

ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON 11TH APRIL 2011 AT THE VILLAGE
HALL, ELVASTON

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

IN ATTENDANCE: R.F.Hill (Clerk), CCllr Harrison, G.Pollard (press) & 2 members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - CLLR HILARY COYLE

Cllr Coyle said that as she had not stood for re-election, she would be attending her last meeting on 14th April at Swadlincote and that this meeting at Elvaston would be her last as a district councillor. Because of the proximity of the district council elections, business was restricted and she had nothing specific to report concerning the parish.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - CLLR JOHN HARRISON

1. ELVASTON CASTLE

The financial arrangements regarding the restoration of the iconic features have been re-negotiated so that the haha wall can definitely be included in the work package. Work on the Golden Gates is nearing completion.

The essential repairs report commissioned by English Heritage is still in its final draft and the information in it will be used in a stock options appraisal out of which will come recommended end uses for the castle, outbuildings and park. That appraisal should be completed by autumn 2011.

There appears to be growing disillusionment on the part of English Heritage with the size of the castle extension planned by Highgate Sanctuary and if their requirements do not match the recommendations in the stock options appraisal, they will be at liberty to adapt their plans.

In answer to a question from the public, Cllr Harrison said he would check whether parking fees taken at the castle went towards the running of the castle and grounds.

Cllr Coyle asked if DCC had considered continuing with the management of the castle estate in the event of the current plans with Highgate Sanctuary: Cllr Harrison said that because DCC were not eligible to qualify for lottery funding, it was not feasible for DCC to do so.

2. GRAVEL & FLOODING

The planning consent for Tarmac's application to extend gravel extraction operations to the area north of Ambaston Lane is still awaited. Answering a question from Mr Waters, Cllr Harrison said that there will be further public consultation regarding the conditions attaching to any consent but he said he would write to the new head of planning at DCC (Kevin Finn) to get assurances on that point

OPEN SESSION

1. Mr Waters asked for permission to speak at agenda items 7.2 - Standing Orders and 11 - Gravel & Flooding.

POLICE REPORT

Crime

- 11/03/11 Theft on Main Rd, Elvaston - Camping equipment stolen from Caravan.
- 14/03/11 Attempted theft at St. Bartholomew's Church - Attempt theft of Copper from roof.
- 22/03/11 Burglary on Grove Close, Thulston - Offender gains entry through insecure window, computer equipment stolen.

Incidents

- 02/03/11 Suspicious males on Woods Meadow - Males offering home maintenance work reported.
- 06/03/11 Fly Tipping at Ambaston - Various items dumped.

er of public receives threats from unknown group of

aston - Vehicle "pulled a donut" which then burst a tyre.

12/03/11 Nuisance vehicle on Mill Hill, Boulton Moor - quad bike reported constantly riding up & down the road: Driver issued with a Section 59 traffic warning.

14/03/11 Police seizure on Sevenlands Drive - Vehicle seized by Police: person driving without insurance.

23/03/11 Nuisance Vehicle on Woods Meadow - Nuisance parking reported.

24/03/11 Suspicious vehicle on Cornmill Close - White Transit van acting suspiciously in the area.

NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1.04.11: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Spenser (work commitment) and Cllr Russell (illness).

2.04.11: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3.04.11: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The circulated minutes of both the Annual Parish Meeting and the Ordinary Meeting, all held on 14 March 2011, were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4.04.11: ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF 'PUBLIC PARTICIPATION'

Open Session

1. Granted.

5.04.11: CLERK'S REPORT

1. The next Civic Amenity Refuse Freighter visit is on 15th October 2011.
2. Defibrillators: Cllr Russell has established that there is no such unit at Elvaston Castle but that the County Council is considering having them in some of the parks. A request has gone to the Derbyshire PCT asking for advice on the acquisition of and training in the use of a defibrillator.
3. Well-being session: the Village Hall is available, mornings and afternoons, on the following dates in May:-

Monday		9 th	16 th	23 rd
Tuesday	10 th	17 th	24 th	
Wednesday	11 th	18 th	25 th	
Thursday	-	-	-	
Friday		20 th	27 th	

There are no Saturdays free.

The Clerk undertook to establish whether the Hall was available late afternoon/early evening on any Friday

4. Future installations of bus shelters: in answer to a DCC request for information, the Clerk replied that the plan is to have shelters at all bus stops in the parish, the remaining three to be bought and erected over the next three years.
5. The Parochial Church Council's accounts show that their income to support churchyard maintenance activities was derived from 3 sources:-

Parish Council	£350
SDDC	£328
P.C.C. General Funds	£166
6. The email from DALC attaching the latest Good Councillor's Guide has been forwarded to members. The guide will form part of the pack handed to new councillors after the election on 5th May.

6.04.11: PLANNING

Applications

re Beck, Ambaston. **RESOLVED:** to make no comment or

None.

Other Planning Matters

The Clerk circulated to members a brief by The Journal of Local Planning outlining the significant changes to planning announced in the recent Budget.

7.04.11: MATTERS FOR DECISION

1. To approve the Annual Return 2010/2011. **RESOLVED:** Section 1 - Accounting Statement and Section 2 - Annual Governance Statement were approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

2. To adopt revised standing orders (SO's). **RESOLVED:** the draft circulated by the Clerk, together with amendments recommended by Cllr Strand, was unanimously approved. SO's being documents in the public domain, the Clerk agreed to issue a copy to Mr Waters.

3. To approve the risk assessment 2011/12. **RESOLVED:** approved.

8.04.11: FINANCE

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

Wages & salaries	£376.09
Clerk's expenses	50.70

The following accounts were noted as having been received:-

2011/12 precept (half year)	£3250.00
2010/11 concurrent expenses part reimbursement	4721.00.

The Chairman noted that the Financial Regulations had not been reviewed and asked the Clerk to provide him with a copy of the current regulations by email attachment.

9.04.11: WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

Cllr Strand said that he had arranged for the monthly usage statistics analysis to be communicated to the Clerk, Cllr Russell and Cllr Spenser by the website provider.

10.04.11: GRAVEL & FLOODING

1. Gravel

As mentioned in item 2. of the County Councillor's report, the conditions attaching to the consent to Tarmac's application for extended gravel extraction operations have still to be finalised.

2. Flooding

The Clerk said he had had no response from Derby City Council to his request for a meeting with the relevant officers regarding Derby's plans for flood defence as part of the Lower Derwent Flood Risk Management Strategy. Mr Waters said he would be writing on his own behalf to Ann Jacob of the Environment Agency on flooding matters and he recommended that the Council should write to the Health & Safety Executive for advice on how to proceed should the actions of/failure to act by those connected with flood defence matters on the lower Derwent allegedly cause the Ambaston flood bank to be breached.

11.04.11: FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

13 April Clerk's Day at Lumb Farm, Marehay, 9.30am to 4.00pm.

5 May Parish/District Council elections.

9 May Annual & Ordinary Parish Council meetings, 7.30pm at EVH.

22 June Power of Well Being training course at Ockbrook Parish Hall, 6.00pm for 6.30pm.

12.04.11: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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



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