

# **MINUTES FOR THE ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON**

## **Present:**

Cllr RJ Strand (Chairman), Cllr P Bickerton, Cllr S Lee,  
Cllr B Sharp, Cllr S Spenser, Cllr H Coyle, Cllr G Harper, Cllr R Russell,  
Heidi Sargeant (Clerk)

## **In Attendance:**

Cllr J Harrison and 3 members of the public

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everybody

## **1. Apologies**

None

## **2. Non –Confidential Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2012 were approved and accepted as a true record and signed off by the Chairman.

## **3. County Councillors Report – John Harrison**

Cllr Harrison felt that the Rock & Bike Festival was a success and that no complaints had been made.

The widening of the footpath was also discussed along the B5010 and that the Council had plans to widen this but he could not confirm when this would take place but financially it had been taken into account

The hedge alongside the B5010 was also discussed and Cllr Harrison confirmed that he will look into this and find out whose responsibility it is so that the hedge can be maintained regularly.

## **4. Public Speaking:**

**B5010** – Member of the public raised a concern with the hedge alongside the B5010 and that he had witnessed parents walking on the road with pushchairs due to the hedge making the pavement too narrow to walk on. He was concerned that one day there will be a fatality and that something needs to be done. Cllr Harrison advised that he will look into this matter further and find out who the hedge belongs to.

**Rock and Bike Festival** – Mr M Shaw (member of the public) confirmed that the showground at Elvaston Castle is still left with big ruts following the festival. Cllr Harrison confirmed that he will follow this up with the organisers and try his best to get the showground surface put back to it's original state.

**Sustrans Cycle Path, Heritage Footpath, Elvaston** – Mr M Shaw also confirmed during the meeting that he was doing his best to find the owner of the sustrans cycle path and that it was proving difficult to get any answers from the people he had contacted. Mr Shaw is wanting to find out who is responsible for the general maintenance and up keep of the path. He confirmed that Mr Foster (Environment Agency) would possibly look into this for him.

**Newsletter** – A Boulton Moor resident thanked the parish for an informative newsletter and that he had enjoyed the content.

## **5. Police Report:**

Mill Hill, Boulton Moor	Anti-social behaviour	1
On or near Ambaston	Other Theft	1
Elvaston Castle Estate	Vehicle Crime	1
	Other Theft	1
On or Near open space, Elvaston Estate	Anti-social behaviour	2
Main Road, Elvaston	Anti-social behaviour	1
	Vehicle Crime	1
	Violent Crime	1
Hanslynn, Thulston	Anti-social behaviour	1
Mountfield Way, Boulton Moor	Vehicle Crime	1
Crime on or near the A6	Robbery	1

Robins Close, Elvaston Meadows	Anti-social behaviour	1
On or near the Lees, Elvaston Meadows	Anti-social behaviour	7

## **6. NON EXEMPT ITEMS:**

### **1.09.2012 Declarations of Interest**

None

### **02.09.2012 Staff Matters**

Cllr H Coyle confirmed in writing to the Clerk on the 6<sup>th</sup> September that she will be resigning from the Parish Council with immediate effect due to moving outside of the parish. Cllr Coyle has been on the parish since 2001 and has contributed a lot of her time and knowledge to the council and community. The Chairman thanked her for her hard work and time over the last 11 years and wished her the best of luck.

### **03.09.2012 Councillor Vacancies**

We now have 2 vacancies on the Parish Council covering the rural ward, Ambaston, Thulston and Elvaston. It was discussed that the Clerk would arrange an advert to display in the local notice boards, website and also distribute the advert through residents doors. Cllr Spenser and Cllr Russell offered to help with Thulston and Elvaston's distribution. Clerk to arrange.

### **04.09.2012 Clerks Report**

**Bus Shelter, Golden Gates, Derby Bound** – It was discussed at the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> August that the parish's preference would be that the material used for the shelter be polycarbonate and not glass due to the possible expense of repairing and maintaining it. Clerk to confirm this to Rob Fryer at Derbyshire County Council. The bus shelter agreement has been signed by the Clerk and posted. The way leave agreement was still yet to be signed by the landowner who is seeking legal advice.

**Ambaston Lane, Surface Dressing** – Clerk emailed photographs of the road surface on the 30<sup>th</sup> August as requested to [netmanadmin@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:netmanadmin@derbyshire.gov.uk) Still awaiting a response from Highways. Clerk to chase.

**Speed of Broadband** – Clerk arranging a meeting with the Aston on Trent Clerk to see what progress they have made. Email sent.

**Colwell Drive Mailbox** – Letter received from Royal Mail on the 11<sup>th</sup> September confirming that they will not change their original decision to move the post box so therefore the matter is closed.

**B5010** – Clerk to speak to the landowner and check who owns the hedge alongside the road.

**Signatories for account** – It was discussed that another Councillor should be an authorised signatory for the parish account. Cllr Harper put his name forward to do this. Clerk to arrange directly with the Bank.

**Grit Bins, Sevenlands Drive & Colwell Drive, Boulton Moor** – Email received from Gail Mordey at Environmental Services requesting whether these bins required refilling for winter. Cllr Sharp mentioned that he had witnessed the gravel bins being pushed over in the area so the question was asked whether the bins could be secured on the ground. Clerk to check with Environmental Services.

**Disclosable Pecuniary Interest Form** – All forms received and posted to Neil Betteridge at South Derbyshire District Council.

### **05.09.2012 DALC**

Circular 39-12 Received and forwarded by email to all Cllrs

### **06.09.2012 Planning**

None

### **07.09.2012 Finance**

Wages & Salaries £346.31

South Derbyshire District Council x 50 green refuse sacks for the lengths man £55.20

### **08.09.2012 Councillors Reports**

Cllr Russell confirmed that horse riders have been seen riding down Sturges Lane and on to a field known as Clover Close. Should anybody witness this, they need to inform the Park Manager directly on [01332 571342](tel:01332571342) so that the riders can be spoken to. Cllr Russell also confirmed that the pay & display machines at Elvaston Castle had been vandalised.

**09.09.2012 Items for Information only**

**Future Meetings:**

**27<sup>th</sup> September 10am** – Flood Liaison Meeting at South Derbyshire Council, Civic Way, Swadlincote in the Council Chamber.

**3<sup>rd</sup> October 7pm**– Safer Partnership Meeting at Barrow On Trent Village Hall.

**5<sup>th</sup> October 12pm-7pm** (drop in) – Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Plan, Elvaston Village Hall

**Date and time of the next meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting is Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman, Cllr Strand closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

Signed .....

Cllr R Strand – Chairman

Heidi Sargeant - Clerk