

MINUTES OF THE ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10th NOVEMBER 2014 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

Present:

Cllr P Bickerton (Chairman), Cllr R Russell, Cllr T Mansfield, Cllr M Beadle, Cllr R Strand, 10 members of the public and J Irons (clerk).

In Attendance:

District Cllrs Frank McArdle (Chief Executive), Tony Burdett (Area Planning Officer), Peter Watson and Neil Atkin; and County Cllr R Davison.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing the above Councillors.

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

01.11.14. Apologies

Cllr R Hurt (work commitments), Cllr S Spenser (family bereavement). Cllr S Lee was absent.

02.11.14. Variation of Order of Business

None.

03.11.14 Declaration of Members Interests

None

04.11.14 County Councillor Report.

Cllr Rob Davison

1. Cllr Davison attended a site meeting on Snelsmoor Lane with Mike Hawkins and Ian Charlesworth to assess road conditions and unclean vehicle wheels. Ian Charlesworth, DCC's clerk of works, issued a stop notice on the contractor until a jet cleaner had been installed. Cllr Davison advised residents to phone 'Call Derbyshire' if more dirt appears. Mr Hawkins is assessing whether a possible temporary speed limit of between 30-40mph may be applied.
2. Cllr Davison gave an update on the recent Quarry Liaison Meeting on 20th October. Lafarge has mothballed the quarry and Biffa paused work to allow crested newts to flourish; this will begin again in March.
3. The proposed Management Body to be introduced into the 10-year vision for Elvaston Castle has been shelved. Instead, an interim body is mooted which needs to recruit 5-7 people and could take 18 months. Within this, the parish council were potentially not to have a voice; however, Cllr Davison has agreed the adoption of a nominee. Cllr Strand rued the slow Broadband speeds and asked of progress; Cllr Davison had no answer yet stating that only 2 employees are currently engaged in this project at DCC.

05.11.14 Public participation - to discuss Boulton Moor Housing with Frank McArdle (Chief Executive of South Derbyshire District Council) and Tony Burdett (Area Planning Officer at SDDC).

1. A resident complained of increased traffic congestion, general disruption (from night working for instance) and mud on roads. He wondered if a new road could be built from BM onto the A6 and continuing on to Raynesway.
2. A second resident complained of road works, barriers and traffic lights adding to congestion. He asked whether a council tax reduction may be granted as compensation.
3. A third resident complained that Persimmon Homes' sales office had been erected without planning permission and his objection registered on the portal had been ignored (receiving an auto-response at the time and nothing since).
4. The Chairman read an email from another resident (not present) complaining of Sunday-working and a damaged fence and added that the Persimmon Homes' site manager is now aware.
5. A fifth resident asked whether plans can be made public for viewing and complained of the difficulty in accessing information on the SDCC planning portal.

6. Cllr Strand believed SDDC showed a lack of sensitivity to EPC's concerns over the years adding that members had spent many hours assessing the development and consequently asking for responses from SDDC; however, these replies were of a standard or stock nature. Besides those issues highlighted by residents above, a Park & Ride scheme is to be sited next to a school which will further increase traffic congestion. EPC asked for a re-routing of the road but received no response and so were effectively ignored. Cllr Mansfield despaired that the measures granted in 2008 are irreversible.

Cllrs Frank McArdle and Tony Burdett answered in the following general terms.

The original outline planning application for 1058 homes in 2008 followed a large public enquiry; the plan was renewed in 2010 and passed in 2011. Not all functions have been discharged by the developer but this is at Persimmon's own risk i.e. sanctions will be imposed upon them.

SDDC are pursuing the water run-off issue with EA.

Snelsmoor Lane is to be re-aligned and a new left-turn is being discussed.

Persimmon Homes erected the sales cabin prematurely and were out-of-line; SDDC will enforce against them. It was a provocative act and will cost the firm money, it showed a lack of sensitivity; most contractors abide by the requisite conditions set. Please remember the Council has a small team with 84k sq. miles to patrol which presents a constant uphill task. Council can apply stop notices on the builder which, although subject to challenge, will chase expediently. Council Tax reductions are rare on planning issues although the resident can pursue but SDDC cannot.

Plans are presented both electronically or by a visit to the Council offices in Swadlincote. DCllr Watson had recently provided a copy of the plans to a resident and offered this service to any resident if asked.

A new road from the A6 continuing onto Raynesway is not feasible; the 1058 homes are based on plans as they exist now and which the public enquiry and subsequent plan decreed. However, a road change on Snelsmore Lane is proposed as mentioned above.

A wheel washer is a prerequisite for any housing development; SDDC insisted the developer provide it and an enforcement officer has overseen its implementation. Officers have also insisted that Persimmon keep noise disruption to a minimum.

The MD of Persimmon Homes will attend the upcoming Liaison meeting which will be preceded by a site visit.

Mr McArdle welcomed and appreciated all comments but explained that SDDC has no liability. EPC is notified of events and may comment; however it cannot object because it is not a statutory body. Despite its best efforts the District Council cannot respond to everyone and attempts to insert all relevant public information to its website. Resources are scarce, SDDC know the importance of many issues to parishes but are under legal constraints, which is frustrating. The parish has not been badly served by DCllrs who take agencies views into the planning chamber and work under the advice of the planning officers; they then relay information among the parishes they represent. Planning applications are uploaded onto the website which includes a facility for residents to make comment. Nevertheless the Council cannot respond to everyone but will attempt to improve if possible and have parishes become more inclusive. South Derbyshire is the 4th fastest growing region in the country which, despite being an engine for growth, means it must accommodate more housing and services.

Finally, the District Councillors urged anyone with concerns to inform the enforcement team.

The Chairman thanked both District Councillors for their attendance and input.

06.11.14 Digital Derbyshire

Nothing to report. Tony Whaling to be invited to the next meeting for an update.

07.11.14 To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th September 2014. These were approved and accepted as a true record once an amendment was made, after which they were signed by the Chairman.

08.11.14 Police Report

The clerk reported that 7 minor incidents in Boulton Moor and 5 in the Rural Ward had been logged on the police website for September. Details are available at <http://www.police.uk/derbyshire/DS03/crime/>.

09.11.14 Flooding and Gravel

An Ambaston resident rued that according to the s106 agreement the freeboard on the northern flood bank should be 500mm; however, he believed the authorities considered 250mm acceptable. He will send notes to the clerk who will draft a letter to EA; and is arranging a meeting with DCC to which the Chairman said he wished to attend. Cllr Strand thought that any proposal to bring the intended HS2 rail-line nearer to this area may have adverse consequences in respect to flooding.

10.11.14 Chairman's Report

Further to our meeting with Proludic the Chairman asked members to give thought to a possible play area and equipment for installation at Boulton Moor notwithstanding its inclusion in the s106 agreement.

11.11.14 Matters for Decision or Discussion

11.1 request to DCC over issues at Ambaston (play and access signs). **Resolved:** clerk to clarify points with DCC.

11.2 budget update. **Resolved:** finance committee to meet in near future and discuss.

12.11.14 Cycle Scheme Investment

Nothing to report as Cllr Lee was absent.

13.11.14 Councillor's Reports

Cllr Beadle favoured re-enamelling the lettering on the war memorial to which Council **agreed**. Before the Clerk pursues quotes more names may need to be added therefore members will assess. If no further names are required it was **agreed** the clerk should approach the contractor to re-enamel the existing letters.

Cllr Strand welcomed the siting of the defibrillator at the Harrington Arms and thanked Cllr Russell for her involvement. He wished that organisers of events would remove outdated signs once held. He contacted Kinchbus asking whether Skylink bus timetables can be altered to reflect realistic arrival times at certain stops. These are especially unhelpful to Gold Card users. The firm is investigating. Cllr Strand believed the website is underused and suggested the website group meet in the near future which was **agreed**. He asked the clerk to write to Vodafone/ Telefonica asking if it would adjust the field of radio transmission from its mast and cabinet at the Thulston roundabout to improve communications reception for Elvaston & Thulston.

Cllr Russell was pleased that the Harrington Arms housed the defibrillator on its front wall; clerk to send a letter of thanks to the landlady. She asked whether another member would attend the next Elvaston Castle meeting on Friday 28th November 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. as she cannot attend. Recycling schedule notices were not delivered recently; clerk to ask SDDC.

Cllr Mansfield has produced a template of a letter to be sent to residents immediately affected by planning applications and will send it to members to agree or change. He suggested asking the lengthsman to remove used and old events posters in the area. A signpost on the junction along Ambaston Lane leans; clerk to report to Highways.

14.11.14 Clerk Report

1. Elvaston Castle drop-in Event (proposal to bid for Heritage Lottery Fund monies) on 30th November, 10am-3pm.
2. EA is not responsible for the hazardous fence at Colwell Drive so clerk has sent request to Chris Payne at SDDC.
3. Clerk wrote to resident in Thulston on 16th October regarding car parking on Grove Close green.
4. SDDC wrote: 'The street name plate on Silver Lane is one of the old cast iron plates on concrete legs. It's hidden in the hedge currently resting against the picket fence behind.

There isn't a SNP on the other side of the road, however if the street name plate currently in situ was reinstated in front of the hedge it would help it to be seen. If you were to put a SNP on the opposite side of the road there is room on the grass verge. **Resolved:** sign to be placed on the verge close to the war memorial.

5. To set a date and time for the BM Liaison Group meeting with Persimmon Homes (to be preceded by a site visit).
Resolved: Chairman to arrange with DCllr Peter Watson.
6. Ball Lane verge, SDDC wrote: 'is only down for two cuts per year and will be undertaken once we reach the Thulston/Elvaston area hopefully within the next couple of weeks'.
7. Clerk received a tax demand from HMRC & its debt collection agency relating to unpaid tax of a previous clerk. However, the amount is incorrect; clerk has written to HMRC (again) with the explanation.
8. Christmas meal at the Harrington Arms on 11th December at 8pm.
9. A list of street name preferences from SDDC for the development off Snelsmoor Lane was circulated to members by the clerk for comments, of which there were none. Hence, the suggested names will be adopted.

15.11.14 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils – newsletters

Clerk offered Circular 23/14 which had been emailed to all Cllrs previously.

16.11.14 Finance

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

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
001058	J Irons – Clerk's salary in October	331.11	-	331.11
001058	J Irons - clerk home allowance £18 pm	18.00	-	18.00
001059	N Mansell - Lengthsman pay September	152.25	-	152.25
001060	HMRC – clerk's tax	82.80	-	82.80
001061	Noel Baker Printing Services - flyers	23.00	-	23.00
001062	Royal British Legion poppy appeal	£150.00	-	150.00
001063	Vitalise carers donation	£ 50.00	-	50.00
001064	ADT Electrical defibrillator installation	£162.34	32.47	194.81
001065	Adam Henshall – noticeboard staining	£165.00	-	165.00
001066	Parish Plan - contribution to projects	£700.00		700.00
	TOTAL	1834.50	32.47	1834.50

- (b) **Income** - None

- (c) **Direct Debits** - None

Bank balance as at 30th October 2014

£25,934.23

17.11.14 To consider planning applications:

9/2014/1002 – PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, WITH EAVES OF 2.3 METRES AND MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 3.25 METRES EXTENDING 3.6 METRES FROM THE REAR WALL AT 9 YEW TREE LANE THULSTON. **Resolved:** no objection.

04/13/00351 Derby City Council Planning Application Consultation

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

Location: Land north of Snelsmoor Lane, Chellaston, Derby

Proposal: Outline application for up to 800 dwellings (Class C3) with all matters reserved except 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 secured an extension to the time limit for comment from Derby City Council but will ask for a further extension. **Parish Council to object** on the basis of the problems highlighted earlier and a flyer to be produced for delivery to households in Boulton Moor to update residents.

18.11.14 Items for Information only

Clerk offered 3 items for members' perusal.

19.11.14 Agenda Items for next meeting

- Budget update and setting of the precept;
- Boulton Moor;
- HS2;
- Proludic play equipment for Boulton Moor;
- Broadband and to invite Tony Whaling to December's meeting;
- Additional names (lettering), if any, to be added to the war memorial;
- Play and access signage at Ambaston.

20.11.04 The next Council Meeting is on Monday 8th December 2014 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55pm

Signed

Cllr P Bickerton (Chairman)