inactivity and Developing a Community Facility Infrastructure
14 October 2015	Planning and Enforcement - What is a Planning Consideration?
18 November 2015	Environmental Protection - Food, Noise and Nuisance
27 January 2016	Refuse and Recycling - Keeping the District Clean and Green

In addition, following the meeting, Safer Neighbourhood Wardens visited both Pound Stretcher and B&M stores to seek reductions in the levels of external litter. Verbal requests for action were made to the store managers at both sites and within two weeks significant improvements in the levels of external litter were observed at both sites.

LA/06 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

Discussion followed regarding a County Council Scheme aiming to encourage residents to park off-road. Clearer information regarding the exact costs involved to install dropped kerbs would be helpful to residents. A suggestion was made to convert wide grass verges currently being churned up by vehicles into laybys. The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to clarify the issue next time.

ACTION – Forum Liaison Officer to report back to a future meeting

An empty house in Netherseal has been falling into a state of disrepair for many years since the owner died and his son is in prison. Apparently the property does not appear on the land registry so the District Council has advised that nothing can be done.

ACTION – Stuart Batchelor to investigate any possible action and report back to future meeting

Improved signage regarding width and weight limits is required around the Bailey Bridge in Walton on Trent. Large vehicles have nowhere to turn around resulting in chaos. Discussion followed regarding the timescales involved in building the Walton bypass bridge.

ACTION – Forum Liaison Officer to review the issue and report back to a future meeting

Concerns were expressed regarding the impact of the new housing development and the new Power Station proposed at Drakelow in terms of increased volumes of traffic. The Forum Liaison Officer replied that these issues will have been discussed with the Planning Authority and a traffic impact assessment will have been carried out.

A Planning Enforcement Committee is due to be held at 6.30pm on 14 October 2015 when the plans will be discussed.

Additional concerns were expressed regarding the shortage of school places. A study into this has revealed that it is possible to build onto existing schools.

Continuing issues regarding potholes at Linton Heath and Netherseal were raised. The Forum Liaison Officer asked that any dangerous potholes be reported to the County Council.

LA/07 **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

None

LA/08 **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

The Director of Community & Planning highlighted the forthcoming Summer Play Scheme commencing on 27 July. The Summer Activities 2015 Programme has been widely distributed to all schools in the district and feedback is invited from parishes commending the good work of staff involved.

Posters to advertise the provision in individual parishes have yet to be distributed.

ACTION – Stuart Batchelor to chase up distribution of posters

Discussion continued regarding tackling dog fouling and a request was made to look into enforcing the new anti-social behaviour tools.

ACTION – Stuart Batchelor to refer the matter to the Director of Housing & Environmental Services for advice

LA/09 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 18 November 2015, venue Walton on Trent Village Hall

P MURRAY

CHAIRMAN

The meeting terminated at 8.25 pm

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REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last Linton Area Forum held on July 15, 2015, at Coton in the Elms Community Centre, the following issues were raised and a progress report is provided.

Derbyshire County Council Issues:

Cadley Hill Roundabout, Castle Gresley: Carriageway Concerns (SBS 8051318)

Carriageway works for the A444 Cadley Hill roundabout will be considered for inclusion in the Capital Scheme submission for the next financial year (2016-2017).

As part of an A-classified route, the roundabout will continue to be monitored during regular routine inspections and any safety defects will be identified and repaired as appropriate.

Paul Jameson
Forum Liaison Officer
Derbyshire County Council

South Derbyshire District Council Issues:

1. Empty property in Netherseal

The property in Netherseal was identified and is currently being investigated by our Private Sector Housing team. The property is secure, but dilapidated. The legal ownership issue is being confirmed so progress can be made.

2. Dog fouling

The Safer Neighbourhood Warden is attending the Area Forum to provide feedback on dog fouling issues.

Stuart Batchelor
Director of Community & Planning
South Derbyshire District Council

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL – LINTON AREA FORUM

15TH JULY 2015

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Question	Answer
<p>1. <u>CADLEY HILL ROUNDABOUT, CASTLE GRESLEY:</u> <u>CARRIAGEWAY CONCERNS</u></p> <p>The Parish Council continues to have concerns in regard to the condition of the carriageway at Cadley Hill roundabout. The area of concern is for vehicles turning left, out of Cadley Hill Road, into A444 Burton Road (towards Castle Gresley).</p> <p>Parish councillors reports two 'ruts' which were of particular concern. Are there any works planned?</p>	<p>SBS 8051318</p> <p>Carriageway works for the A444 Cadley Hill roundabout will be considered for inclusion in the Capital Scheme submission for the next financial year (2016/2017).</p> <p>As part of an A-classified route, the roundabout will continue to be monitored during regular routine inspections and any safety defects will be identified and repaired as appropriate.</p>

<p>2. <u>MOIRA ROAD, OVERSEAL: CARRIAGEWAY CONDITION</u></p> <p>In response to a query at the last meeting, PJ advised that Moira Road is on the proposed carriageway surface dressing list but this scheme had not received the required funds for the 2015/16 financial year. The scheme will roll-over for consideration for future years' programme.</p> <p>Parish councillors referred to the carriageway patching (between jct. Hall Croft Avenue and Shortheath), carried out earlier this year. It was suggested that the quality of the work was poor and the patching is already starting to come away.</p> <p>PJ advised he would ask the area Highway Inspector to investigate.</p>	<p>SBS 8051023</p> <p>An inspection was undertaken on 21 July 2015 but no problems were identified in respect to the patching works. A problem was identified at a nearby gully, where a repair had failed, and remedial action has subsequently been taken.</p>
<p>3. <u>NETHERSEAL: BROADBAND QUERY</u></p> <p>PJ referred to a previous enquiry, in which residents queried why broadband improvements for villages surrounding Netherseal had been programmed in, but there were no dates yet for Netherseal itself.</p> <p>PJ advised that he had queried this with the relevant officers but specific postcode level data is required to enable an accurate response to be provided.</p>	<p>The postcode data provided by residents has been forwarded for the attention of Broadband Project officers. A response is awaited.</p>

4. COTON-IN-THE-ELMS: ON-STREET PARKING

A resident reported that there was a high level of parking taking place on-street and on grass verges throughout the village.

The County Council are able to carry out works to construct dropped kerb vehicular accesses (to allow residents to park off-road) and recharge for these works.

It was queried whether DCC could do more to promote this service and encourage residents to take the opportunity to have vehicular accesses constructed and alleviate on-street parking.

PJ believed that, as a public body, Derbyshire County Council were not permitted to advertise their services to individuals for financial gain. Clarification will be sought.

SBS 8051322

Enquiries with DCC's Highways Maintenance team have confirmed that the Authority does not advertise for this particular service.

If members of the public are interested in having their kerbs dropped they can obtain an access pack on the DCC website via the following link:

http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport_roads/roads_traffic/licences_enforcements/vehicular_access/default.asp

5. STATION LANE, WALTON ON TRENT: OVER-WIDTH VEHICLES

Reports were received that over-width vehicles are frequently seen on Station Lane, attempting to access Walton Bridge, and then having difficulty turning around.

It was requested that the existing signage be reviewed to ensure drivers are provided adequate warning of the width restriction.

SBS 8051327

A site visit was undertaken to assess the concerns raised at the forum, which concluded that there is adequate signage in place to inform drivers of both the width and weight restrictions in place on Station Lane.

Drivers travelling in an easterly direction along Main Street are provided with signage advising of the approaching 3-tonne weight and 7'-6" width restriction '240 yards' ahead. A double-sided sign is also positioned opposite the Station Lane junction (outside the White Hart PH), repeating this information, which can be clearly seen by traffic on both approaches to the junction.

The restrictions are further reinforced via a prominent sign, located in the verge on the entry into Station Lane, which again provides repeat information in regard to the weight and width limitations.

It is considered that any further signs will only duplicate the information already provided to road users and, in a climate where highway authorities are being instructed to reduce street clutter, we are not able to justify the introduction of additional signs at this time.

Unfortunately, there is a growing culture of drivers 'blindly' following satellite navigation systems, with a tendency to disregard any pertinent information provided to them through road signage.

<p>6. <u>LINTON HEATH, LINTON: POTHLES</u></p> <p>A resident reported a number of potholes adjacent to where the old council houses end and new build properties start. A further pothole had also appeared at the midway point of Linton Heath.</p>	<p>SBS 8051024</p> <p>Reported to Control Centre, and attended to by a gang on 20 July 2015.</p>
<p>7. <u>ACRESFORD ROAD, NETHERSEAL: POTHLES</u></p> <p>Report of major potholes and deterioration of the surface course, from the A444 junction (Cricketts Inn) into the village. The defects are of particular concern for cyclists.</p>	<p>SBS 8051025</p> <p>Reported to Control Centre, and attended to by a gang on 20 July 2015.</p>