

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: R F Hill (Clerk), G Pollard (Press), Cllr Harrison and 3 members of the public (Messrs Roberts, Shaw & Waters).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - DCLLR HILARY COYLE

1. DCLlr Mrs Coyle handed to the Clerk a copy of the first edition of the Barrow Parish News together with contact details for the printers.
2. At the recent Joint Highways Forum there was a presentation on the civil parking enforcement arrangements now that they are managed by Derbyshire County Council (DCC). Communities can contact James Adams on 01629 585672/parking@derbyshire.gov.uk if they feel that a particular area needs to be patrolled because of persistent illegal parking, but enforcement officers will not take action in cases of obstruction which are still a matter for the police.
- 3 The next Melbourne Area meeting is at Aston on Trent Memorial on Wednesday 15 July at 7pm.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - CCLLR JOHN HARRISON

1. DCC's officers and members are willing to have a meeting with the parish council and its advisors to discuss the Ambaston Flood Bank but they need advance notice of the issues involved.
2. The new controlling group at DCC is continuing to support the choice of Highgate Sanctuary as the lessee/developer of the Elvaston Castle Estate but still outstanding is the resolution of the scope and style of the additional building Highgate Sanctuary says is needed to make the project commercially viable: Cllr Harrison has asked for a senior level meeting with English Heritage in order to understand the problem.
It is understood that Highgate Sanctuary may sublease the ornamental gardens back to DCC, a move which may add further delays to the project.
3. Donington Racetrack officers have issued another management plan and consultation responses have to be in by 31 July. Cllr Harrison recommended that the Clerk asks for a copy to be discussed as an exempt item by the Council; meantime, Cllr Harrison has asked for the 'Private & Confidential' restriction to be lifted so that the document can be reviewed and commented upon by a wider public.
4. Cllr Harrison has asked for the deal to purchase a strip of land to widen the B5010 footpath to be negotiated as soon as possible so that the necessary funds can be released and the project completed within this financial year.
5. East Midlands Airport have a new consultation which can be downloaded from the website.
Between September 2008 and March 2009, passenger traffic fell by nearly 25%; freight tonnage was reduced but the number of flights was the same.

OPEN SESSION

1. The Village Hall will be closed from 17 to 31 August for work to be done on the floor.
2. The holes in the B5010 between Broad Lane and the former junction with Snelsmoor Lane, created when the road reflectors were removed, are still there.
3. At the junction of Ambaston Lane and the B5010 near Silver Lane, the Ambaston Lane sign, the 30mph speed restriction signs and the signpost have all been vandalised.
4. Ragwort is rife in the area around the Thulston Roundabout.
5. Mr Roberts asked to be allowed to speak at Item 10 - Elvaston Castle, in order to seek explanation of some of the claims made in the Derby Evening Telegraph for 13 July.
6. Mr Waters asked to be allowed to speak at items 5 (Parish Plan) & 11 (Gravel & Flooding).
7. Mr Shaw said he had attended a presentation given by Cyclamax describing the nature of the incineration plant commissioned by Derby City Council and to be situated near the

boundary with Elvaston Parish: there would be a detrimental effect on air quality but there was no detail given about the precise nature of the gases released into the atmosphere from the plant.

8. It was observed that a significant proportion of bumble bees were suffering from a wing disease.

POLICE REPORT

Burglary (non-dwelling)	- 2
Criminal damage	- 1
Buglary	- 1
Antisocial behaviour	- 1
Suspicious persons/vehicles	- 2

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NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1.07.09: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs McLaughlin (away on business) & Miss Russell.

2.07.09: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3.07.09: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Clr Wainwright proposed, seconded by Cllr Lee, that the circulated minutes for the 8 June meeting be signed as a true record: agreed and the Chairman signed them.

4.07.09: ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF 'PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.'

District Councillor's Report

2. Noted.

3. Noted.

County Councillor's Report

1. Cllr Mitchell to pool his knowledge with that of Mr Waters in order to produce a list of headings which the Clerk can then pass on to CCllr Harrison.

2. Noted.

3. Clerk to ask Donington Racetrack for a copy of the Management Plan.

4. Noted.

5. Noted.

Open Session

2. Clerk to contact DCC Highways.

3. Clerk to contact DCC (signpost and speed restriction signs) and SDDC (Ambaston Lane sign).

4. Clerk to contact Highways Agency's maintenance subcontractors.

5. Granted.

6. Granted.

7. Clerk to acquire the Cyclamax report.

8. Cllr Strand gave his informed opinions about the plight of bees.

5.07.09: PARISH PLAN

The 3rd of August at the Village Hall, commencing 7.30pm, was agreed as the date for a meeting to constitute the Steering Committee. Cllr Mrs Coyle said that Ian Hey, SDDC's Community Partnership Officer, was taking a keen interest in the project and the Clerk undertook to invite him to the meeting.

Cllr Wainwright tabled a discussion paper arguing the case for a pedestrian refuge on the A6 opposite The Greenway. He said it would be a project relevant to the Parish Plan but Cllr Mrs Coyle said that if the Council supported the idea, it should take up the case immediately, to be supported, if necessary, by the action plan arising out of the parish plan project: members agreed.

6.07.09: CLERK'S REPORT

1. The Highways Agency's report into the operation of Thulston Roundabout concludes that the parish council's safety concerns cannot be confirmed

2. The letter promoting the case for a mail collection box on Colwell Drive, sent initially to Ofcom, has now been redirected to Postcomm.

3. Membership of Derbyshire Rural Community Council (£30), deferred to the next meeting.

7.07.09: FINANCE

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

cq 772 - P Casey, Lengthsman's wages 5 weeks to 12 July
£ 96.17

cq 773 - R F Hill, Clerk's salary for July
237.40

cq 774 - LexisNexis, 2 copies of 'Local Council Administration'
112.65

(to be fully reimbursed by Shardlow & Great Wilne Parish Council)

cq 775 - Staples, office supplies
27.29

cq 776 - Mark Owen, Village Hall grounds maintenance (6 visits)
120.00

cq 777 - R Strand, reimbursement of costs incurred in setting up water supply to the allotments
395.95

(made up as follows:-

M Chater, digger hire	£150.00
MAP, plumbing hardware	142.03
Wickes, plumbing hardware	20.23
Homebase, plumbing hardware	5.49
Browns Builders Merchants, plumbing hardware	78.20)

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8.07.09: PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

9 2009 0391 FH - erection of a fence at 5 Main Road, Elvaston: no objection.

9 2009 0508 FH - extensions at 51 Mill Hill, Boulton Moor : subject to no adverse comment from the occupants of 49 & 53 Mill Hill, no objection.

9 2009 0520 FM - conversion & refurbishment of farm building to residential dwelling near Castle Court, Elvaston: fully supported by the Council.

Decisions

9 2009 0253 FH - erection of fencing at 19 Orchard Close, Boulton Moor: GRANTED>

9 2009 0260 U - formation of a horse manege on land at Ambaston Lane, Elvaston: GRANTED.

9.07.09: ELVASTON CASTLE

DCC has accepted English Heritage's offer of funding (80%) towards the Priority A Repair Works to Garden Structures on the Estate and will contribute the other 20% itself:-

	<u>2009/2010</u>	<u>2010/2011</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>		
English Heritage	£456,000	
£456,000		
Derbyshire County Council	£105,600	£ 8,400
<u>£114,000</u>		

£570,000

10.07.09: GRAVEL & FLOODING

Tarmac's application is now in its final stages, all outstanding matters having been resolved.

11.07.09: COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Severn Trent have approved the work undertaken by the allotment holders to pipe water to the site.

12.07.09: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The Clerk circulated a list of information items received since the previous meeting.

