

ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2010 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

PRESENT: Cllr Lee (Chair), Cllrs Mitchell, Spenser, Lythgoe & Mrs Coyle.

IN ATTENDANCE: CCllr Harrison, G Pollard (Press), R F Hill (Clerk), 5 parishioners & 1 member of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - DCLLR HILARY COYLE

1. Play facilities on Boulton Moor: attempts to find conveniently situated land continue and DCllr Coyle is working with both SDDC and Derby City. A newsletter asking residents what they want was suggested.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - CCLLR JOHN HARRISON

1. Swarkestone Causeway: a study showing 6 possibilities has been released; already this has been narrowed to 3 viable alternatives with costs ranging from £12 to £20 million.
2. Elvaston Castle: work is about to start on renovation of the Golden Gates, Moorish Temple, nursery garden & haha walls; completion is expected Spring 2011.

OPEN SESSION

1. Mr Waters asked for permission to speak at Item 12 - Gravel & Flooding.
2. Mr Madeley said that notwithstanding the extra vigilance by the police in the parish, problems remain and he cited a burnt out car by the former junction of Snelsmoor Lane/B5010 and a farmer's equipment being stolen resulting in sheep wandering on to Borrowash Road.
3. Mr Madeley said that the conifer trees recently planted alongside London Road to replace the beech trees (TPO 3) had died.
4. Mr Madeley drew the Council's attention to an article in the Farmers' Guardian regarding Defra's intention to give councils in areas prone to flooding £2 million to manage and prevent future flooding.
5. Mr Shaw said that the lock on the Sustrans track gate had been put there by the Environment Agency (Draycott depot).

POLICE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

Attached.

NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1.10.10: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllrs Strand & Russell (both on holiday).

2.10.10: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3.10.10: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was agreed that the circulated minutes of the 13 September 2010 meeting represented a true record of the proceedings and the Chairman signed them.

4.10.10: ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF 'PUBLIC PARTICIPATION'

District Councillor's Report

1. Clerk to action.

Open Session

1. Granted.
2. Noted and the Clerk was asked to find out if the recent increase in police patrols had had any effect on crime levels.

3. Clerk to ask SDDC to instruct the landowner to plant replacements, this time with deciduous trees as befitting a plantation designated as 'deciduous'.
4. Clerk to circulate the article to all councillors.
5. Clerk to advise DCC's footpaths inspector.

5.10.10: REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE - JEFF WHITTAKER

The questionnaire had produced 242 suggestions for improvement and it had been decided to tackle some of the easier ones first viz asking the Environment Agency to clean up Thulston Brook, constructing footpath access to Field Lane playing fields from Mill Hill and strengthening the security on the water pump located on the Boulton Moor estate (job already completed).

Mr Whittaker thanked the council for the £500 grant and the £1000 loan, already received but said that because of the current difficulty in securing grants from other sources (Big Lottery etc), the Steering Committee would be submitting a claim for grant assistance which he hoped the Council would consider at its next meeting.

6.10.10: TO CONSIDER SDDC'S PROPOSAL TO DEFER THE BYE ELECTION TO FILL THE TWO COUNCIL VACANCIES UNTIL MAY 2011

Resolved: to agree to SDDC's proposal in order to save the extra cost (in the region of £2500) of conducting a bye election prior to May 2011.

7.10.10: CLERK'S REPORT

1. New road sign at Ambaston Lane: the sign was erected as a result of a series of letters from a resident of Ambaston who felt that the users of Ambaston Lane were driving too fast for a single track road.
2. Hedge on Ball Lane: Neil de Blaquiere of Tarmac does not recognise the field as Tarmac property and has asked for a location map.
3. Refuse freighter visit: 16 October at Harrington arms car park.
4. Right turn into Grove Close: the occupant of 4 Yew Tree Lane has apologised for not having his hedge cut and has said he will see to the matter on his return from a business trip early in November.
5. SDDC has asked parish councils to make members of the local community aware of the job opportunities which will be created by the national census which takes place on 27 March 2011. For more information or help in completing a job application form, contact Helen Bralesford on 07801 331347, email e108@census.gov.uk.
6. SDDC's joint meeting with parish councils will now be in mid- November, put back from 29 Sept to allow SDDC to assess the impact of the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review and to report its findings to the mid- November gathering. There will also be a presentation from the Census Area Manager.
7. Bus Shelter at The Greenway/A6: application has been made to DCC for 50% grant funding. The public transport Unit at Matlock says it will send an inspector to look at the site so that an assessment can be made as to the most appropriate type of shelter for the location (the Clerk has asked for a two bay enclosed type which gives forward protection from the elements).
8. The Society of Local Council Clerks wishes to draw members' attention to the benefits to be gained from your Clerk being a member of the society. Copy of SLCC's letter to the Chairman available to read.
9. British Waterways Board is constructing the new Long Horse Bridge at Shardlow and completion is expected in the Spring of 2011.
10. Derbyshire NHS is consulting until the end of October on pharmaceutical needs in Derbyshire. The consultation summary is available at www.derbyshirecounty.nhs.uk/consultation-p-n-a.

8.10.10: PLANNING

Applications

None.

Decisions

9 2010 0524 FH - conservatory & porch at 3 Yew Tree Lane, Thulston: GRANTED.

9.10.10: FINANCE

9.1. The following accounts were approved for payment:-

chq 835 - P Casey, Lengthsman's wages, 4 weeks to 3 October (21 hours)		£136.31
chq 836 - R F Hill, Clerk's salary for October	£239.78	
Expenses (postage stamps)	<u>14.88</u>	254.66

9.2. Balance at bank, including the above accounts - £11,199.08

9.3. The Annual Return, duly certified by the Audit Commission, was now available for inspection.

9.4. Budget preparation; members were asked to be ready with proposals for 2011/12 for consideration at the next meeting. The Clerk said that the budgets for the previous two years had included reserves for allotment water - £1000 (spent), children's playground on Boulton Moor - £1000 (not spent), bus shelters - £3000 (soon to be spent) & Colwell Drive mailbox - £1000 (not spent).

10.10.10: WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

In Cllr Strand's absence there was no report.

11.10.10: BOULTON MOOR WARD ISSUES

1. The order for grit bins had been passed to Peter Leigh (DCC).
2. The Clerk reported that the absence of a visiting library service, reported in Minute 8.09.10, had been raised with DCC who would ask the Long Eaton Mobile team covering Shardlow and Elvaston Rural Ward, to look at extending the route to cover Boulton Moor.

12.10.10: GRAVEL & FLOODING

Cllr Mitchell reported that following on from the 2 September meeting with the Environment Agency (EA), DCC and Tarmac, there was now an opportunity to attend an open meeting on 26 October, called by EA to review with Derby City that part of the Lower Derwent Flood Management project relating specifically to the City of Derby. Members agreed that Mr Waters and Cllr Mitchell be asked to attend on behalf of Elvaston Parish Council. Heather Wheeler MP had been invited.

13.10.10: ELVASTON CASTLE

The oak tree in the paddock behind the estate offices is in a sad condition and while the expert prognosis says that it would benefit from pruning, that could jeopardise its popularity with the resident bat community and only a light pruning may now be carried out.

14.10.10: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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