

ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 MAY 2010
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

PRESENT: Cllrs Lythgoe, Lee, Mitchell, Strand & Russell.

IN ATTENDANCE: R. F. Hill (Clerk), CCllr J Harrison & 5 members of the public (Messrs Madeley, Roberts, Shaw, Waters & Whewell).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - CCLLR JOHN HARRISON

1. DCC's officers & members wish it to be recorded that they understand and sympathise with the residents of Ambaston regarding the risk of flooding.
2. CCllr Harrison has asked for the accident record for the junction of London Road and Broad Lane, Thulston to see if it justifies the recent changes there.
3. It is stated in DCC's records that one of the reasons for the introduction of a 40mph speed limit from Elvaston village to Borrowash Bridge was that the footpath was to be widened, a firm indication that DCC intends to carry out the project..
4. The condition report on the artefacts at Elvaston Castle, now 7 months behind schedule, should be released by the end of May.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - DCLLR HILARY COYLE (read in her absence)

Heather Wheeler, leader of the District Council, has been elected to serve as MP for South Derbyshire and has stood down as Leader.

OPEN SESSION

1. Mr Waters thanked Cllr Lythgoe for his co-operation and understanding during his two years as Chairman. Mr Roberts also added his thanks.
2. Messrs Roberts and Waters asked to reserve the opportunity speak at Agenda Items 6 - Planning (Minerals Core Strategy) and 12 - Gravel & Flooding.
3. Mr Madeley expressed his dismay at the way the estate staff at Elvaston Castle go about their work: many of the things they do, he alleged, should not be regarded as priority items when the real priority - the restoration of the Castle itself - seems to be ignored. He warned CCllr Harrison that reports emanating from Matlock do not square with what actually happens on the ground.

POLICE REPORT

Reported Crimes in April:-

- 5th - robbery on Borrowash Road.
- 5th - criminal damage on Borrowash Road.
- 14th - burglary at a dwelling on Brook Road.
- 17th - criminal damage at Borrowash Road.
- 21st - theft at Main Road, Elvaston.

Reported Incidents in April:-

- 4th - antisocial behaviour (ASB) involving youths on Borrowash Road.
- 4th - ASB at a private party on Boulton Moor (BM).
- 21st - ASB on Pool Close, BM: youths climbing on scaffolding; officers warned them as to their behaviour.
- 23rd - ASB at Meadow Nook, BM: youths attempting to climb electric pylons.

NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

6.05.10: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Coyle, Spenser & Wainwright.

7.05.10: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

8.05.10: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cllr Russell moved, seconded by Cllr Lythgoe, that the circulated minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2010 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. Agreed.

9.05.10: ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF 'PUBLIC PARTICIPATION'

Open Session

2. Granted.
3. CCllr Harrison thanked Mr Madeley for his observations and said he would take them in to account.

10.05.10: CLERK'S REPORT

1. A50 road noise: the new man at the Highways Agency has promised a reply after he has familiarised himself with the file.
2. Grit bins: DCC has offered bins foc; refills by DCC cost £57.74 though they advise it may be cheaper to make other arrangements.
3. Community Speedwatch Scheme, request for speed survey & accident report acknowledged; the police will reply when they have collated the material.
4. Avenue of trees: reply from SDDC Planning says that the power is available for enforcement measures to be taken where trees have been felled or destroyed without consent. Where a tree has to be removed because it is dead or deemed dangerous, Section 206 of The Town & Country Planning Act 1990 puts an obligation on the owner to replace it and if he/she fails to do it in 4 years, he/she may be served with a replacement notice. However, SDDC's reply does not offer a judgement on whether trees have to be replaced on a like for like basis. They do say that members might want to consider dialogue with the owners and SDDC will be pleased to advise on the legal implications of any restoration scheme. Members agreed that the landowners, Tarmac, should be asked for permission to enter their land in order to carry out an inspection.
5. Chris Mason of SDDC, in response to a request from Cllr Mrs Coyle, is arranging to clear Thulston Brook near the Colwell Drive road bridge.
6. Filling the Council vacancy: a letter to be delivered to BM/EM residents was tabled by the Clerk for approval .
7. The accounts are about to go for internal audit. The Clerk advised that, in his view, members will be advised to review the financial regulations and to close out the review of Standing Orders. He has informed the auditor that the risk assessment on the allotments has been delayed until the insurance cover has been reviewed and that the use of the Clerk's new office will be risk assessed now that it is fully operational. The Clerk also expects the auditor to recommend that members review contractual arrangements with employees.

11.05.10: PLANNINGApplications

9 2010 0349 FH - retrospective application for an extension and conservatory at 15 The Pinfold, Thulston: members had no objection or comment.

Consultative

1. Derby & Derbyshire Minerals Core Strategy: key issues and options report (consultation period ends on 25th June). Members agreed that a formal response should be submitted but that it would need more time to prepare a detailed submission and the Clerk was asked to request an extension.
2. Derbyshire Local Transport Futures Questionnaire 2011-2026 (consultation period ends on 17th June). Members agreed that a completed questionnaire would be submitted by the Council.

12.05.10: MATTERS FOR DECISION

1. To purchase a dog bin for location near the Sustrans path/B5010 junction. RESOLVED: A dog waste bin would cost £251.53 + VAT and £3.71 a week to empty it. Cost first year, £444, thereafter £193. Members asked the Clerk to review the budget to see if the purchase can be afforded.
2. To extend the area picked by the Lengthsman to include London Road from Thulston roundabout to Aston Lane. RESOLVED: members agreed and asked the Clerk to include it in the Lengthsman's contract of employment.

13.05.10: FINANCE

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

cq 815 - P Casey, Lengthsman's wages 4 weeks to 9 May

£

77.89

cq 816 - R F Hill, Clerk's salary for May

239.78

cq 817 - Community Consultation Ltd, insurance 2010/11
340.69

cq 818 - The Flower Cafe, V.H. ground maintenance June to Oct 2009
70.00

cq 819 - Community Consultation Ltd, extension for Lengthsman (personal accident)
& allotment land (public liability)
40.20

14.05.10: WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

Cllr Strand said that co-operation from the provider has been unsatisfactory and that, therefore, the website is only 50% complete. It was agreed to review the situation again at the next meeting.

15.05.10 ALLOTMENT ISSUES

Cllr Strand said that the draft tenancy agreement had been considered by tenants and comments returned to the Clerk who said that many of the suggestions would be incorporated and insurance cover revised to reflect them. However, the Clerk said he could not recommend to members that tenants should be given 5 years notice (rather than 3 months) in the event of re-entry by the Council on account of the land being

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required for building, mining, sewers or roads because the Council might not be in a position to honour such period of notice where, for example, the land was the subject of a compulsory purchase order. It was agreed that Cllr Strand, acting on behalf of tenants, should continue negotiations with the Clerk.

16.05.10: BOULTON MOOR ISSUES

Members agreed to include discussions on the issue of a pedestrian refuge on the A6 near the end of The Greenway on the agenda for the June meeting.

17.05.10: GRAVEL & FLOODING

Tim Ives at the Environment Agency has been promoted and replaced by Ms Anne Jacob who intends to visit members as soon as possible.

18.05.10; ELVASTON CASTLE

The Castle survey and subsequent options appraisal are still being assessed by English Heritage.

19.05.10: COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Estate agents' for sale notices, pitched on the verge by the entrance to Grove Close, need to be removed: the Clerk was asked to contact the agents concerned.

20.05.10: FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

14 June - next parish council meeting.

16 June - Safer Neighbourhoods meeting at Ticknall Village Hall, 7.00pm.

23 June - Joint Meeting with Parish Councils, SDDC Council Chamber, 6.30pm.

There being no further business, the new Chairman closed the meeting at 9.42pm.

