

MINUTES of the ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th March 2015 at the VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

Present:

Cllr P Bickerton (Chairman), Cllr R Russell, Cllr T Mansfield, Cllr M Beadle, Cllr R Strand, Cllr C Hurt, 4 members of the public and J Irons (clerk).

In Attendance:

DCllrs P Watson and N Atkin.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

01.03.15. Apologies

CCllr Rob Davison (holiday), DCllr Peter Watson (lateness however he arrived on time).

02.03.15. Variation of Order of Business

Agenda item 12.3 (website meeting) was brought forward and item 4 (police report) was moved down the agenda. An additional item was introduced at 07.03.15.

03.03.15 Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr Strand at minute 14.4 – allotment issues.

04.03.15 Vote to allow or refuse District Councillor Reports.

DCllrs Watson and Atkin left the room for approximately 10 minutes while members voted whether to maintain or reverse the present vote of no confidence in the District Council. **Resolved:** confidence reinstated (4 members for, 1 against and 2 abstained). On their return to the room the Chairman praised DCllr Watson in particular for his assistance with Boulton Moor issues.

05.03.15 District Councillor Reports

1. DCllr Watson said Persimmon Homes' signs should not be erected more than 2 miles from the development they advertise and wrote to the company to remove them. The Chairman gave his thanks to CCllr Rob Davison who personally removed them around Shardlow.
2. A new secondary school is proposed for the area and the villages under consideration are (in order of preference at present) Stenson Fields, Boulton Moor, Findern and Melbourne. DCllr Watson encourages responses to the recent consultation (by 3rd April).
3. A flooding meeting will hopefully be held locally in April.
4. Grants of up to £650k are still available from SDDC for projects and a review of these will be held next week. More funding rounds are proposed for later in the year.
5. SDDC's portion of the Council Tax is fixed and due to an excess of monies held, a 5% rebate will be granted to residents.
6. DCllr Watson will present Council's views at Planning Committee on any applications if asked.
7. DCllr Atkin reported the passing of Mick Bale, a former District Councillor.

Cllr Strand asked how the secondary school relates to the primary school on BM. DCllr Watson explained that it is unaffected because of being a different issue; it will report to Derby City Council and DCllr Watson will resist any attempts by them to move the boundary. Cllr Strand believes too many hurdles need to be overcome in order to access the grants for projects. In answer to a resident DCllr Watson explained that the Flood Liaison Meeting is in June followed by an Emergency Meeting in July. The Chairman asked DCllr Watson of any further issues regarding noisy pumps on BM. DCllr Watson replied saying SDDC's enforcement officer and Persimmon Homes met resulting in a satisfactory outcome.

06.03.15 Public participation

None

07.03.15 Report from the Parish Plan

Eve Wilson reported that the Sensory Garden in the Castle will be tended on the first Monday of each month. The annual fete will be held on the cricket ground on 25th May and includes among other events bouncy castles and pony rides. The WW1 exhibition will be held on 16th August; an opening ceremony, an aircraft fly-past and an insert in the Derby Evening Telegraph are planned. Eve asked for the donation of any old/ historic photographs that would promote the event and said posters and flyers will be distributed advertising it. The Chairman told her that any relevant information to be added to the Council website should be sent to Cllr Beadle. Eve said volunteers and stewards are needed on the day. The Chairman thanked her for attending and outlining the proposals.

Cllr Beadle reported on the recent the website group meeting which discussed the site's Cllr profiles, a link for the Council email address and the inclusion of policies and procedures. She has asked the site's founder the cost of hosting (i.e. whether we get any support included in his fee) and password details for the existing Gmail account.

08.03.15 Boulton Moor Housing

Nothing to report.

09.03.15 Digital Derbyshire

Resolved: clerk to ask Tony Whaling if there is any advantage in contacting the Derby Evening Telegraph complaining of lack of progress with the installation of broadband throughout the villages.

10.03.15 Police Report

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

Cllr Mansfield experienced abuse when confronting a male dropping litter at Castle Court. After this a car stopped and several drunken passengers got out. Cllr Mansfield reported it to the police on its 101 telephone number and was told no offence had been committed.

Clerk to report the bus shelter on the A6 (damaged on 10th February) to the police.

11.03.15 To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th February 2015. These were approved and accepted as a true record (pp Cllr Strand, seconded Cllr Spenser) after which they were signed by the Chairman.

12.03.15 Flooding and Gravel

An Ambaston resident told Council that an exhibition over the proposed works to flood defences in the area will be held at the village hall on 20th March; officers from Derby City Council and EA will attend. However it was not widely publicised in the area. A planning notice is present in Ambaston announcing work to commence later this month. Members **agreed** that notices and flyers should be distributed to advertise it, especially in Ambaston, and clerk to ask DCC for copies. The resident also rued the fact that more fencing is needed around the flood bank but was doubtful of any being erected due to the presence of crested newts. Another resident showed concern over the proposed raising of the flood bank to only 500mm saying the village would be inundated in a major flood.

13.03.15 Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

14.03.15 Matters for Decision or Discussion

14.1 Cllr Mansfield duly signed his declaration to accept office as Vice-Chairman;

14.2 Cllr Hurt signed the clerk's contract agreement.

14.3 bus shelter repair. **Resolved:** clerk reported that to install polycarbonate panels costs £806. **Resolved:** clerk to

enquire over the cost of glass and the position regarding an insurance claim.

14.4 allotment issues. One tenant has relinquished a plot so a vacancy exists. Rents to be reduced from £20 to £15 per plot in the forthcoming year.

15.03.15 Councillor's Reports

Cllr Strand reminded members that an election is imminent and the importance of recruiting new members.

Cllr Beadle presented a card from the VHC thanking members for placing Christmas decorations around the hall.

Cllr Russell asked members if they wished to continue to employ Vic Venus to cut the village hall grass (6 x £20 per cut). **Resolved:** agreed. She thought dog fouling notices are in order due to a preponderance of litter; clerk to enquire at SDDC. A large pot hole has appeared in Brook Road; clerk to report to Highways.

Cllr Bickerton handed the clerk a letter of complaint over dog fouling from a resident in Colwell Drive; clerk to report to SDDC.

Cllr Mansfield wished to see Ball Lane hedge cut; the clerk replied saying the landowner company has been liquidated.

16.03.15 Clerk Report

1. Proposed Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for Derbyshire has been circulated to members by the clerk.

2. Horizon trimmed one village green footpath hedge but omitted the primary hedge. Contractor has now asked for further clarification over which hedges need attention. The owner complained he was not consulted on the day of cutting. **Resolved:** clerk to request the contractors return and Cllr Russell to attend to give them directions.

3. Cllr Mansfield suggested a site for the litter bin at Elvaston. **Resolved:** agreed.

4. Heather Wheeler sent the clerk a reply from the Chief Executive Officer at Telefonica UK which the clerk circulated.

5. In light of Steve Lee's resignation Council can either accept a nomination from candidates or co-opt. An advertisement is currently on notice boards and website regarding the latter. The former involves being elected on 7th May after being nominated by 2 residents.

6. Nick Sellwood from the National Trust has offered to attend a meeting to outline the new Development Board to oversee improvements at the Castle.

The Elvaston Castle Development Board is an advisory voluntary body that will work in partnership with County Council to develop the planned single management body for the Elvaston estate, and implement the 10 year 'Vision and Plan'. The proposed 'single management body' may take the form of a charitable trust for example. The Board will bring commercial and business acumen, innovation and enterprise to the project as it progresses, while keeping true to the six guiding principles agreed by the Council as part of the Vision. **Resolved:** clerk to ask Nick to attend a meeting soon to present and discuss.

17.03.15 Cllr Hurt left the meeting at 9.30pm.

18.03.15 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils – newsletters

Circulars 06 & 07/2015 had been emailed to all Cllrs previously.

19.03.15 Finance

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

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total £
001081	J Irons – Clerk's salary in February	437.40	-	437.40
001081	J Irons – Clerk's home allowance £18 pm	18.00	-	18.00
001082	N Mansell - Lengthsman pay February	174.00	-	174.00
001083	HMRC – clerk's tax	109.40	-	109.40
001084	DALC – subscription 2015/ 16	391.86	-	391.86
001085	Barry Wood Plant Hire – grit bins refill	170.00	34.00	204.00
001086	Staples – short payment of last invoice	10.00	-	10.00
001087	IMI – war memorial letter enamelling	144.00	28.80	172.80
001088	Elvaston Village Hall Trust – room hire 2014	144.00	-	144.00
	TOTAL	1598.66		1661.46

(b) **Income** – £6647 – S.136 concurrent functions grant from SDDC

(c) **Direct Debits** – None

Bank balance as at 28th February 2015 £27,013.31

20.03.15 To consider planning applications:

04/13/00351: Land north of Snelsmoor Lane, Chellaston, Derby

Proposal:

Outline application for up to 800 dwellings (Class C3) with all matters reserved except access; access to be fixed off Snelsmoor Lane and Field Lane, proposing sustainable drainage system providing attenuation ponds/swales, demolition of existing farm buildings, new primary school (Class D1) with playing field, alongside open space including creation of Country Park (including footpath/cycleways, wildflower meadows, public orchard etc.) and Green Infrastructure network.

Full application for 145 dwellings (Class C3) including site roads, landscaping, attenuation pond and play area.

Resolved: clerk to ask City Council for clarification over the alterations in the proposal, after which clerk to submit further comment and to ask for an extension.

9/2015/0042 - THE ERECTION OF 20 SINGLE STOREY FREESTANDING CAT PENS AND CHANGE OF USE OF GARAGE TO CUSTOMER RECEPTION AREA AT OLD CAMELLIA FARM AMBASTON LANE THULSTON. **Resolved:** no objection.

21.03.15 Items for Information only

Clerk offered several minor items for members' perusal.

22.03.15 Agenda Items for next meeting

- Boulton Moor;
- Broadband;
- Parish Plan;
- website group update.

23.03.15 The next Council Meeting (including the APM) is on Monday 13th April 2015 at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm

Signed

Cllr P Bickerton (Chairman)