

# **MINUTES FOR THE ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2013 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON**

## **Present:**

Cllr R Strand (Chairman), Cllr P Bickerton (Vice Chairman), Cllr B Sharp, Cllr S Spenser, Cllr R Russell, Cllr G Harper, Cllr T Mansfield, Heidi Sargeant (Clerk) and 4 members of the public

## **In Attendance:**

District Cllr A Watson, County Cllr R Davidson

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everybody

## **PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

### **1. Apologies**

District Cllr P Watson (holiday commitments), Cllr R McBride (family illness) Cllr S Lee (business commitments)

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr R Strand declared an interest in a possible discussion about a grant being requested from The Garden Club and The Golden Gallop, it was agreed that Cllr R Strand would remain in the meeting during this part.

### **3. District and County Councillor's Report**

The Clerk read out a short email on behalf of Cllr P Watson:-

**Tree's A6** – A visit was made to the area with a local resident and he has now established which three tree's have been felled. The District Council's Enforcement Team to investigate.

**Drain near to Borrowash Bridge** - A visit to the site has been made and photographs have been taken of the problem. The District Council's Land Drainage Officer will be contacting the Environment Agency to discuss the flooding issue.

**Elvaston Gravel** - The following three questions will be raised for the next Gravel Liaison, which will be this autumn:

- 1) What are the restoration proposals and timetable for the original quarry, now managed by Biffa / Severn Trent ?
- 2) Where has the Section 106 money from the original workings been spent or allocated for, if there was any ?
- 3) What are the approved plans for the working of the next phase and its restoration ?

### **County Councillor – Rob Davidson**

**Surgeries** – An open surgery is being offered to local parishes 1 hour before the Parish Meetings starts. His intention is to publicise the surgeries and hope that any concerns or questions that residents have that these can be raised during this time.

**Aston Electoral Division** – A map of the new County Electoral Divisions as from 2013 was handed out together with a 2013 summary profile. For more information visit the Derbyshire Observatory <http://observatory.derbyshire.gov.uk>

**Ambaston Flood Bank** – Aware that flooding is a major issue for most of the Parishes that he represents. Minerals were also discussed and an offer was made to the Council from Cllr R Davidson to attend any meetings and arrange site visits so that he can become more familiar with this topic.

**Elvaston Castle** – Nothing to report but should he hear something, he will tell us. He feels that this is the best way to deal with things.

**Elvaston Summer Fete** – Thoroughly enjoyed his time at this event and he felt that the Parish Plan Group had done a very good job in organising this. He was very impressed with the turnout of local people.

**Adopted Roads, Boulton Moor** – Still ongoing and DCC still looking into this.

**South Derbyshire District Council – Ann Watson**

**New Office of Chairman** - At the meeting of South Derbyshire District Council's Annual Civic Council on Thursday May 30, 2013 Cllr Mrs Ann Hood was elected Chairman of the Council. She will be delighted to attend any events or openings taking place.

**Making Savings** – SDDC are looking to cut costs but not services. Various ways being discussed on how to do this. Cutting down on the amount of paper that is used internally and working with electronics rather than printing is another option and to look at moving into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**Autumn Recycling** – Happy to take questions on this subject but hoping for late August. Question was raised about when this date will be publicised, Cllr Watson will look into this.

#### **01.07.13: Public Speaking**

**Adopted Roads, Boulton Moor** – Resident raised the question about adopted roads and green area's on the Boulton Moor estate. He confirmed that the grass was still being cut by David Wilson Homes.

**Community Speedwatch** – Resident asked what the current position was with this and that he had volunteered to help should it take place. Cllr T Mansfield confirmed that he was also happy to put his name forward and that he would speak to people locally and see whether it was something they would like to participate in.

**Orchard Close, Blue Lines** – Resident had noticed that blue lines have appeared on Orchard Close and did we know what this could be. Possibly Severn Trent Water

**The Garden Club** – Mike Tong introduced himself and asked whether the Parish Council would consider a grant of £250 to help them in resurrecting the Horticultural and Produce Show. Many people enjoyed this event in the past and residents hoped to see this again in the future. It was agreed that this item would be discussed under "items for decision" .

#### **02.07.13: To approve the minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013 were approved and accepted as a true record and signed off immediately by the Chairman.

#### **03.07.13: Broadband speed**

The Chairman wanted to ensure that this subject was still fresh in people's minds. Not happy with current broadband speed, desperately slow. It was discussed that this issue was raised a few months ago with DCC and that a national project was being looked into, the prospect of waiting until 2016 was not an option. The Chairman also commented that other villages just over a mile away were on fibre optic broadband. Cllr R Davidson to look into.

#### **04.07.13: Councillor's Report**

**Footpaths** – Cllr T Mansfield raised the issue of the overgrown hedges along Oak Road to Broad Lane. It was proving difficult to pass especially with a pushchair. The main part is being cut but both sides not being regularly maintained, unsure on ownership- Clerk to look into.

**Steam Rally** – Cllr T Mansfield didn't attend the steam rally this year but did comment that it was a lovely sight seeing the steam tractors in the morning however the noise which followed at 4am was not. Felt it was a little naughty and that the organisers need to be made aware – Clerk to contact organisers.

**Hedges** – Cllr R Strand raised his concern on the overgrown hedges near to the new bus shelter on the B5010. Very difficult to see any buses approach. Cllr R Strand also confirmed that the bus driver was experiencing problems seeing the stop too – Clerk to look into.

**Land at the back of Grove Close, Thulston** – Cllr R Strand also asked that the hedges and brambles are cut back by the Council as it was agreed that they would be responsible for this once or twice a year – Clerk to look into.

**Parish Newsletter** – Cllr B Sharp discussed the possibility of a newsletter again following on from last month's meeting. He confirmed that the concept of designing a newsletter from scratch would be more difficult and time consuming than first thought. A local firm discussed the idea of printing and producing the artwork from a disc for a cost of £100 plus printing.

#### **05.07.13: Clerk's Report**

**Snelsmoor Lane** – Bus stop making progress and the current scheme is underway which DCC are funding. Hopefully signs of progress soon.

**Website** – Still awaiting the completion of a design on the website. A few ideas were discussed with the Council and a possible picture of a home page was also passed around for people to view. It was also discussed that the subscription to the current provider, Parish. Net

was due to expire shortly so time was running out. Clerk confirmed that she was concerned if progress was not made soon, EPC might receive an invoice for a further annual subscription from the current provider.

**06.07.13: Items for decision**

**Grant of £250 to the Elvaston Garden Club** – It was agreed by the Council that a grant of £250 would be made to help them set up the Horticulture and Produce Show this year

**Newsletter** – It was agreed in principle that the newsletter could run for 12 months and that a draft needs to be put together which is then provided to the Council for their thoughts and input. Cllr B Sharp agreed to put a draft together and to contact various clubs to see if they would like to become involved.

**07.07.13: Derbyshire Association of Local Council's**

Circular 13/13 received and emailed to all Cllrs.

**08.07.13:**

**(a) Accounts for Payment – Cheque's to be approved and signed**

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
000988	H Sargeant – Clerks pay & Expenses	447.43	-	447.43
000989	N Mansell – Lengthsman pay	152.25	-	152.25
000990	Derbyshire County Council – Bus shelter erection, B5010	1500.00	300.00	1800.00
000991	Derbyshire County Council - Room hire for whole of training 29/05	40.00	-	40.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2139.68</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>2439.68</b>

**(b) Income**

- Allotment rent £37.50 (14<sup>th</sup> June)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment Precept 2013/14 £5040.00 (28<sup>th</sup> June)
- Aston on Trent Parish Council training charge £40.00 (28<sup>th</sup> June)

**(c) Direct Debits**

- Severn Trent Water £82.36 (3<sup>rd</sup> June) – Allotment water at Oak Road, Thulston period covering 14/11/12 – 15/05/13

**(d) Bank balance as of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2013 £27,019.10**

**09.07.13: To consider planning applications :-**

None

**10.07.13: Items for information only :-**

30<sup>th</sup> July - Safer Neighbourhood Area Forum, Weston on Trent Village Hall. Tea and coffee to be served from 5.45pm. Meeting starts at 6.15pm.

**11.07.13: Date of next meeting:**

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm

\* No meeting to take place in August\*

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

Signed .....  
Cllr R. Strand (Chairman)

Heidi Sargeant - Clerk

