

MINUTES FOR THE ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING **HELD ON 10th February 2014 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON**

Present:

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

In Attendance:

District Cllr Peter Watson; County Cllr R Davison.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everybody

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1. Apologies

Cllrs Bickerton (work commitments), Lee (work commitments) and DCllr Ann Watson.

2. Variation of Order of Business

The Chairman altered the order of agenda in which the items would be heard; to bring item 19 forward into Part 1 of the meeting.

3. Declaration of Members Interests

The Chairman declared an interest in agenda item 13 (allotments).

4. South Derbyshire District Council – DCllr Peter Watson

Guest Speaker – DCllr Watson was upset that Ian Hey could not attend.

Local Plan – the last round approaches and parish consultations are to be held from 17th March – 19th April (evenings; details will be posted on the SDDC website). Very few amendments have been made, numbers of houses, schools and roads remain the same. Six meetings will be held throughout the district; Aston's is scheduled for 19th March, from 2.30 – 7.30pm at the Heritage Centre.

Verge damage – DCllr Ann Watson received a call from a resident at Boulton Moor to report damage to a verge. DCllr Peter Watson has sent the details to CCllr Rob Davison because it is a Highways matter.

Fire Service Review – Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service ruled not to close any stations and to save money by reducing costs.

Airport – DCllr Watson attended its Annual Liaison Meeting which reported that passenger and freight numbers have fallen after showing an increase last year. £50k of Community Fund Grants are available to local parishes and he encourages them to bid for funding because it may be withdrawn if not used. £2000 per project is currently available.

Race Track – DCllr Watson attended a meeting which showcased electric cars.

Melbourne Safer Neighbourhood Group (6.30pm) and Area Forum (7.05pm) on 18th February at Aston.

The Chairman noted that the Housing meeting clashes with the Gravel Liaison Meeting on 19th March. Also, he was dismayed with SDDC that EPC's consultation comments had been met with only a cursory acknowledgement. The traffic and flooding issues are serious and as regards housing, no shops, offices or GP surgeries appear to be planned. DCllr Watson replied saying he will assess the weight and tone of comments generally.

4. District and County Councillor's Report.

Derbyshire County Councillor – CCllr Rob Davison

Boulton Moor – in light of the last comment the primary school is in its final stage of acceptance and is part of the S106 agreement.

Quarry – by the end of the year the final sections of earth will complete the shoring up of the site, it presently stands 18 inches below the height required.

Elvaston Castle – DCC has agreed a 10 year plan to complete the renovations; however Heritage Lottery funding is needed. A consultation with County Council officers will be held in March/ April after which a meeting with National Trust may be arranged. One possibility for sustainability is allowing development, such as small pockets of housing, on a long leasehold (DCC own the freehold). That said, the legal position is as yet unclear.

Fire Consultation – CCllr Davison added to DCllr Watson's earlier comments and said no closures are imminent for 2 years. Ascot Drive station in Derby will remain for many years and Melbourne is protected for 2 years.

Council Tax - Derbyshire County Council are to increase CT by 1.99% in the coming financial year.

01.02.14: Public Speaking

Two residents have grave concerns over Elvaston Castle; one resident commented that the plans are flawed and do not adequately address drainage, access or sewage after which the Chairman urged them to attend the meeting on 15th February in the Gothic Hall to voice these. Cllr Davison suggested putting their concerns in writing to Council; thereafter the clerk will send these to Cllr Davison.

02.02.14: To approve the minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th January were approved and accepted as a true record and signed off immediately by the Chairman.

03.02.14: Flooding and Gravel

A resident had received a copy of the S106 agreement on a CD which he gave to the Chairman. He said the meeting on 19th March is with Vicky Candlish of EA, at which repairs to the flood bank will be discussed. Defences are holding well at present. The Chairman thought a visit to Ambaston flood defences by himself, other councillors and the clerk would be useful and this can be arranged to take place in daytime hours. A meeting could take place afterwards, which should be before 19th March.

04.02.14: Chairman's Report

Review of the Elvaston Castle workshop on 1st February – this had been covered in discussion earlier.

Housing – The Chairman reiterated that this has received short shrift from SDDC. Councillors met with Cheryl Pidgeon (Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for South Derbyshire) recently who assured she would gather together developers, Derby City Council, SDDC and the Parish Council for a meeting, hopefully in the next week or two.

05.02.14: Matters for Decision or Discussion

5.1. *Precept & S136 forms.* After minor amendments to both these were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman and clerk.

5.2 *Bank mandate.* Cllrs Strand and Russell signed the bank change of address form (allowing the new clerk to receive statements).

06.02.14 Cycle Scheme

Deferred to the next meeting.

07.02.14 Councillor's Report

Cllr Russell reported flooding on the B5010, outside Gardner's Cottage on the bend; she believes the drain is damaged and a hole has appeared around it. Clerk reported this to Highways but it seems no action has resulted; clerk to remind them.

Cllr Beadle reported that as part of the renovation of the sensory gardens in the Castle's 'Old English Garden', a pergola is to be installed. The Airport, Rolls Royce, Toyota and the Harrington Arms have donated and Cllr Beadle asked Council to be a sponsor. Council requested that the Parish Plan Group completes a request for funding to be submitted to the PC for consideration.

Cllr Mansfield said, at the last meeting, that a resident drives his car onto the Green (opposite Grove Close) making tracks. This continues so the clerk will write to the resident; Cllr Mansfield to provide details to the clerk.

Cllr Strand said fly tipping on the A6 remains. Clerk informed the Clean Team after the last meeting but will remind them.

08.02.14 Clerk's Report

1. Heart Defibrillator. Clerk yet to speak to the Harrington Arms, Cllr Russell to arrange a convenient date.
2. Completed bank mandates from Cllrs Hurt and Mansfield – to be collected by the clerk in the next meeting.
3. Clerk has yet to hear from HMRC regarding the Demand of Underpayment of PAYE after writing a detailed explanation to them.
4. Council wishes to increase the Allotment rents. Proposed Cllr Mansfield, seconded Cllr Spenser and **agreed** rents to be increased from £15 to £20 effective as from 1st April.
5. Councillors are invited to SDDC Chairman's Civic Dinner on Saturday 15th March.
6. TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - B5010 STATION ROAD, BORROWASH on 09 March 2014, from 08:00hrs to 17:00hrs. WHERE: B5010 Station Road, Borrowash between points 350 metres and 380 metres south of its junction with A6005 Derby Road (spanning railway bridge). REASON: Railway bridge surveys. ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: A6005 Derby

Road / Nottingham Road / Derby Road, A5111 Raynesway, A6, B5010 London Road / Broad Lane / Oak Road / Ball Lane / Main Road and vice versa.

9.02.14 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Clerk offered Circulars 01, 02 & 03/14 which had been emailed to all Cllrs previously.

10.02.14 Finance

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

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
001017	J Irons – Clerk’s salary	413.91	-	413.91
001017	J Irons – Clerk’s Expenses	22.60		22.60
001018	N Mansell - Lengthsman pay	152.25	-	152.25
111019	DCC – bus shelter electrical connection	379.00	75.80	454.80
	TOTAL	967.76	75.80	1043.56

(b) Income

None

(c) Direct Debits

None

Bank Balance as at 31st January 2014 £19,077.69

11.02.14 To consider planning applications:-

9/2014/0092 - THE ERECTION OF AN EXTENSION AND GARAGE CONVERSION AT 12 CORNMILL CLOSE, ELVASTON. **AGREED: No objections.**

12.02.14 Items for information only

13.02.14 The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 10th March 2014 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed Part 1 of the meeting at 9.40pm

PART 2 –CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

14.02.14.

a) - The following resolution was moved – ‘That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (in respect of the personal situation of an employee which could result in legal proceedings) it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw’.

b) - Clerk’s contract of employment –a draft was handed to the Chairman for his perusal. A discussion took place over paying the clerk several hours overtime relating to the complicated PAYE demand. Proposed Cllr Strand, seconded Cllr Mansfield and **agreed: GRANTED.**

There being no further business the Chairman closed Part 2 the meeting at 10.03pm

Signed

Cllr R Strand (Chairman)

J Irons – clerk.