

ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 APRIL 2009
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Harrison, R F Hill (Clerk).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

DISTRICT COUNCIL - DCLLR HILARY COYLE

1. Extension at 26 Brook Road (see 6.02.09, 9 2009 0066 FH): the neighbour has the right to build up to the boundary.

COUNTY COUNCIL - CCLLR JOHN HARRISON

1. Consultation on Donington Raceway's draft event management plan ends on 15 April. It is in two parts,
one for the site and one for traffic.
2. The meeting with Messrs Madeley & Whewell, referred to in Cllr's report at the 13 February meeting did not take place on the date set and needs to be re-arranged.

OPEN SESSION

1. Mr Waters asked for permission to speak at agenda item 11, Gravel & Flooding.

NON-EXEMPT

1.04.09: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Atherton.

2.04.09: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3.04.09: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Annual Parish Meeting, 9 March: after the deletion of repetitions in the Chairman's report, the circulated text was approved.
 2. Ordinary Meeting, 9 March: the circulated text was approved.
- The Chairman then signed both sets of minutes.

4.04.09: ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF 'PUBLIC PARTICIPATION'

District Councillor's Report

1. Noted.

Open Session

1. Granted.

5.04.09: CLERK'S REPORT

1. Summer Play Scheme. There being no suitable site at Boulton Moor or Elvaston Meadows, the only place suggested within the area, just inside the main entrance to the Golden Gates, was also ruled out because of parking difficulties. SDDC will be approached to see if an area can be prepared on land earmarked for the Boulton Moor residential development so that the Play Scheme can be taken up in 2010/2011.
2. Donations. Under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, a council may spend, up to a prescribed limit in a single year, for any purpose which in its opinion is in the interests of or will directly benefit the area or its inhabitants, or of part of it, or of some of them.

The current limit is £5.30 x the number of local government electors for the locality (about 1300 in Elvaston's case). There has been only one request for donations in the last year, from the Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre, though a donation was made to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Fund. However, local organisations such as the cricket club and those which use the Village Hall, could be invited to bid for a parish council donation.

3. Training.

3.1 There is a course on Law & Good Practice for Parish Councils at 2 venues - Town Hall,

Wirksworth on Tuesday 26 May and Shirland Village Hall on Monday 29 June, both 6.00pm for

6.30pm until 8.30pm and costing £15 per delegate including light buffet tea

3.2 There is a training seminar on "What is the Power of Well Being" at 2 venues - Repton

Village Hall on Monday 15 June and Bakewell Town Hall on Wednesday 17 June. Briefly the

power of well being is the informal name given to the statutory power enabling a local authority (that includes those parish councils which meet the eligibility criteria) to do anything

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which it considers likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of their area. Both are 6.00pm for 6.30pm until 8.30pm and costing

£15 per delegate including buffet tea.

4. On 11 March, Morgan Wray (Environment Agency) emailed to say that the missing grill at

the headwall of Thulston Brook is not the Environment Agency's asset but that he will enquire and

advise who does own it. The Clerk was also asked to consult Mr Chamberlain on whose land the headwall is located.

5. Civic Amenity Refuse Service: the refuse freighter will be at the Harrington Arms car park on Saturday 25 April from 7.30 until 11.30am.

6.04.09: PLANNING

Applications/Decisions

None.

Consultative

1. South Derbyshire Local Development Framework Core Strategy: the Clerk was asked to plead for an extension to the consultation period to allow members time to submit their comments, via the Clerk.

2. Derby City Core Strategy: one of the declared aims is to identify strategic sites for development. Members agreed that any development will inevitably affect the natural drainage and this, together with the proposal to build a flood wall to contain the River Derwent through Derby, will increase the risk of flooding for settlements downstream of Derby and the City planners should be urged to keep this in mind throughout the planning phase.

3. Derbyshire & Derby Development Plans Joint Advisory Committee. The Clerk gave each member present a copy of the committee's letter dated 27 March 2009, ref PD/BGS/10.5/1b/par, inviting Elvaston parish to make representations about what should be contained in the minerals and waste core strategy development plans documents which are to replace the existing minerals and waste local plans.

7.04.09: FINANCE

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

cq 760 - P Casey, Lengthsman's wages 4 weeks to 5 April	
£ 75.96	
cq 761 - R F Hill, Clerk's salary for April	236.70
cq 762 - Bentley Copying Services, reconditioned Ricoh 220 photocopier	343.85
cq 763 - Community Consultation, insurance 2009/2010	321.05

8.04.09: PARISH PLAN

Members agreed to invite a representative from Derbyshire Rural Community Council to make a presentation on parish plans, their value to communities and the recommended way to get one started. The Clerk was asked to arrange a date in May or June for the event to be held and to invite parishioners to attend.

9.04.09: BOULTON MOOR/ELVASTON MEADOWS ISSUES

- Members agreed that the proposed phasing for the construction of the 1058 houses and associated infrastructure must be adhered to.
- Following Royal Mail's refusal to place a mail collection box on Colwell Drive, the Clerk was asked to take up the matter with Ofcom.

10.04.09: ELVASTON CASTLE

Derbyshire County Council is about to commence a survey to determine the condition of the buildings and gardens in order to establish the cost of bringing them up to an acceptable standard.

11.04.09: GRAVEL & FLOODING

- Tim Ive, the Environment Agency's project manager for the Lower Derwent Flood Risk Management Strategy, will attend the next Elvaston Quarry Gravel Liaison meeting on 8 April. Mr Waters said that this should not replace the meeting still to be held between the parish council, Derbyshire County Council and the Environment Agency. The Clerk was asked to include this item on the agenda for June.
- Derbyshire County Council are near to completing the draft report on Tarmac's application to extract gravel north of Ambaston Lane
- Tarmac no longer owns any part of the responsibility for dredging Thulston Brook having sold the adjacent land.

12.04.09: COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Strand said that work was about to commence on laying pipes to take water to the allotments and that a donation of £300 had been received from Elvaston Horticultural Society.

13.04.09: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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