

## ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> OF THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

**PRESENT:** Cllr Lee (Chair), Cllrs Bickerton, Harper, Sharp, Spenser and Strand.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** DCllr Ann Watson, CCllr John Harrison, G Pollard (Press), R F Hill (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

##### **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – ANN WATSON**

The Localism Bill passing through parliament is expected to become law by Christmas and the central government grant which forms a significant part of South Derbyshire District Council's income is expected to be reduced by 10% next year.

##### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – JOHN HARRISON**

1. Elvaston Castle. Cllr Harrison re-affirmed the County Council's commitment to continued public access to those areas of the park that are currently open to the public.  
The options appraisal should be published by the end of October; it will guide all parties on the likely future for the Castle and park.  
He hoped that the uncertainty surrounding the Castle's future would not jeopardise the arrangements for widening the footpath alongside the B5010.
2. The new health bill will give the county council more responsibility for public health.
3. The revised gritting arrangements include incentives of at least £200 for farmers to participate in snow clearing – not "up to £200" as reported in the September minutes.
4. As a result of the parliamentary constituency boundary review, South Derbyshire will regain Chellaston and Boulton Moor and lose Hatton and Hilton. The new boundary will come into force in 2015.
5. Cllr Harrison offered to help in the re-location of the bus shelter.

#### **OPEN SESSION**

1. The Environment Agency says that the surface cracks on the Ambaston flood bank may be more serious than at first thought.
2. The latest Tarmac application includes a condition stating that the buffer zone between the workings and adjoining private properties shall not be less than 300 metres. That is 200 metres less than the condition applying to the Bellington Hill application. Mr Waters said he had had no reply from DCC to his argument that if the latest instalment of gravel extraction is an extension of a previous one ie Bellington Hill, then one would have assumed the conditions would remain unaltered.
3. Mr Shaw asked if the increased charges to use the Castle car park would be used to give direct benefit to the Castle and Country Park.
4. Mr McLaughlin said that SDDC decision not to collect cardboard for recycling was bad for everyone's individual carbon footprint and he questioned whether SDDC would be reducing the charge on council tax payers as a result of the discontinuation of the service.

#### **POLICE REPORT**

During August there were 17 reported crimes:-

##### Anti-Social Behaviour

- 4 on Boulton Moor
- 1 on Elvaston Meadows
- 4 in Elvaston

##### Burglary

- 1 on Sevenlands Drive

##### Vehicle Crimes

- 2 on Boulton Moor

**NON-EXEMPT ITEMS**

**1.10.11: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Cllrs Coyle (business commitment) and Russell (holiday).

**2.10.11: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3.10.11: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Proposed Cllr Sharp, seconded by Cllr Strand that the circulated minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> September meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**4.10.11: ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF 'PUBLIC PARTICIPATION'**

Open Session

2. Cllr Harrison said that he would investigate the matter.

3. Cllr Harrison, in his role as a cabinet member, said that it would.

4. Dllr Watson said that the decision to discontinue cardboard collections was governed by national regulation PAS 100-2011 which states that cardboard in compost recycling collections has the potential to contaminate the end product through inks, dyes and plastics. SDDC is considering options.

**5.10.11: CLERK'S REPORT**

1. Civic Amenity Service Refuse Freighter will be at the Harrington Arms car park on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October between 7.30am and 11.00am.
2. SDDC's Body MOT checking service will be at the Village Hall, Elvaston on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November between 10.00am and 12.00pm. Height, weight, BMI (body mass index), blood pressure and grip strength are all checked. The service is free of charge and no appointment is necessary.
3. Newsletter. The Clerk had circulated a draft to members for approval. Amendments will be incorporated.
4. 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England. First consultation ends on 5<sup>th</sup> December: go to [www.independent.gov.uk/boundarycommissionforengland](http://www.independent.gov.uk/boundarycommissionforengland) to view the initial proposals.

**6.10.11: PLANNING**

Applications

9 2011 0562 – retention of garage space for living accommodation at 20 Meadow Nook, Boulton Moor: no comment or objection.

9 2011 0783 – time limit extension on 9 2008 0415 for the construction of a landscaped earth bund, pedestrian/cycle bridge and extension of Thulston Brook. Resolved: to repeat the response made re the original application that "consistent with its letters dated 1 July 2005 and 2 January 2006, Elvaston Parish Council objects to the bridge and can only approve the western bund though that approval is conditional upon the residential development (up to 1058 houses) being permitted".

Decisions

None.

Consultations

National Planning Policy Framework. The Clerk circulated a short summary of the government's proposals, highlighting those areas which were of greatest concern to Elvaston Parish, mainly the threat posed to the sanctity of green belt land. Members agreed that the response should emphasise this.

**7.10.11: MATTER FOR DECISION – TO CONSIDER THE ALTERNATIVES FOR THE A6/ THE GREENWAY BUS SHELTER IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT ACTS OF VANDALISM**

Resolved: a) to retain the shelter in its present location and to ask SDDC's highway verge maintenance team to prune back the bushes near it and b) to ask the public transport unit at Matlock how much

at the Derby bound stop by the Golden Gates entrance and accordingly.

payment:  
£243.64  
4.32

Clerk's expenses (stamps)

#### **9.10.11: WEBSITE**

Cllr Strand said he had updated the councillor contact details in respect of email addresses for the new members and deleting those for members no longer serving, but the process of allowing members to use their email addresses for outgoing as well as incoming mail was still being worked on.

#### **10.10.11: BOULTON MOOR WARD MATTERS**

1. The pedestrian right of way between Castle Croft and The Greenway has recently been littered with empty drinks cans and other refuse. It is also being used as an escape route by unknown persons from the scenes of acts of vandalism on and around Elvaston Meadows.

2. Members were asked to consider locating a grit bin at the entrance to Woods Meadow from Snelsmoor Lane.

#### **11.10.11: GRAVEL & FLOODING**

Re the cracks in the flood bank wall, the Environment Agency says that it will look at a temporary solution to ensure the integrity of the flood bank is maintained. This may be filling the cracks and re-seeding to encourage a more substantial grass cover.

#### **12.10.11: COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

1. Cllr Sharp said that some dwellings on Boulton Moor had experienced a back-up of sewage over the previous weekend (8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> October). The problem was fixed by Severn Trent Water (ST) on the 10<sup>th</sup>. This has been an intermittent problem ever since the houses were first built and the Clerk was asked to write to ST asking what measures had been taken and whether the back-up was likely to recur.
2. Cllr Strand said that the Parish Plan Group was involved in several projects including the Christmas Carols evening at the Harrington Arms on 19<sup>th</sup> December, a concert in the park in June 2012 when the Rolls-Royce Brass Band will be providing the musical entertainment and the recently completed Golden Gates Gallop at which in excess of £1560 was raised in aid of Leukaemia Research. The Garden Club is flourishing and the Sensory Garden at the Old English Walled Garden is moving ahead.

#### **13.10.11: FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

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| 1 November  | Neighbourhood Planning Session at Barrow on Trent.  |
| 10 November | Parish Council Forum at County Hall, Matlock, 6.00 – 8.00pm.                                    |
| 14 November | Parish Council meeting at Elvaston Village Hall, 7.30pm.  |
| 23 November | Law & Good Practice for Parish Councils course at SDDC's offices at Swadlincote, 6.30 – 8.30pm. |

#### **14.10.11: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

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