

ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 FEBRUARY 2009 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

PRESENT: Cllr Lythgoe, (Chair), Cllrs Lee, McLaughlin, Strand, Wainwright & Miss Russell. The Clerk (R F Hill), Cllr Harrison, G Pollard (Press) and 10 parishioners also attended.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COUNTY COUNCIL - CCLLR JOHN HARRISON

1. There has no approach from Donington Park to DCC regarding the use of the Elvaston Castle estate for a park & ride facility. The parish council will be invited to participate in the consultation process regarding the Racetrack's event management plan.
2. English Heritage still has reservations about Highgate Sanctuary's proposals for Elvaston Castle and has instructed its architects to conduct a survey of the whole estate.
3. The responsibility for parking matters in the county will be taken by DCC from 19 February. Since parking is free at all SDDC controlled car parks, there will be 16 man days of surveillance per month in South Derbyshire.
4. Cllr Harrison said he would meet Messrs Madeley and Whewell on a site visit to discuss the matters they raised at the last Area Forum.
5. DCC's Property department is preparing an agreement to take ownership of land which will make possible pavement widening along the B5010.

DISTRICT COUNCIL - DCLLR HILARY COYLE (report read by the Clerk in her absence).

1. Bird scaring devices (see Minute 4.01.09): SDDC's Environmental Protection Manager advises complainants to keep diary sheets and record the noise. He has also offered to talk to the owner of the allegedly anti-social device to see if a satisfactory arrangement can be reached.
2. Police websites have crime maps which will display the crime behaviour in a selected post code area: go to the SDDC website and click on 'Policing & Public Safety'.
3. The County Council and Erewash Borough Council are in talks over the matter of the road sweeper not cleaning Borrowash Bridge
4. DCC Trading Standards (DCCTS) have again been asked to do checks for overweight vehicles on the B5010. DCCTS do have forms for residents to record such incidents which DCCTS can use to confront vehicle owners.
5. SDDC has launched a consultation on its Local Development Framework Core Strategy, deadline for responses is 2 April.
6. SDDC is planning to hold its Council Tax rate for 2009/10 to a 2.5% increase.

OPEN SESSION

1. Questions were raised about the references in the Inspectors report recommending the approval of the 1058 dwelling development at Boulton Moor, to the retention of the park & ride facility.
2. Two three piece suites have been dumped alongside the Shardlow section of Ambaston Lane.
3. Mr Waters asked for permission to speak during agenda item 11: Gravel & Flooding.

POLICE REPORT

Report for period 10 Jan to 9 Feb:

One report regarding the theft of diesel fuel and two regarding a man allegedly indecently exposing himself to members of the public.

NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1.02.09: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Atherton & Mrs Coyle (family commitments); Cllr Mitchell (illness).

2.02.09: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Lythgoe declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 6: Planning Matters - application 9

2009 0086 FH, extension at 24 Grove Close.

3.02.09: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The circulated minutes of the 12 January meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4.02.09: ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF 'PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.'

OPEN SESSION:-

1. See 6.02.09 - 'Other.'
2. Clean Team to be contacted.
3. Granted.

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5.02.09: CLERK'S REPORT

1. SDDC Planning informed that the protected trees across from the Golden Gates entrance must be replaced as stipulated in the conditions.
2. Severn Trent failed on its promise to respond by 16 Jan to the Clerk's request for rubbish round Severn Trent's pump house on Ball Lane/Oak Road to be removed.
4. Bentley Copying have offered a copier for £299.
5. Next Safer Neighbourhoods meeting is at Melbourne Leisure Centre on 2 March at 6.30pm
6. Segregated left turn at Thulston roundabout: following their receipt of Mark Todd's letter supporting the Council's concerns, Highways Agency have asked their managing agents, Scott Wilson for a report.
7. The Police are considering the re-launch of Community Speedwatch (CS) with a proposed start date between 1 March and 30 September 2009. CS is intended to monitor speeding vehicles particularly in rural villages. Local community volunteers will be trained in the use of hand held speed recording devices, health & safety, minor dispute resolution, safe operating practices and the Speedwatch golden rules. Communities wishing to participate need to identify a road or street limited to 30mph and which has no enforcement already in place (eg speed humps) and be able to provide a pool of between 6 and 10 volunteers (a minimum of 2 volunteers on duty at all times). Applications should be sent to Sergeant 1671 Rogers at Swadlincote.

6.02.09: PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

9 2009 0086 FH - extension at 24 Grove Close, Thulston: Cllr Lythgoe, having declared a personal interest, left the room while the Council decided how to respond. Resolved: check for neighbours' views.

9 2009 0066 FH - extension at 26 Brook Road. Resolved: check for neighbours' views because of concerns as to whether the proximity of the extension might prevent a neighbour from gaining access to a conservatory for maintenance purposes.

Decisions

9 2008 1060 FH - extension at 4 Grove Court, Thulston. GRANTED.

Other

To consider the consequences of the Secretary of State's decision to approve the application to build 1058 houses on Boulton Moor. Though the park and ride facility is mentioned in the Inspector's report, the Secretary of State's decision is confined to the approval for up to 1058 houses to be built. Resolved: to check what provision has been made in the local Transport Plan for park & ride.

7.02.09: MATTERS FOR DECISION

7.1: the Clerk handed each member a summary of Natural Environment & rural Communities Act, Section 40 and the duty placed on parish councils to preserve biodiversity was noted.

7.2: members authorised the cost of enrolling the Chairman on the DALC course for chairmen on 16 May, cost £20.

7.3: the Clerk said that SDDC's elections officer was checking on the procedures to be followed in order to increase ward representation on the Council (Boulton Moor Ward).

7.4: members agreed a donation of £350 towards Elvaston PCC's costs in maintaining St

Bartholomew's Churchyard.

8.02.09: FINANCE

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

cq 750 - P Casey, Lengthsman's wages 4 weeks to 8 February

£ 75.96

cq 751 - R F Hill, Clerk's salary for February

£236.70

" Expenses, 3 months to 12 January 2009

43.66

280.36

cq 752 - Staples UK Ltd, office supplies

20.97

cq 753 - DALC, training course

20.00

cq 754 - Elvaston PCC, donation towards churchyard maintenance costs

350.00

9.02.09: GRAVEL & FLOODING

Mr Waters recommended that the Council acquire a copy of guidance notes to assist parties applying to extract gravel, available from DCC's planning department.

10.02.09: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The list of items received since the previous meeting attached to these minutes was handed to members by the Clerk.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, 13 FEBRUARY 2009

DALC

- Vacancy on Exec Cttee (resignation of Mrs C Barker).
- Circular 01/2009: Index of most important 2008 circulars.
- Circular 02/2009: Redundant buildings grant.
- Circular 03/2009: Age discrimination & the compulsory retirement age/consultation on local authority publicity practice
- Circular 04/2009: Derbyshire market towns retailer training package
- Circular 05/2009: Parish Councils Power to Promote Well-Being Order 2008.

DRCC

- Rural Matters magazine, winter 2008..
- Annual Review 2007/08.

OTHER

- Record RSS Ltd - Playground inspection & maintenance service.
- Melbourne Tree Services Ltd - publicity leaflet.
- SDDC Annual dinner dance, 14 March.
- Arien Signs - publicity leaflet.
- SDDC - Safer Neighbourhoods Funding: Project Information 2007/08.
- Swadlincote Tourist Information leaflet.
- Village of the Year competition 2009.
- Tom Richards Tree Services - information
- Erewash Borough Council - Local Development Framework newsletter
- S. Derbyshire CVS - training course for people working with 11 - 19 age group: 27 Feb, 12.30 - 15.00 at Athenaeum, Potter Street, Melbourne.
- CPRE - letter writing campaign: 'Don't let your taxes fund car dependency & climate

change.'