

EREWASH SOUTH COMMUNITY FORUM

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

DATE – 19 August 2010
VENUE - Draycott Methodist Church Hall, Market Street, Draycott, DE72 3NB
CHAIR - Jennifer Browne (EBC Officer)

QUESTIONS SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE MEETING

What are the police's plans for covering the villages during Halloween and Bonfire Night?

Inspector Laing: Operation Relentless runs from 27th September through to 7th November 2010. As part of Operation Relentless there are plans in place regarding the Halloween and Bonfire Night period.

Can you please provide a brief outline of the functions / duties of the Police Authority?

Inspector Laing: The Police Authority oversees any consultation programmes that are organised by the Safer Neighbourhood Teams, such as the 'Have Your Say' events.
 They set Derbyshire Police's annual budget. They can appeal for more budget on Derbyshire Police's behalf. They monitor budget spend and performance.
 Responsible for the recruitment of senior police officers like the Chief Constable.

QUESTIONS ON THE NIGHT

The word 'Draycott' has been erased from one of the road signs as you enter the village (on Market Street). Who is responsible for the upkeep of the road sign? (photographic evidence supplied by the resident).

Scott Cartledge (Senior Neighbourhood Warden): The sign in question is the responsibility of Erewash Borough Council. We maintain the signs on behalf of Derbyshire County Council. We will arrange for the necessarily remedial work to take place.

Action: Scott Cartledge to arrange for road sign to be repaired.

<p>There is an issue on the bank of the Erewash Canal, close to the Soldiers and Sailors Club. Someone has taken a spade and dug out several steps in the bank. Heavy rain over the past few weeks has led to soil erosion at this location. I have concern about a large erosion of the soil if this situation is not addressed.</p>	<p>Scott Cartledge (Senior Neighbourhood Warden): Ean Cook (our Neighbourhood Warden) will visit the area to inspect it. It might be an issue that the Environment Agency needs to become involved in.</p> <p>Cllr Derek Orchard: I can confirm that either the Environment Agency or Severn Trent Water would be interested in this issue.</p> <p><i>Action: Ean Cook to visit the area to investigate the damage caused and take the appropriate remedial action.</i></p>
<p>I recently attended the first Speedwatch meeting. I am concerned about the on road car parking around Victoria Avenue near Ashbrook School in Borrowwash. There is a no parking scheme at this location between 8.30am and 9.30am, plus 3.30pm to 4.30pm. No one seems to be enforcing these restrictions at these times.</p> <p>Are there enough Civil Enforcement Officers employed to deal with this issue? Who employs them?</p>	<p>Scott Cartledge (Senior Neighbourhood Warden): Parking offences were decriminalised earlier this year to lessen the workload of the police. The Civil Enforcement Officers are now responsible for ensuring that such parking restrictions are respected. They have to cover all the schools in the area, which is a large task to manage. If there is car causing a dangerous obstruction then the police officers could still deal with it.</p> <p>We work in partnership across Derbyshire. If you identify any problem areas with regards to parking where you believe action needs to be taken I would recommend bringing these to our attention. They may then be designated as 'hot spot areas' to be targeted by our Civil Enforcement Officers.</p> <p>Cllr Mike Wallis: A survey has recently taken place in conjunction with Derbyshire County Council. Parking restrictions were introduced as a result. The result of these restrictions has been to move the problem on elsewhere. A meeting with Martin Walker of Derbyshire Police is planned to discuss this issue. There is an issue of turning into Station Road, Borrowwash, where drivers have to turn in to the opposite side of the road due to parked cars in this area, which will be discussed.</p>
<p>There is a new large property being built on Central Avenue in Borrowwash, and this is contributing to the parking issues on Station Road. The visibility for car drivers is being affected.</p>	<p>Scott Cartledge (Senior Neighbourhood Warden): I can ask Paul Jameson to liaise with the Traffic Safety Team at Derbyshire County Council to see if traffic restrictions could apply in the future.</p> <p><i>Action: Paul Jameson of Derbyshire County Council agreed to take this issue back to the Traffic Safety Team. Paul will bring the matter to the attention of the APCOA officers to add to their 'hotspot' list for when the new school year starts in September 2010 (particularly between 08:30 and 09:30 hours)..</i></p>
<p>Speed cameras in the area. Are they to be removed at any point in the future?</p>	<p>Inspector Laing: The majority of the Safer Neighbourhood Team officers have now been trained to use the laser gun to monitor driver speed. In time this may lead to the removal of speed cameras in certain areas.</p>

<p>The Tesco planning application for Sandiacre. Have any further planning applications been submitted by them?</p> <p>I am concerned that we wouldn't hear about a second application being received from Tescos in a timely fashion, and we wouldn't be able to effectively contribute to the consultation process.</p>	<p>Councillor Mike Wallis: Councillors regularly receive a list of the latest planning applications. As far as I am aware there is nothing that has recently come through. Tescos withdrew their last application at the eleventh hour. I presume that they are still reconsidering their position. We will notify people as and when a subsequent application is received from them.</p> <p><i>Action: Ian Marsden (Consultation Officer) to contact Planning Team at Erewash Borough Council to ascertain if a second application from Tescos has been received in relation to the Sandiacre site.</i></p> <p>Cllr Jennifer Hulls: I have noticed on the internet that an application has been received that may relate to Tescos in Sandiacre. I need to clarify exactly what this latest application refers to. I will take the lady's contact details, find out the necessary information and feed back to her.</p> <p><i>Action: Councillor Hulls to feed back information regarding planning application to the resident in due course.</i></p>
<p>Can I suggest that this meeting is held at a different location to Draycott next time around?</p>	<p>Ian Marsden (Consultation Officer): The next meeting for Erewash South is scheduled for Thursday 16th December. I can confirm that the meeting will definitely not take place in this venue in Draycott as the hall is already booked on that particular evening. The last two meetings have been in Draycott and, prior to that, a number of meetings were held in Sandiacre. Ockbrook is a difficult location to access due to limited public transport on an evening, so I suggest that the next meeting for this Forum will probably take place in Borrowwash. I will be looking to book an appropriate venue in Borrowwash in the coming weeks.</p>
<p>Date of next meeting - Thursday 16 December, venue to be confirmed</p>	