

# **MINUTES FOR THE ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON**

## **Present:**

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

## **In Attendance:**

District Cllr N Atkin, County Cllr R Davidson

The Vice - Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everybody

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

### **1. Apologies**

Cllr T Mansfield, Cllr G Harper

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

None

### **3. Introduction of new Parish Councillor**

Cllr M Beadle was introduced to the Parish Council and its residents. An office of declaration was signed by Cllr Beadle and the Clerk

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

#### **South Derbyshire District Council – Neil Atkin**

**Savings not cuts** – SDDC confirmed that savings not cuts of 10% need to be made. Chief Executive looking into various departments as to where this saving could come from.

Preparations to be made ready for next years budget. They will keep us posted.

**Local Plan** – The local plan part one now published by Officers and will shortly go out for public consultation and includes our parish. The need for an additional 6615 houses is required. Boulton Moor is not included in the extra houses plan. Officers putting recommendations forward. It welcomes residents to attend. Chellaston possibly being hit quite hard. Hoping that the Parish Council will put their objections forward.

**Proposed footbridge, Meadow Nook, Boulton Moor** – Met with Cllr R Strand at the site to look at plans regarding a proposed footbridge at this location. Communication was received by DCC's legal department & Leisure Facilities. Unsure why DCC did not contact the Parish Council to make them aware of this. Cllr R Strand confirmed that in principle he was happy to accept the bridge.

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

**Broadband Speed / Rural Parish** - DCC have signed a contract just after the previous meeting. 95% of areas will be included in the scheme. A meeting will be offered to Parish Councils where an invite of a couple of members of each PC will be welcome to attend to discuss this topic in more detail

**Boulton Moor / Adopted roads** – After walking around this area and referring back to emails, it has been confirmed that all roads in this area are adopted.

**Fly tipping poster** – Still in the process and another poster will be on its way out and hopefully delivered to the Clerk shortly

**Newsletter** – Thank you to Cllr P Bickerton and a local resident for help in distributing letters, the first edition has been posted out

**Open surgeries / Boulton Moor** – Saturday will be a roaming surgery and residents will be asked to place a poster in their window if they would like a visit. It was also discussed that any residents are welcome to attend the walk in surgeries at Aston on Trent Memorial Hall which take place an hour before their parish meeting.

## **5. Neighbourhood Watch Group**

Cllr M Beadle read out a short introduction on behalf of Mr Graham Beadle, the local Co-ordinator for Thulston.

### **01.09.13: Public Speaking**

**Bridge, B5010, Elvaston Adopted Roads** – Resident raised his concern about cyclists mounting the pavement after the bridge on the B5010. Sign states that cyclists are to leave the traffic but no sign telling them to join the traffic, therefore cyclists passing the cottages at fast speed on the pavement.

### **02.09.13: To approve the minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> July 2013 were approved and accepted as a true record and signed off immediately by the Chairman.

### **03.09.13: The Parish Plan Group**

Cllr M Beadle read out a short introduction about current progress in the group

### **04.09.13: Councillor's Report**

**Severn Trent Water / water charges, Boulton Moor** – Cllr S Lee confirmed that he has received a letter from the Consumer Council who have advised him to proceed further with his complaint. Cllr S Lee will report further developments in due course

**Grove Close, Thulston / overgrown brambles** – Cllr R Strand confirmed that the brambles need attention as very overgrown. It was discussed as to whether this could be maintained more regularly by our lengths-man rather than dealing with it after it's become overgrown

### **05.09.13: Clerk's Report**

- **Correspondence received:-**

**Yew Tree Lane, Thulston / Footpath** – Email received from a resident who was concerned that the fence allowing access to the footpath had broken

**Historic pathway access, Sturges Lane, Thulston** – Letter received from a local resident regarding the surface area

**Faulty street light, Colwell Drive, Boulton Moor** – Email received from a resident confirming that there was a faulty street light and that it required repair

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

- **Correspondence sent:-**

**Heart Defibrillator, Thulston** – Request form completed and sent to Heartbeat Community Trust

**Golden Gallop Grant** – Email sent confirming that a grant donation was not available due to current funding

**Proludic Play Area, Boulton Moor** – Meeting arranged with Proludic to discuss possible play area on this site

**Derbyshire County Council, Elvaston / Vehicle Activation Sign** – Email sent requesting a possible VAS sign to be installed in this area – DCC confirmed that our request was not viable due to DCC's system showing no history of car accidents or injuries in this location

### **06.09.13: Items for decision**

**Change of bank account** - It was agreed that the Clerk would look at changing the bank account from Natwest to HSBC as the HSBC was offering online accounts which allowed 2-3 signatories to approve all payments

**Parish Website Logo** – Various logo's have been designed by The Art Club and it was agreed that the Councillor's would look at all of the designs after the meeting and agree a suitable design for the website

**Future Grant Policy** – It was agreed that a policy would be adopted for future grant requests and that the Clerk would email this out to Councillors so that they can spend time to look through

**Laptop** – It was discussed and agreed that the Clerk is to be provided with a new laptop as the former Clerk was able to keep the original laptop purchased due to it having nil monetary value. It was discussed and agreed that 3 quotations for a new laptop will be provided to the Council and a decision made.

**NALC Conference 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Clerk confirmed that she will not be attending  
**Parish Newsletter** – Clerk confirmed that the newsletter was still a possibility and asked whether anybody would be interested in taking on this role

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

Circular 14/13 & 15/13 received and emailed to all Cllrs.

**08.07.13:**

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

<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
000992	H Sargeant – Clerks pay & Expenses	409.00	-	409.00
000993	N Mansell – Lengthsman pay	152.25	-	152.25
000994	Staples – Toner and Stationery	37.07	7.41	44.48
000995	Elvaston Garden Club (grant produce show)	250.00	-	250.00
000996	H Sargeant – Clerks pay & Expenses	409.00	-	409.00
000997	Nick Sellek – Website design plus 12 mths Hosting & domain	653.65	-	653.65
000998	N Mansell – Lengthsman pay plus 3 hours overtime	174.00	-	174.00
000999	P Bickerton – Clearing bus shelter plus expenses	26.00	-	26.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2110.97</b>	<b>7.41</b>	<b>2118.38</b>

**(b) Income**

None

**(c) Direct Debits**

None

**(d) Bank balance as of 30<sup>th</sup> July 2013 £24,579.42**

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

None

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

17<sup>th</sup> September – Your Police, Your Views Event, Sharpes Pottery Museum, West Street, Swadlincote 6.30pm

**11.07.13: Date of next meeting:**

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday October 14th at 7.30pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm

Signed .....

Cllr R. Strand (Chairman)

Heidi Sargeant - Clerk

