

PRESENT: Cllr Lee (Chair), Cllrs Lythgoe & Strand.

IN ATTENDANCE: CCllr Harrison, R F Hill (Clerk) & 4 parishioners.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - CLLR JOHN HARRISON

1. Elvaston Castle: work has begun on the Moorish Temple and the nursery garden wall.
The architect's report is expected soon and should bring closer a decision on the Highgate Sanctuary lease. However, no agreement has been reached with English Heritage regarding the size of the Castle extension which Highgate Sanctuary say is needed to make the project viable
2. Local authority websites are now required to include single costs of over £500.
3. The South Derbyshire unemployment rate has fallen to 1.9% - the county average is 3% and the national average 3.4%.
4. SDDC is rated in the top 100 of local authorities and registered charities as a place to work.
5. As part of the comprehensive spending review, DCC needs to save £84M over the next 4 years, £35M of that in the first year.

OPEN SESSION

1. Mr Waters asked for permission to speak at agenda items 8.2 (budget) and 11 (Gravel & Flooding).
2. Mr Roberts asked for permission to speak at Item 11 (Gravel & Flooding).
3. Mr Roberts asked if there had been any response from Tarmac regarding the overgrown hedge alongside Ball Lane.
4. Mr Roberts asked if there had been any information received from The Highways Agency regarding noise emanating from the A50.
5. Mr Roberts said that the land surrounding Ambaston to the west, north and east was not being maintained to the same standard as other farmland in the area and he asked the Council to raise the matter with Tarmac.
6. Mr Roberts said that drains on Ambaston Lane which had been weeping sewage water had been fixed promptly after the matter was reported.

POLICE REPORT - December 2010

Crimes

12/12/10 - Theft of mobile phone - Borrowwash Rd.

15/12/10 - Damage to vehicle - Mountfield Way.

Incidents

06/12/10 - 00:12 - Drink driver caught by Police - Sevenlands Drive, Boulton Moor.

11/12/10 - 17:05 - Antisocial Behaviour - Youths throwing stones at properties & vehicles - Robins close, Elvaston Meadows. All parents have been informed of their children's behaviour.

22/12/10 - Antisocial Behaviour - Group of youths being rowdy - Woods Meadow.

30/12/10 - Suspicious vehicles reported - two vans seen with identical number plate - Thulston.

NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1.01.11: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Mitchell & Russell (illness) and Spenser & Coyle (work commitments).

2.01.11: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3.01.11: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The circulated minutes of the 13 December 2010 meeting were approved and then signed by the Chairman.

4.01.11: ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF 'PUBLIC PARTICIPATION'

1. Granted.
2. Granted.
3. No - Clerk to contact Tarmac's property department to determine ownership of the adjacent field.
4. No - Clerk to ask for the information again.
5. Clerk to raise the matter with Tarmac.
6. Noted.

N PARISH PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

budget for 2011/12, as a grant, the sum of £150.

Applications

2010 1134 RM - extension of the time limit for implementation of outline application 9 2005 0611 for the Construction of up to 1058 dwellings together with a primary school, retail provision, public open space (including children's play areas & sports pitches) and associated landscape works: members did not object to the extension of the time limit but did object to changes sought by the developer in this application not prompted by legislation or directive. Members also agreed to reiterate two points from the Council's 2005 response to the original application, a) that development should be confined to land west of Snelsmoor Lane and b) that the triangle of land east of the A50 spur should not be developed at all.

9 2011 0005 FH - amendment to application 9 2009 0572 for the erection of extensions and alterations at 26 Brook Road, Thulston: members thought the development was so close to the boundary with No 24 that it would prevent the occupant of No 24 from carrying out essential maintenance.

Decisions

None.

7.01.11: CLERK'S REPORT

1. DCC have advised the complainant that a letter has been sent to the landowner requesting removal of the barbed wire coiled along the top of a fence on Ambaston Lane, Thulston.

2. A letter from Eric Pickles, Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government, is encouraging groups to hold celebrations for various events and he singles out the Diamond Jubilee in 2012 to mark the Queen's 60 year reign. He says that he has swept away many of the excessive government requirements so that there are now only two requirements: there must be community approval and arrangements must be made for diverting traffic.

8.-01.11: FINANCE

8.1. The following accounts were approved for payment:-

cq 844 - P Casey, Lengthsman's wages, 4 weeks to 26 December 2010	£ 97.37
cq 845 - R F Hill, Clerk's salary for January	239.78
cq 846 - South Derbyshire CVS, affiliation fee 2011	10.00

8.2. The Clerk presented a paper showing predicted expenditure in 2011/12 of £12040, £10244 of which could be claimed for reimbursement under S136 - concurrent functions. However SDDC have limited reimbursement to £5617 leaving an income shortfall of £6423 (£12040 - £5617). Members agreed to set the precept for 2011/12 at £6500 in order to maintain existing reserves and to cover the cost of professional advice connected with the next phase of gravel extraction.

9.01.11: WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

There is now a section for the Women's Institute and one for Church notices.

10.01.11: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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