

MINUTES FOR THE ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH OCTOBER 2013 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

Present:

Cllr R Strand (Chairman), Cllr P Bickerton (Vice Chairman), Cllr S Lee, Cllr T Mansfield, Cllr R Russell, Heidi Sargeant (Clerk) and 4 members of the public

In Attendance:

District Cllr P Watson, County Cllr R Davison

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everybody

PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1. Apologies

Cllr M Beadle, Cllr G Harper, Cllr S Spenser

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. District and County Councillor's Report

South Derbyshire District Council – Peter Watson

106 Agreement – Quarry Operators, Tarmac honour agreement. Offer made no objections to inspect the site. Peter Watson not yet visited the site but happy to attend a meeting.

Trees / B5010 – Received an answer regarding the removal of the trees along this road, no trees were under a preservation order, trees were removed on the basis that they were unsafe. The trees have been replaced with what looks like fir trees. Planting of the trees can only be done during planting season.

Environment Agency / Ambaston – Two properties to look at – Have these properties ever flooded? If so when. They are only concerned if flooding has actually taken place

Broadband – Attended meeting and can confirm from September 2016 the whole of Derbyshire will have super fast broadband delivered

Paperless Savings – All Cllrs have been provided with an ipad in the hope that this will decrease the amount of paper being used and to save money

Local Plan Consultations – Final consultations taking place on the local plan and dates are available via SDDC's website

Green Recycling Bins – All dispatched, majority of residents are happy with them

Derbyshire County Councillor – Rob Davison

Elvaston Park – Had a walk around Elvaston Park to learn more about the area

Sustran's Route – Officers looking at those issues

Quarry Liaison – I have now been added to the group so that I can attend as a public member

01.10.13: Public Speaking

Local Plan Public Consultations – Resident raised the question as to whether the Parish Council had been notified of the consultation dates as he was not aware of the meetings taking place

Car Park Machines / Elvaston Park – Machines have been vandalised again and being repaired with tax payers money, it was a much better system when visitors paid a member of staff at the entrance

Elvaston Castle Public Workshops – Resident confirmed that he attended this event and found it very useful. Noticed that plans for further development were on the fringe of Elvaston Castle and that we need to keep our eye on it

Body Mot's – Residents asked whether this service was being offered again by SDDC as it had been some time since it took place

02.10.13: To approve the minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9th September were approved and accepted as a true record and signed off immediately by the Chairman.

03.10.13: Flooding and Gravel

Resident raised the issue and confirmed that the Environment Agency had the Section 106 Agreement but he had not yet received a copy even though this had been chased on several occasions

04.10.13: Chairman's Report

Elvaston Castle / Officers Workshop – Cllr R Strand & Cllr R Russell were due to attend this event and will report back

Digital Derbyshire – Cllr R Strand attended the recent meeting regarding broadband. Booklets were handed out to Cllrs and residents

05.10.13: Cycle Scheme Investment

Cycle Investment Scheme – Cllr S Lee confirmed that he does a lot of cycling around the local area and would like to see if anybody could attend the future meetings and take our views forward. He confirmed that he would like to see this as a permanent fixture on the agenda

06.10.13: Councillor's Report

Local Planning / Highways Agency – Cllr S Lee drafted a letter to the Highways Agency regarding the traffic and road issues which will occur should the new housing development take place. It was discussed that this was to be included within the Parish Council's response to the recent planning application. The construction traffic during this time around Snelsmoor Lane was a huge concern especially if both building phases go ahead at the same time

Ambaston Lane, Elvaston – Cllr S Lee confirmed that as a cyclist the lack of visibility on this road needed looking into as the overhanging tree branches are causing a problem at the junction. Cllr T Mansfield agreed to look at the area

War Memorial Elvaston – Cllr Russell asked about checking the war memorial to ensure that the area was tidy ready for Remembrance Sunday

Broken Stile / Yew Tree Lane, Thulston – Cllr Mansfield confirmed that this issue had now been resolved

Overgrown Hedges, Thulston / Elvaston – Cllr Mansfield confirmed that the hedges are still proving to be a problem and could the owners of the field be contacted via The Land Registry. He spoke to people with horses in the nearby field but they could not shed any light on the possible owners

07.10.13: Clerk's Report

- **Correspondence received:-**

Heart Defibrillator – Email received confirming that DCC would not allow the Parish Council to feed off their current power supply via the light column on Brook Road, Thulston

Councillor Harper resigned – Email received and read out on behalf of Cllr Harper who has resigned with immediate effect. SDDC made aware and vacancy to be advertised

Grant Thornton External Audit – Letter received from Grant Thornton confirming that the external audit had been successful

Lengths-man – Email received from Neil requesting a rain coat from the Parish Council as the wet weather is making the job difficult

Vehicle Activation Sign / Elvaston & Thulston – Letter read out regarding the VAS sign and that DCC had no record of any accidents in this area and therefore our request has been declined

- **Correspondence sent:-**

Heritage Footpath, Thulston – Email sent to resident confirming that DCC were not in a position to look at the footpath until the future of the park was confirmed

08.10.13: Items for decision

Heart Defibrillator – It was discussed that Western Power wanted £1100 for a new power supply for the heart defibrillator – Agreed that we would contact The Harrington Arms to see if the defibrillator could be installed there

Laptop Purchase – Agreed that a laptop would be purchased with the agreed specification for the Clerk

09.10.13: Derbyshire Association of Local Council's

(a) Circular 18/13 & 19/13 – received and emailed to all Cllrs

10.10.13:

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

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
001000	Staples – Admin	65.40	-	65.40
001001	DALC Training / Cllr Strand & Cllr Bickerton	40.00	-	40.00
001002	H Sargeant – Clerks pay & Expenses	431.00	-	431.00
001003	N Mansell - Lengthsman pay	152.25	-	152.25
001004	I E Briggs – Bramble & grass cutting	115.00	-	115.00
	TOTAL	803.65	-	803.65

(b) **Income**

Bank Interest £2.51

(c) **Direct Debits**

None

Bank balance as of 30th September 2013 £22,489.55

11.10.13: To consider planning applications :-

Erection of 284 dwellings with associated structure, Snelsmoor Lane

12.10.13: Items for information only :-

17th October 6pm-8pm - Heart Defibrillation training, Elvaston Cricket Club

13th November 6.15pm – 7.15pm – Safer Neighbourhood Watch Meeting, Shardlow village hall

13.10.13: Date of next meeting – The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 11th November 2013 at 7.30pm

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

Signed

Cllr R. Strand (Chairman)

Heidi Sargeant - Clerk

