

ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 MAY 2009 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

PRESENT: Cllr Lythgoe (Chair), Cllrs Mrs Coyle (from 8.05pm), Lee, McLaughlin, Miss Russell, Strand and Wainwright.

IN ATTENDANCE: CCllr Harrison, R F Hill (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: CCLLR JOHN HARRISON

- On 17 April, the site visit around the Elvaston Castle Estate took place with Cllr Harrison, Mr Madeley & Mr Whewell in attendance. A report of the findings will be prepared and sent to Mr Goacher, DCC's Property Manager.
- There will be a survey carried out, at English Heritage's expense, of all the properties on the Elvaston Castle Estate in order to assess the true cost of restoration.
- At the Elvaston Quarry Liaison meeting on 8 April, a senior Environment Agency (EA) executive said that plans were being prepared which would include restoration of the Ambaston flood bank and at the Flood Liaison meeting earlier on 11 May, EA said that the cost benefit analysis was being re-evaluated and the Ambaston flood bank situation remains positive.
- The next Safer Neighbourhoods meeting is at Ticknall Village Hall at 7.00pm on 17 June.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: DCLLR HILARY COYLE

District Council officers, noting that attendance by parish council representatives at Flood Liaison meetings is generally poor, are trying to establish whether the timing (currently 10.00am), could be changed to encourage higher attendance.

OPEN SESSION

1. What is the situation regarding the planting of replacement trees for those opposite the Golden Gates entrance which had been felled though the subject of tree preservation orders?
2. Had there been any progress on securing funding to provide bus shelters at both the Derby and Airport bound stops near the Golden Gates entrance?
3. No plans have been forthcoming from SDDC regarding work on the storm water drain under the B5010 by Borrowwash Bridge to make it operational. It was noted that the site had been inspected on 6 December 2008 by Mr Madeley, Mr Payne from SDDC and the Clerk.
4. Street lights have been installed at the Borrowwash side of Borrowwash Bridge. Are there plans to install lights at the Elvaston end?
5. The riverside path is not accessible from the B5010 to mobility scooters because of the kissing gate.
6. Ockbrook & Borrowwash has had a curfew imposed under Section 30 of the anti-social behaviour legislation.

NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

6.05.09: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Atherton & Mitchell.

7.05.09: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

8.05.09: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The circulated minutes of the meeting held on 6 April, after inclusion of Cllr Strand on the list of those members present, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

9.05.09: ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF 'PUBLIC PARTICIPATION'

Open Session

1. Clerk to establish if any pressure has been exerted on the landowner to plant trees on a 'one for one' basis as required by the conditions imposed by the planning consent.
2. Funding from East Midlands Airport's Community Liaison department had not been available during the last financial year: Clerk to submit another claim.
3. Clerk to contact SDDC.
4. Cllr Harrison to make enquiries at Matlock.
5. To be placed on the June meeting agenda.
6. Noted. The detrimental effect of Section 30 action on neighbouring communities who are often the recipients of trouble from offenders migrating away from the areas of curfew is a matter which could be raised at the next Safer Neighbourhoods meeting on 17 June.

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10.05.09: CLERK'S REPORT

- Parish Plan: Helena Stubbs from Derbyshire Rural Community Council says she can make a 2 hour presentation on 25 June. The Clerk and Chairman attended a meeting hosted by South Derbyshire CVS where a representative from the 'Awards for All' scheme said that grants ranging from £300 to £10,000 could be allocated to fund parish plan schemes.
- Thulston Brook headwall SK 40603210: EA has established that Severn Trent owns the problem and has given the Clerk a contact there.
- Colwell Drive Royal Mail collection box: Ofcom has been consulted - response awaited.
- Training seminar on "What is the Power of Well Being" at Repton Village Hall, Monday 15 June 6.00pm to 8.00pm.
- Parish Council Forum at Donington Park, Tuesday 9 June at 6.30pm.
- Joint Highways Forum, Thursday 25 June, 10.00am in the Council Chamber Swadlincote.

11.05.09: PLANNING

Applications

9 2009 0253 - erection of fencing at 19 Orchard Close, Boulton Moor: Clerk to ask SDDC planners for advice.

9 2009 0260 - formation of a horse manege at Ambaston Lane, Elvaston; no comment.

Decisions

2009 0066 FH - extension at 26 Brook Road, Thulston: GRANTED.

2009 0066 FH - installation of a balcony at 26 Brook Road: REFUSED.

2009 0086 FH - extension at 24 Grove Close, Thulston: GRANTED.

2009 0179 FH - extensions & alterations at 34B Main Street, Ambaston: GRANTED.

12.05.09; MATTERS FOR DECISION

- To approve the purchase of one copy of Charles Arnold Baker's 'Local Council Administration' - 8th Ed. The Clerk said that this was no longer necessary as he was being supplied a copy from elsewhere.
 - To accept the internal auditor's report and to approve the 2008/09 Annual Return prior to submission to the Audit Commission: unanimously accepted and approved.
 - To record the issue of two cheques since the previous meeting to pay the following accounts:-
 - cq 764 - Severn Trent, connection to the mains supply (allotment water)
£120.00
 - cq 765 - DALC, training fee for Cllrs Lee, Russell & Strand to attend a training course on planning £ 45.00
- Both matters were pre-approved (Minutes 7.12.08 & 5.03.09).

13.05.09: FINANCE

The following accounts were approved for payment;-

P Casey, Lengthsman's wages 5 weeks to 10 May £ 96.17

Evolusys Ltd, internal audit fee 2008/09

£ 75.00

R F Hill, Clerk's salary for May and increase in hourly rate from 1 April 2008:

(£237.40 + £9,10) £246.50

Expenses, 14 Feb to 11 May 2009 82.32

£328.82

14.05.09: BOULTON MOOR/ELVASTON MEADOWS ISSUES

The Clerk was asked to request DCC to inspect the land drains alongside Snelsmoor Lane between Thulston Fields Farm and the A6 to see whether the trees apparently growing in them are adversely affecting drainage efficiency.

15.05.09: COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Strand reported that the application to connect to Severn Trent's mains supply for water to the allotments had been submitted but that there would be a 3 month wait for Severn Trent to inspect.

16.05.09: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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