

# **MINUTES FOR THE ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** **HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON**

## **Present:**

Cllr R Strand (Chairman), Cllr P Bickerton (Vice Chairman), Cllr R Russell, Cllr S Lee, Cllr M Beadle, Cllr S Spenser, Cllr S Lee, Cllr T Mansfield, J Irons (clerk) and 3 members of the public.

## **In Attendance:**

District Cllrs Ann Watson and Neil Atkin; County Councillor R Davison  
The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everybody

## **PART 1 –CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**01.01.14: Council received applicants for the post of Councillor to the Boulton Moor Ward.** Following this, Councillor Chris Hurt was welcomed to the Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk.

## **PART 2 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

### **1. Apologies**

None.

### **2. Variation of Order of Business**

None

### **3. Declaration of Members Interests**

The Chairman declared and interest in agenda item 9.1.

### **4. District and County Councillor's Report.**

#### **Derbyshire County Councillor – Rob Davison**

**Elvaston Castle** – Cabinet of Derbyshire County Council will meet on 21st January and a report will be prepared; at the same meeting a discussion over budget cuts will take place.

**Fire Consultation** – now closed.

**South Derbyshire Area Committee** - will meet at Elvaston Castle in 2 days' time.

#### **PC Vicky Bell (Officer Number 14184; mobile telephone TBA).**

Vicky is the new beat officer for the area and Council welcomed her attendance. She reported 2 recent thefts in the Alvaston area; Cllr Lee mentioned theft of a Sat Nav from his car. The Chairman mentioned that ASB had been rife 12-18 months ago on Elvaston Meadows, at the Greenway.

#### **South Derbyshire District Council – Neil Atkin**

**Cycle Routes** – DCllr Atkin contacted Richard Grove regarding cycle way propositions.

**Local Plan** – cannot arrange officers to attend a parish meeting, they are looking into this and other matters. DCllr Peter Watson will advise in due course.

**Castle Croft to Watermeadows** – Officer at Derby City Council (Mikk Campbell) will address this at Committee, finance to be available after April. Mr Wainwright has offered to contribute £2k towards the cost of the metal chicane and radar key.

**Calor Gas** – a resident of Ambaston encountered a Calor Gas problem after attempting to change suppliers. This cheaper supplier refused the order because the tank should be 3m from the property or any boundary. Other residents are in the same situation. One resident commented that tanks are Calor's responsibility while the pipelines are tenants'.

**Brown Bins** - Cllr Bickerton asked whether SDDC are to charge for brown bins to which DCllr Atkin said no.

**Local Plan Consultation** – a resident asked if Buttercup Lees is included in the LPC. DCllr Watson said this is not known yet and further consultation is forthcoming. DCllr Atkin added that a copy will be circulated based on a particular area.

District and County Councillors left the meeting at 7.55pm.

#### **02.01.14: Public Speaking**

**A resident reserved a speaking position on agenda item 7.**

### **03.01.14: To approve the minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December were approved and accepted as a true record and signed off immediately by the Chairman.

### **04.01.14: Flooding and Gravel**

The Chairman, clerk and a councillor will visit Ambaston to inspect the flood defences. A resident announced that the Flood Liaison Group had not visited and thought the above proposed inspection should proceed before they do. Faults in the clay are cracking after having been repaired twice, both a year ago and at Easter. EA should be present at the Flood Liaison meeting. He has compared contour lines on drawings and believes channels are being adversely affected. The Chairman added that no work has been undertaken after 2 years of reporting and run-off needs to be controlled. He asked the resident to send his emails to EA to the clerk. Another resident commented that river flooding used to be gradual but now worsens overnight. Derby's proposed defences will make the situation worse.

### **05.01.14: Chairman's Report**

**Response to SDCC** – 1500 comments had been received; the next comments will be invited over a 6 week period in the Spring.

**Neighbourhood Planning** – following Council's concerns that we are not being heard Ian Hey from SDDC will attend the next meeting. It was mooted that Council form a Group/ Committee to discuss and promote these views. A resident thought it pointless to have objected to which the Chairman insisted that Council has objected vehemently to the expansion of residential development but it is unlikely it will be halted. Cllr Lee was dismayed at the response from SDDC, which does not reflect what residents want; housing should not proceed until infrastructure is in place. Also, Council ought to be respected as a representative body. The Chairman agreed that Council should meet District and County Councillors to stringently address the issues. Cllr Lee, Bickerton, Strand and Hurt will form a working party to discuss and it was suggested the local MP attend.

### **06.01.14: Matters for Decision or Discussion**

The Chairman altered the order of agenda in which the items would be heard.

6.1 *Reappraise committees/ subcommittees.* It was **agreed** the Finance Committee to comprise Cllrs Strand, Bickerton, Mansfield and Hurt.

6.2 *Precept & S136 forms.* It was **agreed** to circulate the proposed S136 form to Cllrs so that the Finance Committee may decide its validity. Clerk to send this tomorrow.

6.3 *Bank mandate signing.* Cllrs Strand and Bickerton are signatories presently. Two new mandates were handed to Cllrs Hurt and Mansfield to complete.

6.4 *Allotments.* Debate took place over increasing the rents, which may impact upon the S136 submission. **Agreed:** Finance Committee to decide as in 6.2 above.

### **07.01.14 Cycle Scheme**

Cllr Lee had received the name of a contact from DCllr Atkin who had been most helpful. The Chairman was pleased Cllr Lee is pursuing this issue.

### **08.01.14 Councillor's Report**

Cllr Russell met Jill Foster, Elveston Castle park manager: the green flag is in place and the vehicle pay machines had been vandalised again. Upcoming events include the Steam Rally, County Show, Food & Drink Fair and the Ramathon. Residents are assured of accessing their properties and newsletters to explain this will be posted. EC await the National Trust's findings on its future. Cllr Russell reported flooding on the B5010, outside Gardner's Cottage on the bend, possibly due to a blocked drain. Clerk to report to Highways.

Cllr Beadle said she is a Thulston resident of the Parish Plan and believed Cllr Bickerton had been asked to join as a resident of Boulton Moor.

Cllr Lee raised the issue of speeding cars at Colwell Drive, Boulton Moor. It was suggested that residents phone the Police 101 number to report. He suggested printing a flyer showing the hazards of speeding that can be posted to residents.

Cllr Mansfield said a resident drives his car onto the Green (opposite Grove Close) making tracks; clerk may have to write. The footpath between Brook Road and Grove Close is slippery and dangerous; Cllr Mansfield suggests a step be installed and a handrail would be beneficial.

Cllr Strand asked members to consider keeping in mind issues such as Snelsmoor Lane, Ambaston Lane and any instances of dumped rubbish. Fly tipping on the A6 has been lying for 3 months, clerk to inform the Clean Team.

**09.01.14 Clerk's Report**

- 1. Heart Defibrillator. Clerk asked if the Harrington Arms would allow instalment there. **AGREED:** Cllr Russell and the clerk to visit the manager at a convenient date.
- 2. Adam Dickerson from Proludic contacted the clerk regarding play equipment to be installed at a possible site in Boulton Moor. Cllr Bickerton confirmed he had met Adam Dickerson. Council is unsure of any planning application required. **AGREED:** to glean ideas and comment from Ian Hey when he attends the next meeting.
- 3. Draft minutes on notice boards. **AGREED:** confirmed minutes only to be posted.
- 4. Elvaston Castle Consultation – do we invite a speaker from the National Trust? **AGREED:** all in favour.
- 5. The resident requesting the S. 106 Notice (Biffa/ Tarmac) from the previous clerk should now have received it.
- 6. WW1 Centenary. The clerk handed an SDDC form to the Chairman.
- 7. Clerk raised the Demand of Underpayment of PAYE from HMRC and will peruse the financial records.
- 8. Clerk's pension/ salary. Cllr Lee proposed this discussion take place as and exempt item which was **agreed.**

**10.01.14 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils**

Clerk offered Circular 23/13 which had been emailed to all Cllrs previously.

**11.01.14 Finance**

(a) Accounts for Payment – cheques to be approved and signed

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
001015	H Sargeant – Clerks pay and expenses	257.42	-	257.42
001016	M Mansell – Lengthsman pay	152.25	-	152.25
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>409.67</b>	-	<b>409.67</b>

(b) **Income**

None

(c) **Direct Debits**

None

**Bank Balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013                    £19,487.36**

**12.01.14 To consider planning applications:-**

THE ERECTION OF AN EXTENSION TO EXISTING GARAGE TO FORM A HOBBY ROOM AT 3 MEADOW COURT AMBASTON. **AGREED: No objections.**

**13.01.14 Items for information only**

**14.01.14 Date of next meeting** – The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7.30pm

**PART 3 –CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**15.01.14** clerk's pension/ salary. **AGREED:** deferred to the next meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.47pm

Signed .....  
Cllr R Strand (Chairman)

J Irons – clerk.