

MINUTES FOR THE ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 10TH JUNE 2013 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

Present:

Cllr R Strand (Chairman), Cllr P Bickerton (Vice Chairman), Cllr B Sharp, Cllr S Spenser, Cllr R Russell, Cllr R McBride, Heidi Sargeant (Clerk) and 5 members of the public

In Attendance:

District Cllr P Watson

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everybody

PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1. Election of Chairman – Cllr R Strand was nominated. No further nominations received. Cllr R Strand signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

2. Election of Vice – Chairman – Cllr P Bickerton was nominated. No further nominations received. Cllr P Bickerton signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

3. Apologies

Cllr G Harper (family commitments) Cllr T Mansfield (holiday commitments)

4. Declarations of Interest

None

5. District Councillor's Report – Peter Watson

Donington Race Track – Application received and lots of information put forward, 12 to 4 in favour of increased track days. An 8.30am start on testing days was objected with a 9am start agreed. He felt that the race track should look into ways of reducing the noise levels as East Midlands Airport have done this successfully.

Tree Removal, B5010 - Following on from this being raised during last month's meeting the location is proving difficult to find. The Clerk confirmed that the resident was referring to the site near the new bus shelter. Cllr Watson agreed to meet the resident who raised the concerns on the 19th June so that he can show him the location personally.

01.06.13: Public Speaking:

Gravel Extractions – Resident asked whether there have been any talk on possible restorations as discussions were made around 10-12 years ago. A presentation took place some time ago where grand ideas were put forward. The resident has asked that EPC keep him informed of any developments

Elvaston Parish Plan Village Fete – Resident thanked the Parish Plan Group for the organised event last month, lots of fun was had and the weather was kind and hopefully another will be arranged next year.

Heart Defibrillator, Ambaston – Resident raised the issue about the current heart defibrillator in Ambaston as he noticed it had been discussed during last months meeting. As far as he was aware, it was in full working order.

02.06.13: To approve the minutes:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 13th May were approved and signed off by the Chairman

03.06.13: Councillor's Report:

Feedback surveys, Snelsmoor Grange Development – Cllr Bickerton confirmed that all feedback questionnaires had been received but the numbers were disappointing. Approx 450 houses were given the survey's to complete and only 17 were received. 15 of those replies were against the possible new housing development and 2 replies were for the development. A possible door to door petition was discussed to try and capture more residents views.

Newsletter – Cllr B Sharp asked the Council about a possibility of distributing a quarterly newsletter to the residents of the parish. Cllr R Strand confirmed that the Council tried it some time ago and it was extremely time consuming but it was agreed that Cllr B Sharp and

the Clerk would look into costs and bring this information to the Council over the next few months

Elvaston Castle – Cllr R Russell confirmed that the National Trust are getting involved and hoping to become a green flag park, meetings taking place over the next few weeks. A visitors survey is now available on their website.

Graffiti has increased around the area and should anybody witness this take place or see graffiti around the area, please let them know. It was also noted that garden waste was being emptied on to the castle grounds and that properties around the surrounding area will be written to.

Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr R Russell confirmed that a house burglary had taken place in the Thulston area. It was felt by many residents that the possibility of starting up a neighbourhood watch committee was crucial for the village. Clerk to look into

Councillor's Training – Cllr P Bickerton thanked the Clerk for arranging the whole of training with Aston on Trent Parish Council last month.

04.06.13: Clerks Report:

Community Speedwatch – Not many volunteer's had put their name forward to participate. It was felt by the Council that perhaps Councillor's living outside of the rural parish would be better suited. A resident from Boulton Moor kindly volunteered but a minimum of 6 would be required. It was agreed that this would be revisited

Internal Audits – Completed annual return 31/03/13. The Clerk read out the finance statement during the meeting where the Chairman and Clerk signed the finance statement.

All paperwork prepared and posted off to Grant Thornton for an external audit

Lengths-man – Clerk read out an email on behalf of the Lengths-man, he is requesting an increase of his hours from 19 hours per month to 21 hours to cover the Boulton Moor Area. He has also asked for a pair of waterproof trousers which the Clerk has purchased.

Speeding, Colwell Drive – Clerk read out a letter from Mike @ DCC who has confirmed that their records show no accidents have taken place in this area and based on this information it would be very hard to justify any speed signs around this area. No action required.

The Pinfold, Thulston – Email read out by the Clerk from a resident to confirm that the pile of wood chippings have now been removed – No action required.

05.06.13: Items for Decision:

Risk Assessments – Clerk confirmed that information was still outstanding and this will be revisited

Website Annual Subscription – Clerk confirmed that the subscription is due next month. Various quotations have been received and it was agreed that the Clerk would speak to the current provider, Parish.Net and ask about the notice period. It was felt that a new website needed to be more user friendly and a little more simplified.

Swadlincote Community Transport donation – Clerk read out an email about what services they offer and that a donation would be greatly received. The Council agreed that no donation would be made during this time as it had not been taken into account for this year's budget.

Internet Banking – Clerk confirmed that the current provider, Natwest do not offer internet banking for club accounts. The only provider offering this is HSBC. Agreed to revisit

06.06.13: Derbyshire Association of Local Council's

Circular 12/13 received and emailed to all Cllrs

07.06.13: Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment – Cheque's to be approved and signed

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
000981	B Wood – Internal Audit of the 2012/2013	80.50		80.50
000982	H Sargeant – Clerks pay and expenses, 1 book of stamps £7.20	416.20		416.20
000983	N Mansell – Lengthsman pay	137.75		137.75
000984	The Society of Local Council's annual subs	145.00		145.00

000985	DALC – Whole of training 29.05.13	150.00		150.00
000986	Diane Malley PAYE 2013/2014	89.50		89.50
000987	HM Revenue & Customs (National Insurance)	26.75		26.75
	TOTAL	1045.70		1045.70

b) Income

Allotment Income £125.00

Website Advertising – Helping Hands £26.00

Website Advertising – Shardlow Post Office £20.00

Bank Balance as of the 4th June 2013 £22,944.95

08.06.13: To consider planning applications:

Amended scheme to previously approved 9/2012/0305 for the conversion of farmbuildings to two dwellings at land adjoining Castle Court, Elvaston – No objections

09.06.13: Items for information only:

23rd June – Derbyshire County Show, Elvaston Country Park

4th July – Your Police, Your Views Events, The Darwin Suite, Assembly Rooms, Derby or the 17th September 2013, Sharpes Pottery Museum, West Street, Swadlincote. 6.30pm. Tea and coffee provided.

6th & 7th July - Elvaston Steam Rally, Elvaston Castle Country Park

30th July - Safer Neighbourhood Area Forum, Weston on Trent Village Hall. Tea and Coffee to be served from 5.45pm.

10.06.13: Date of next meeting:

The next Parish Council Meeting is on the 8th July 2013 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm

Signed
Cllr R. Strand (Chairman)

Heidi Sargeant - Clerk

