

**ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER**  
**2009 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** R F Hill (Clerk), G Pollard (Press) and 4 members of the public.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - DCLLR HILARY COYLE**

1. Noise at Beechwood Park event - for action to be taken, dates and times would need to be logged and the noise measured, only worthwhile if the event is a regular one.
2. 3 Main Street Ambaston - SDDC's Development Control Committee has noted the request to inspect but will not do so until building is complete.
3. Telegraph poles on Ambaston Lane - DCC's Traffic Team say that the poles are set back from the road and should not be a safety hazard. Adjoining landowners have a right of appeal if they have concerns about the difficulty caused by the poles when hedgecutting.
4. Sawley Road Closure - the B5010 was one of two nominated routes being named for use by vehicles prohibited from using the other route which included the M1. The next Highways Forum could establish the reason for no advance notification.
5. Planning Application at 26 Brook Road, Thulston - DCllr Coyle has asked SDDC's Development Control for an update, promised 14 September.
6. Boulton Moor Development - the 144 page Section 106 Agreement is now available to study.
7. A6 Pedestrian Crossing/Refuge - DCC's Highways Department say that the scheme was rejected on cost grounds when last raised and there have been no further plans to introduce a crossing feature.
8. Thulston Roundabout/Ragwort - the area has been mown but not the grass on the spur.
9. Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting 8 September at Shardlow - many Shardlow and Aston issues were raised but none from Elvaston. The police gave a report on restorative justice whereby victims of minor crimes where the culprit is identified and owns up, receive compensation for the damage together with an apology; offenders are not sent before the courts but a note is placed on their files. Persistent offenders will still be processed through the courts.
10. Community Payback Scheme - the Safer South Derbyshire Team is producing a list of the hotspots where community labour could be used to clean up litter, graffiti etc (see Clerk's Report for more details).
11. Elvaston Gravel Liaison Meeting - 16 September at Elvaston Castle.
12. Melbourne Area Meeting - 21 October at Weston on Trent Village Hall, 7.00pm.

**OPEN SESSION**

1. Council was asked, on behalf of members & parishioners, to formally thank SDDC for clearing the rubbish on Ambaston Lane so promptly.
2. Excessive noise from the A50 was an issue raised some 4 years ago: it is worse now and should be raised again.
3. Mr Roberts asked for permission to speak at Agenda Items 10 (Gravel & Flooding) & 11 (Elvaston Castle) and Mr Waters at Agenda Item 10.
4. Proposed Raynesway Waste Incineration Plant - Mr Shaw advised of a meeting at the Friends Meeting House, St Helens Street, on 4 October (7.00pm) when Professor Paul Connert will give a talk about how incineration impacts on health and recycling.

**POLICE REPORT**

Period 10 August to 13 September:

- Anti Social Behaviour - 4 reports;
- Suspicious Vehicles - 1 report;
- Theft from Vehicles - 1 report;
- Burglary - 1 report;
- Fly Tipping - 2 reports

Mr Roberts said that the police reports lacked detail and that use should be made of Freedom of Information provisions in order to produce more meaningful reports. Cllr Mrs Coyle said that the local neighbourhood team should be invited to attend Council meetings once every three months.

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## **NON-EXEMPT ITEMS**

### **1.09.09: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chairman said that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Atherton who said that work commitments, the pressures of a young family and the fact that he no longer lived close enough to Elvaston to represent parishioners effectively, had prompted his decision. There were no apologies, all members being present.

### **2.09.09: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **3.09.09: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Cllr Strand proposed, seconded by Cllr Wainwright and agreed, that the circulated minutes of the 10 August meeting be signed as a true record.

### **4.09.09: ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF 'PUBLIC PARTICIPATION'**

#### District Councillor's Report

6. See 9.09.09 (2).
7. See 9.09.09 (1).

#### Open Session

1. Clerk to thank SDDC.
2. Clerk to action.
3. Both requests granted.

#### Police Report

It was agreed to pursue both suggestions in order to improve the quality of information contained in police reports.

### **5.09.09: PARISH PLAN - TO AGREE THE LEVEL OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO BE GIVEN BY THE PARISH COUNCIL TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE**

Cllr Lee proposed that £500 should be made available to the Steering Committee; Cllr Mrs Coyle seconded the proposal and all agreed.

### **6.09.09: CLERK'S REPORT**

1. Derbyshire County Council plans to operate a payback scheme called Operation Relentless under which people brought to book for offences such as graffiti, fly-tipping, dropping litter, can be made to pay their debt to society. The officer running the scheme has asked for a list of the sites within the parish affected by graffiti and fly-tipping. Resolved: Clerk to advise Ambaston Lane (fly tipping) and the pedestrian underpass between the Thulston & Snelsmoor Lane traffic islands (litter and graffiti) as suitable areas.
2. On 1 September the responsibility for public footpaths transferred from SDDC to the County Council though the Rights of Way officer, David Adkins, currently based at Swadlincote, will continue in that role.
3. Derbyshire County Council is launching a campaign urging people to report problems on Derbyshire's

roads. To do so, visit [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/reportit](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/reportit) and fill in a form on-line, or email the details to

[callcentre@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:callcentre@derbyshire.gov.uk) or phone 08456 058 058.

4. The Thulston Culvert grating has been moved to one side and not re-located. Cllr Russell, having inspected it, thinks the cover needs to be securely installed and the Clerk said he would consult SDDC's

Environmental Services Department.

#### **7.09.09: PLANNING MATTERS**

##### Applications

None.

##### Decisions

0340 FH - extensions at 57 Main Street, Ambaston: GRANTED.

0391 FH - erection of a fence at 5 The Lilacs, Main Road, Elvaston: GRANTED.

0508 FH - extensions at 51 Mill Hill, Boulton Moor: GRANTED.

0520 FM - conversion & refurbishment of farm building to residential dwelling on land adjoining Castle Court, Elvaston: GRANTED. Note: the Council had made no objection to this application on the ground that it would remove an eyesore from the area but members observed that previous applications applying to build new or convert uninhabitable properties had been refused because the community in which they were located was deemed unsustainable. The Clerk was asked to follow up the matter with the planning department.

#### **8.09.09: FINANCE**

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

cq 783 - G Wathall & Son (funeral director), donation to St Bartholomew's Church, Elvaston and Nether Hall Care Home, re the funeral of Pam Garratt who was Clerk to the Council for 33 years until December 2002  
£ 50.00

cq 784 - P Casey, Lengthsman's wages 5 weeks to 13 September  
96.17

cq 785 - R F Hill, Clerk's salary for September  
237.40

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

1. Pedestrian Crossing Facility from the Greenway to the eastbound bus stop on the A6 - Cllr Wainwright said that, notwithstanding the local authorities' rejection of the scheme (on cost grounds), there is a need for a crossing facility and that he would offer it as a project to the newly formed Parish Plan Steering Committee. He also wants a site meeting and it was agreed to ask CCllr Harrison how best to organise one.

2. Boulton Moor Development Section 106 Agreement: Clerk to circulate copies to members.

3. Copies of the PostComm letter detailing Royal Mail's obligation in relation to providing post boxes under Condition 3 of its licence, were distributed to members. Cllr Lee said he was not satisfied with the

contents of the letter and undertook to investigate further.

#### **10.09.09: GRAVEL & FLOODING**

1. Ambaston Flood Bank: the Environment Agency (EA) remains confident that the complex procedure required for approval to raise the height of the flood bank is proceeding positively. EA currently awaits details of how it will link in with/form part of the Derby City Flood Defence Programme.

2. Gravel Extraction: Tarmac expects to commence operations north of Ambaston Lane later

than planned, possibly 2011. Mr Waters said that the comments and objections made by the Council regarding previous applications should hold good for this application and any future ones (e.g. the land identified as "SN06" on the Minerals Plan) and the council should not be required to resubmit them in response to each new application.

**11.09.09: ELVASTON CASTLE REPORT**

The survey of the site, which Highgate Sanctuary needs in order to submit the detailed planning application, is still in progress and tenders from specialist repair agencies are still to be completed. It was agreed to ask Highgate Sanctuary's Chief Executive, Tanya Spilsbury, to meet council members so that she can update them on the project.

**12.09.09: COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Strand said that the water meter for the allotments had been installed.

**13.09.09: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

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