

# **MINUTES OF THE ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON**

## **Present:**

Cllr Bickerton (Chairman), Cllr R Russell, Cllr R Strand, Cllr M Beadle, Cllr T Mansfield, J Irons (clerk) and 7 members of the public.

## **In Attendance:**

County Cllr R Davison, DCllrs Peter Watson and Neil Atkin.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

## **PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

### **01.04.15 Declaration of Members Interests**

None.

### **02.04.15. Variation of Order of Business**

None.

### **03.04.15 To receive a presentation from Nick Sellwood (Project Manager), Charles Heaney (Corporate Resources) and Tony Palmer (new Chair of the Development Board) of the National Trust.**

The 10-year vision for Elvaston Castle was approved in June 2014 and comprises 6 guiding principles. A single management body will take control from DCC under a lease or similar agreement although the existing management will run it in the interim. Initially, a Development Board has been formed to act in an advisory capacity i.e. no management power. It will consist of volunteers and inform on planning and private sector bids needed for progressing the Castle's future. Recruiting members for the Board is now taking place; candidates displaying knowledge of fund raising, strategic awareness, networking and communication skills are favoured. The Board is independent of DCC but the two will work together. Transfer of the estate from DCC to the management body will take around 2-3 years due to the legal, investment and other procedures to be completed. The parish council is encouraged to nominate one of its members to become a representative on the Board by the end of this week and the Board should be in place by mid-May.

Mr Palmer was asked if he was passionate about his role and whether a prospective Board nominee is likely to be, adding that certain individuals having an interest had not been approached. Mr Palmer believed the Castle constituted a beautiful building and grounds and is important to the area; anyone wishing to become involved must display the requisite attributes to take the project forward. Mr Sellwood added that workshops and other promotions were held both to inform and to attract candidates. Mr Palmer said it is critical HLF monies are received; the project will face immense difficulty without. Events are needed to generate funds (as well as applications to the Prince's Trust and other bodies for funding), a business plan with partners has to be assessed, flood and drainage issues must be alleviated and people with skills to take these plans forward are essential. The car park charging structure is to be improved and vandalism must be stamped out. A resident asked of the amount of HLF monies applied for; Mr Heaney gave an indication but added that HLF would not wish the figures publicised. Also, private sector partners are hesitant on the divulgence of such information.

CCllr Davison thought it essential a parish council representative be appointed and sits on the Advisory Board. He stated that despite once the Board was formed the present management will decide initially on any immediate projects. Messer's Palmer and Heaney are keen to see a parish representative on the Board and stressed they are at liberty to act individually, not as a parish council delegate.

### **04.04.15: Public Speaking**

No further comments were fielded.

### **05.04.15: To approve the minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March were approved (pp Cllr Russell, seconded Cllr Strand), accepted as a true record and signed off immediately by the Chairman.

#### 06.04.15: Flooding and Gravel

Nothing to report.

#### 07.04.15: Matters for Decision or Discussion

- 7.1 Adoption of this year's risk assessment. This was **agreed** and then signed by the Chairman and clerk.
- 7.2 To consider a grant application from the Parish Plan Steering Group of £700. **Resolved: agreed** (pp Cllr Russell, seconded Cllr Beadle).
- 7.3 repair of the bus shelter on A6 with either glass or polycarbonate (and possible insurance claim). **Resolved: a claim to be submitted and a repair in polycarbonate to be ordered.**
- 7.4 To sign the internally audited accounts for year 2014 -15. These were **agreed** and then duly signed by Chairman and clerk.

#### 08.04.15. Police Report

The clerk reported that 13 minor incidents in Boulton Moor had been logged on the police website for February. Details are available at <http://www.police.uk/derbyshire/DS03/crime/>.

PCSO Guest was unable to attend but sent the clerk the following report:

Recently we have had calls for service in Boulton Moor area of Mill Hill, Meadow Nook and Sevenlands. There has been a group of teenagers playing football in the street, sitting on a low wall and leaving litter and alcohol bottles. Also others who have been razzing around on motorbikes/scooters in the area at night. I have spoken to 4 teenagers in the area and one with a motorbike. There are a couple of further visits to make but hopefully this is in hand. There have been a couple of incidents connected to an address on the Greenaway with teenagers...it is thought that this is due to teenagers falling out with each other.

There have been 4 arrests of juveniles made in relation to criminal damage at The Buttercup Leys. The investigation is on-going at this time. There has been a theft of number plates from Beechwood Caravan Park Carpark.

#### 09.04.15 Councillor's Report

Cllr Strand was dismayed to see belated advertising signs on roads, especially around the Thulston traffic island, and feels the advertiser is obligated to remove these once the event date had passed.

Cllr Beadle noted that several potholes have not been repaired at Brook Road, Beechwood Road and Grove Close; clerk to remind Highways.

Cllr Russell wishes to see dog litter prevention notices displayed locally; clerk to ask SDDC. She felt a dog litter bin, or a traditional bin with a dog litter notice attached, should be located at Ambaston; clerk to ask SDDC whether such stickers can be supplied and attached.

#### 10.04.15 Clerk's Report

1. Clerk applied for and has now received the Rights of Way Grant from DCC of £385.
2. Clerk told Emma Guest (PCSO) about the damaged bus shelter.
3. Clerk asked those members present to sign their Declarations of Acceptance of Office with which they **duly complied**.
4. Clerk asked Cllr Russell if the contractor had arranged to meet her regarding trimming of the village green hedges, which they have not. Clerk to remind.

#### 11.04.15 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Clerk offered Circulars 09 & 10/15 which had been emailed to all Cllrs previously.

#### 12.04.14 Finance

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

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
001089	J Irons – Clerk's salary March	493.60	-	493.60
001089	J Irons - clerk home allowance	18.00	-	18.00
001089	J Irons – expense – new printer and 2 inks	97.97	-	97.97
001089	J Irons – expense – 4 x 12 books post stamps	25.44	-	25.44
001089	J Irons – expense, petrol to internal auditor & return twice (76 miles at 0.65p per mile)	49.40	-	49.40

001090	N Mansell - Lengthsman pay	174.00	-	174.00
001091	HMRC – clerk’s tax	53.20	-	53.20
001092	DCC – new filled grit bin at Ambaston	202.82	40.56	243.38
001093	SDDC – new litter bin on Main Road Elvaston	231.59	46.32	277.91
001094	Horizon Landscapes – cut Thulston footpath	200.00	40.00	240.00
001095	Helen Daniels – internal audit 2014/15	95.00	-	95.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1641.02</b>	<b>126.88</b>	<b>1767.90</b>

(b) **Income**

**Half of this year’s Precept received from SDDC on 1<sup>st</sup> April** £ 5,620.00

DCC Rights of Way Grant (£385) and 3 allotment rents (not yet banked)

(c) **Direct Debits**

None

**Bank balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015** £26,464.06

**13.04.14 To consider planning applications:-**

9/2015/0232 - PROPOSED ERECTION OF STABLE AND TACK ROOM AT LAND AT SK4031 9075 LAND BEHIND 15 THE PINFOLD BROAD LANE THULSTON. **Resolved:** no objection.

9/2015/0193 - THE CONVERSION OF THE GARAGE INTO LIVING ACCOMMODATION AT 9 WINDMILL CLOSE BOULTON MOOR. **Resolved:** no objection.

Derby City’s planning application to construct flood defences at Ambaston – site visit to be arranged and application will not be considered until (probably) September ‘s Planning Meeting.

**14.04.14 Items for information only**

**15.04.14 Agenda items for the next meeting.**

- Broadband;
- Parish Plan;
- To co-opt a councillor;
- Nominee for the Castle’s Development Board.

**16.04.14** The next Council Meeting is on Monday 11th May 2015 at **7.30pm**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

Signed .....

Cllr P Bickerton (Chairman)