

MINUTES of the ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th September 2015 at the VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

Present:

Cllr P Bickerton (Chairman), Cllr R Russell, Cllr R Strand, Cllr C Hurt, Cllr T Mansfield.

In Attendance:

DCllr Peter Watson and CCllr Rob Davison and 2 residents.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

01.09.15. Apologies

Cllr M Beadle (unwell), Cllr S Spenser (holiday) and the clerk J Irons (holiday).

02.09.15. Variation of Order of Business

None.

03.09.15 Declaration of Members Interests

None

04.09.15 Police Report

The clerk reported that 6 minor incidents in Boulton Moor and 4 in the Rural Ward had been logged on the police website for July. Details are available at <http://www.police.uk/derbyshire/DS03/crime/>.

05.09.15 District and County Councillor Reports

District Councillor Peter Watson

1. Persimmon Homes continue to disappoint by working outside dedicated hours. This may be due to Paul Eastwood leaving the company having since been replaced by Terry Clarke who should be at the next liaison meeting. Council are upset with Persimmon's attitude towards the community. Members suggested bringing the next liaison meeting forward to 12/10/2015 at 6.30pm.

Council praised DCllr Watson for his efforts in raising ongoing issues with Persimmon.

2. OUR CITY OUR RIVER – Derby City and Environment Agency. It appears local requests for Ambaston flood defence improvements will be met. EA is responsible for maintaining the flood bank. DCllr Watson and an Ambaston resident, Kevin Birch, will meet EA on 25th September to discuss final proposals. 100 yard new flood bank 400mm above highest recorded flood level based on (technical) modelling (assured is more accurate and better now). The works at Ambaston are due to be completed before Phase 2 starts. Council supports DCllr Watson's knowledge and expertise. Cllr Strand asked if the proposed 400mm height will be 400mm after settlement.

3. The proposal for a new crematorium at Aston has been submitted to the Secretary of State as the land is Greenbelt. SDDC's planning committee is arguing against the need for it. DCllr Watson asked for views over the possibility of another site in the Parish being used and stated the old gravel pits may be suitable for such a scheme. Cllr Strand believed that a crematorium is a better option than housing.

County Councillor Rob Davison:

1. the pathway from Grove Close to the Bus stop (the jitty behind the houses adjacent to the gallop) – proposed to leave it as it is and if required residents who require the use of the pavement can do so by walking back to the B5010 and out of the village to other bus stops.

2. Stenson Fields – EA are taking responsibility over the funding issues.

3. Digital Derbyshire: Cllr Strand and George Bell (resident) will meet CCllr Davison regarding the rural need. George Bell spoke in depth about the EU requirement and the possible grants available from the EU.

4. SDDC Local Plan: Derby City overspill of new homes into SDDC area. SDDC's Sustainability Assessment shows there may be an increase in new home requirement in South Derbyshire and we await further information.

06.09.15 Public participation

None.

07.09.15 Boulton Moor Housing

Nothing further to add, see above.

08.09.15 Digital Derbyshire

Nothing further to add, see above.

09.09.15 Parish Plan Steering Group

1. WW1 Exhibition: the event involved much hard work which resulted in a successful commemoration. It was greatly appreciated by relatives of the lost and enjoyed by many who visited. The GSD display / School activities and re-enactment were all greatly enjoyed. Councillors thanked the Steering Group and all those involved in making the project a success and requested the clerk send a letter of thanks to the Steering Group.
2. Golden Gates Gallop Fun Run will take place 20th September at 11am Elvaston Cricket Club.
3. Monday 20th December will feature Christmas carol singing.

10.09.15 Elvaston Castle Development Board

Cllr Strand explained that things are progressing; meetings are held monthly however due to confidentiality he could not comment further.

11.09.15 To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 13th July 2015. These were approved and accepted as a true record after which they were signed by the Chairman.

12.09.15 Flooding and Gravel

An Ambaston resident commented on planning matters involving DEFRA & EA. He continued to recommend a 500mm increase in the height of the flood bank, as opposed to 400mm.

13.09.15 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reminded members that council is still 2 members short (one from each ward) and a concerted effort should be made to recruit, especially a resident from Ambaston. He conveyed his apologies for the next meeting as he is organising charity quiz on that night.

14.09.15 Matters for Decision or Discussion

14.1. Dog Fouling: Cllr Russell continues to hand out warning notices to be placed on posts and bins.

14.2 RBL poppy appeal. **Resolved:** £150 to be donated.

14.3 Proposed hedge cutting on village green: **Resolved:** the quotation supplied deemed excessive so the clerk to obtain more quotes.

14.4 Resolved: clerk to write to a householder in Grove Close requesting hedge to be trimmed as it's obstructing a large part of the pavement.

14.5 A meal has been provisionally booked for 9th October 7.30pm at the Harrington Arms. **Resolved:**

Clerk to remove this item from future agendas to avoid confusion (this is a social event organised and paid for by the councillors themselves).

15.09.15 Councillor's Reports

1. Cllr Strand reported that road potholes had recently been filled after he had notified the potholes.com website.
2. Cllr Russell thanked workers for filling in other ad-hoc holes further to her explaining their location.
3. Cllr Hurt asked members if they would consider the attachment of speed/slow down stickers on Wheelie bins. **Resolved:** to be added to the next Agenda for discussion.
4. Cllr Mansfield requests the clerk remind DCC to cut the hedge on the B5010.

16.09.15 Clerk Report

Cllr Mansfield read the clerk report; Council requested details in layman's terms as it was difficult to understand. The report included 2 items:

a. registering of half of the village green is a protracted affair at the Land Registry, who require proof of ownership; and

b. the rubbish in Thulston Brook has now been cleared by SDDC.

17.09.15 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils – newsletters

Circular 23/2015 had been emailed to all Cllrs previously.

18.09.15 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment – the following cheques were approved and signed:

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total £
001114	J Irons – Clerk's salary in August	545.20	-	545.20
001114	J Irons – Clerk's home allowance	18.00	-	18.00
001115	N Mansell - Lengthsman pay in August	174.00	-	174.00
001116	HMRC – clerk's tax	1.60*	-	1.60
001117	Grant Thornton LLP - external audit 2014/15	100.00	20.00	120.00
001118	SDDC – waste bags	46.00	-	46.00
	TOTAL	884.80	20.00	904.80

* Clerk overpaid tax in previous year by £51.80 (as advised by HMRC notice of 9th July); therefore tax owed this month (£53.40) less (£51.80) overpayment = £1.60 owing.

(b) **Income**
None

(c) **Direct Debits**
None.

Bank balance as at 31st August 2015

£30,068.54

19.09.15 To consider planning applications:

9/2015/0749 - LISTED BUILDING APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL ALTERATIONS AT 17 MAIN ROAD ELVASTON. **Resolved:** no objections.

9/2015/0802 - THE ERECTION OF A DETACHED GARAGE AT AMBASTON LANE FARM AMBASTON LANE AMBASTON. **Resolved:** no objections.

20.09.15 Items for Information only

None.

21.09.15 Agenda Items for next meeting

- Boulton Moor;
- Broadband;
- Parish Plan Group;
- Elvaston Castle Development Board;
- speed/slow down stickers on Wheelie bins.

22.09.15 The next Council Meeting is on Monday 12th October 2015 at 7.30pm.

PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

23.09.15. The following resolution was moved 'that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that both press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw'.

24.09.15. To consider a complaint from a resident. **Resolved:** to await the outcome of the SDDC investigation.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm

Signed
Cllr P Bickerton (Chairman)