

**ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 MARCH 2009**  
**AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Lythgoe (Chair), Cllrs Atherton, Lee, McLaughlin, Mitchell, Strand, Wainwright, Mrs Coyle & Miss Russell.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr Harrison, G Pollard (Press), 3 parishioners, one member of the public & the Clerk,  
R F Hill.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**DISTRICT COUNCIL - DCLLR HILARY COYLE**

1. The bird scarer nuisance (Minute 4.01.09) is still unresolved: the device is activated at dawn and sounds off every 15 minutes throughout the day.

**OPEN SESSION**

1. The waste bin reported missing at the junction of Oak Road & Ambaston Lane has been replaced.
2. The waste has been cleared from the Severn Trent sub-station but not from the immediate surrounding area.
3. The hedge along the B5010 at Ball Lane has been cut back.
4. The resident at 24 Brook Road explained her objections to the proposed extensions at 26 Brook Road.

**POLICE REPORT**

PC Crerar & PCSO Bromiley were present to introduce themselves and make the report.

Period 1 Feb - 4 March: 3 reports of suspicious vehicles/persons, 4 of anti-social behaviour and one report of indecent exposure at Elvaston Castle.

They were made aware of the lorry parking referred to at item 7 of the Clerk's report.

**NON-EXEMPT ITEMS**

**1.03.09: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None - all present.

**2.03.09: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3.03.09: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The circulated minutes of the 13 February meeting were approved and the Chairman signed them as a true record.

**4.03.09: ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Open Session

4.To be taken into consideration when considered by members (see Planning Matters, below).

**5.03.09: CLERK'S REPORT**

1. Boulton Moor Ward increased representation - The Boundary Committee for England has advised SDDC that there is a need for a review in the district and they anticipate doing it later this year after which SDDC will consider the Boulton Moor matter.
2. The Derbyshire Aggregates Levy Grant Scheme is inviting applications for projects to be carried out in 2009/10. £224,000 is available for distribution. Members agreed that a submission to cover the provision of water to the allotments should be made.
3. The holes caused by the removal of road reflectors on Snelsmoor Lane and on the B5010 at the entrance to Broad Lane, Thulston, have been mended.
4. There will be a change of internal auditor this year in order to benefit from the services of an accountant who specialises in local government accounts.
5. CPRE is asking for help to stop the taking of Green Belt for development. A suggested donation of £20 would help the campaign which will include publicity, lobbying, research etc. Members resolved to consider this and other requests for donations in April.
6. Crash Course on the Planning System, 20 May at Heanor. Cllrs Lee, Russell & Strand asked

to go.

7. Lorry parking at the entrance to the allotments: this is unadopted territory and therefore not Highways. It is a matter for the police and, if there are environmental health issues, for SDDC.

8. Pedestrian Footway from The Greenway: DCC is 'undertaking further investigations' and will advise when a decision has been made.

9. Derby City Council is inviting comments on its Core Strategy which includes, among other things, the identification of strategic sites for new development. Members resolved to consider this in April.

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### **6.03.09: PLANNING MATTERS**

#### Applications

9 2009 0066 - Extensions at 26 Brook Road: the deeds of 24 Brook Road give the occupier the right to enter the adjoining curtilage in order to carry out maintenance to his/her property and the proposed extension will render that right impossible to perform, it being only 9 inches away from the neighbouring property. There is also a water penetration issue off the flat roof. Resolved: these two points to be added to comments already submitted.

9 2009 0179 FH - extensions at 34B Main Street, Ambaston. Resolved: no comment other than to ask why SDDC did not contact neighbours for comment.

### **7.03.09: FINANCE**

The following accounts were approved for payment;-

cq 755 - P Casey, Lengthsman's wages 4 weeks to 8 March  
£ 75.96

cq 756 - R F Hill, Clerk's salary for March  
236.70

cq 757 - DALC, subscription for 2009/10  
376.61

cq 758 - M Owen, V.H. ground maintenance in 2008  
100.00

cq 759 - Elvaston V.H.Trust, room hire in 2008  
108.00

### **7.03.09: BOULTON MOOR/ELVASTON MEADOWS ISSUES**

Fears that the summer play scheme would attract a disruptive element persuaded members that the open area on Elvaston Meadows should not be the venue for the summer play scheme. Because the Colwell Drive site is too small, only the strip of land off Meadow Nook could be used and the Clerk undertook to check its suitability.

### **8.03.09: ELVASTON CASTLE**

It was agreed that the meeting at Donington Park on the following evening could be used to establish whether there was any likelihood of Elvaston Castle being selected as one of the four park & ride sites serving the race track. Cllrs Mitchell and Strand will attend that meeting

### **9.03.09: GRAVEL & FLOODING**

#### Gravel

Consultation on Tarmac's application to extend gravel extraction northwards from Bellington Hill are complete and DCC is preparing its report. Under the current economic climate, it is not expected that operations will commence before 2011.

#### Flooding

Derby's riverside development is on hold until a decision on whether to build a flood containing wall is made and that decision will have flood risk repercussions downstream. Though the scheme to improve flood defences on the lower Derwent may still happen, it needs the approval of central government before it can.

### **10.03.09: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

1. Cllr Strand said that Severn Trent will only inspect the pipework run for the 3 stand pipes at the allotment when the work has been completed leaving the Council exposed to extra

costs if the wrong pipe dimension is installed.

2. At the Safer Neighbourhoods meeting 2 covert mobile CCTV cameras were put on offer.

3. Forthcoming meetings:-

6 April: parish council meeting (brought forward one week to avoid having to meet on Easter Monday).

8 April: Elvaston Gravel Liaison meeting.

15 April: Melbourne area meeting at Ticknall Village Hall, 7pm.

4. The Clerk circulated a list of the items received since the last meeting.