

MINUTES OF THE ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th June 2014 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

Present:

Cllr Bickerton (Chairman), Cllr Strand, Cllr R Russell, Cllr Lee, Cllr M Beadle, J Irons (clerk) and 2 members of the public.

In Attendance:

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

From the VHC – Evadne & Stephen Robbins; and Hilda Roberts.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

PART 1 –CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

01.04.14 Members discussed Council’s service commitments to the Village Hall Committee with Evadne and Stephen Robbins, and Hilda Roberts, at 7pm. A discussion took place over the Council’s funding of various village hall facilities. **RESOLVED:** both Council and the VHC will discuss within their own meetings to progress the possibilities of future Council assistance going forward. A resolution will follow.

The Ordinary Council meeting began at 7.30pm.

PART 2 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

02.06.14 Apologies for absence

Cllr Mansfield, Cllr Hurt (illness), Cllr Spenser (work commitments).

03.06.14. Variation of Order of Business

None.

04.06.14. Declaration of Members Interests

None.

05.06.14. District and County Councillor’s Report

DCllr Ann Watson announced that at the Civic Council Meeting last week DCllr Neil Atkin was named as Vice Chairman of SDDC for 2014/15. DCllr Watson is now Chair of the Finance and Management Committee; she added that various projects are in train. The Local Plan is progressing; and South Derbyshire has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country. The next Safer Neighbourhood Meeting (6.15pm) and Melbourne Area Forum (7.30pm) is at Barrow on Trent village hall on 10th June; and Flood Liaison Meeting – Thursday 26th June in Swadincote at 10 am.

Cllr Rob Davison hopes that a meeting of the 4 parishes affected by poor broadband service along with Natalie Ward from Digital Derbyshire, OpenReach BT and Joan Dickson from County Council can be arranged for 2nd July at 4pm – venue TBA. Regarding the Local Plan mentioned above, DCC’s input comprises education and highways; a report is available online.

06.06.14. Digital Derbyshire.

Tony Whaling of Elvaston has been appointed by DCC as Digital Champion for the area (<http://www.elvaston-parish-broadband.org>). He believes progress with Digital Derbyshire’s faster Broadband facility for villages is too slow and recently made enquiries to another provider. This entails installing an open access, wireless connection; homes would require a receiver to obtain a signal from a 15ft mast, which would probably be erected at the caravan site (owner and broadband provider are in agreement). No planning permission is required and in theory the signal may cover up to 2km and up to 60mb speed obtained. The system negates the need of a home phone line, only requiring a router, and may cost users c£22pm. The system could be installed by end-August and is for individuals to decide if they wish to enrol for it i.e. it is not dependent on Council approval. Tony stated that a test should be carried out to establish a decent and workable connection. Cllr Strand proposed and members **agreed** that if initial tests prove conclusive the Council will promote the connection.

07.06.14: Public Speaking

A resident raised 4 issues of interest. One complaint was overgrown hedges on the roads around Elvaston Castle – clerk to pursue SDDC to tend to them.

08.06.14: To approve the minutes

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 12th May were approved and accepted (pp Cllr Lee, scd Cllr Russell) as a true record and signed off immediately by the Chairman.

09.06.14: Police report

Elvaston – 3 minor incidents reported in March (1 burglary and 1 violence near Castle Ct; and 1 burglary at Silver Lane).
Elvaston Castle - 4 minor incidents reported in March (1 violence, 1 ASB, 1 vehicle and 1 other theft).

Thulston – 1 burglary at Grove Close.

Boulton Moor - 3 minor incidents reported in March (2 vehicle and 1 burglary).

PCSO Vickie Ball reported that she could not determine the firm responsible for the broken lights in underpass at the beginning of Raynesway. Clerk to inform Highways.

10.06.14: Flooding and Gravel

Nothing to report.

11.06.14: Chairman's report

The Chairman asked members for feedback over the earlier meeting with the VHC. The consensus is that a gradual, stepped approach to funding from Council should be adopted but a more detailed discussion will take place in the next meeting. Opening of the sensory gardens will be held on 20th June at 4.30-5pm. The clerk will ask Proludic to attend and present at the next meeting regarding new children's play equipment for a site at Boulton Moor; if held, a working party comprising Cllr Bickerton, Lee and Hurt to discuss. The Chairman will ask Gareth from Persimmon Homes for a meeting.

12.06.14: Matters for Decision or Discussion:

12.1 Playground at Boulton Moor and S.106 agreement. **RESOLVED:** held over to the next meeting.

12.2 Cllr Spenser to sign Request for Dispensation form and Cllr Hurt to sign Register of Interests form. **RESOLVED:** held over to the next meeting.

12.3 Councillors evening meal to be held at the Harrington Arms on the 20th June at 8pm.

13.06.14 Cycle Scheme

Nothing to report.

14.06.14 Councillor's Reports

Cllr Lee wondered if a reply had been received from Derby City Council over speed or traffic checks that were being conducted on or near Colwell Drive; Clerk to enquire again.

Cllr Strand reported overgrown hedges at the bus stop opposite the Castle Gates; clerk to inform SDDC as mentioned above. The Ramathon event seemed to be a success and traffic cones were removed diligently once it had finished. However, some of the signs at Borrowash were half in the road and half on the pavement.

Cllr Beadle told Council that a fashion show will be held on 21st June at Elvaston village hall at 7.30pm.

Cllr Russell will ask the Heartbeat Trust for photograph examples of posts/ structures on which to place the defibrillator (to show members) and thought the village green a good site for its location. Clerk to enquire if planning permission is required. She will forward details of the relevant electrician to the clerk. Cllr Russell noted that clematis growing from number 3 Pinfold encroaches onto the pavement; clerk to write.

15.06.14 Clerk's Report

1. Cleaning of the War Memorial – clerk has arranged a contractor to tend to it on Saturday 14th June.

2. Western Power will donate towards some of the cost of the defibrillator. They cannot make any discount or contribution towards the connection costs.

3. Peter Waters wrote to Richard Hunter at Lafarge/Tarmac:

The jet skis are back with us again. A neighbour Paul Loakes confronted the trespassers and pointed out your signs forbidding their actions, which they continued to ignore. He then took the attached photos of the cars parked on the

lane at the entrance to the bridle path from which you may be able to establish the offenders. We believe that the appointment of a security man to sit in his car at the entrance to the site to confront the offenders when they commit the trespass and confirm the registration of their vehicles and inform them that the matter would not be put into the hands of the police. This method was found to get results in the past.

4. Upcoming meetings: Safer Neighbourhood Meeting (6.15pm) and Melbourne Area Forum (7.30pm) at Barrow on Trent village hall on 10th June; and Flood Liaison Meeting – Thursday 26th June in Swadincote at 10 am.

5. Emergency Services Show at Elvaston Castle on Sat 14th & Sun 15th June

16.06.14 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Clerk offered Circulars 09 & 10/14 which had been emailed to all Cllrs previously.

17.06.14 Finance

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

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
001036	J Irons – Clerk’s salary	331.31	-	331.31
001036	J Irons - clerk home allowance £18 pm	18.00	-	18.00
001036	J Irons – 2 books stamps/ audit postage	13.89	-	13.89
001037	N Mansell - Lengthsman pay	152.25	-	152.25
001038	HMRC – clerk’s tax	82.60	-	82.60
001039	Staples – ink, paper & envelopes	54.96	10.99	65.95
	TOTAL	653.01	10.99	664.00

(b) Income

£180 - Website subscription and allotment rents

(c) Direct Debits

None

Bank balance as at 20th May 2014 £24,114.13

18.06.14 To consider planning applications:-

9/2014/0531 – double storey side extension at 1 Yew Tree Lane, Thulston. **RESOLVED:** As this was a late notification Cllrs to peruse the plans and revert to clerk if they wish comments/ objections to be submitted.

19.06.14 Items for information only

20.06.14 Agenda items for the next meeting.

- Report on meeting with Digital Derbyshire (if held);
- report on meeting with Persimmon Homes (if held);
- to discuss the meeting held with the VHC;
- invitation to Proludic to present (BM playground apparatus);
- Defibrillator stand and location.

21.04.14 The next Council Meeting is on Monday 14th July 2014 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm

Signed

Cllr P Bickerton (Chairman)