

MINUTES FOR THE ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 11TH MARCH 2013 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Cllr J. Harrison

The Vice Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everybody

PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1. Apologies

Cllr R Strand (holiday commitments) Cllr R McBride (holiday commitments) Cllr T Mansfield (family commitments)

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr S Spenser confirmed a personal interest in item "planning applications" Agreed for Cllr S Spenser to remain in meeting

3 .County Councillor's Report – John Harrison

Council Tax – This has been frozen again meaning that there has been no increase in resident's bill for services for the last 3 years.

Derbyshire Big Deals – They are trying to make it easier for residents to save up to £200 on their gas and electricity bills. They have joined up with consumer association Which? to get the best deal for thousands of local people. To join in simply sign up:

Online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/bigdeals

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Cllr R Russell asked whether this scheme included oil, Cllr J Harrison confirmed that this did not include oil.

Derbyshire First Publication – Latest copy posted out to all residents. Very useful publication in keeping residents informed of any new schemes and interests.

Gold Cards – Aware that many residents had not yet received their new cards so an agreement has been made with the bus companies that cards will be accepted for 6 weeks after the cards expiry date. Don't forget to renew your Gold Card before 1 April 2013:

Online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/renewyourgoldcard

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Elvaston Castle – The National Trust are advising them on sustainable options to achieve the optimum result, ongoing total ownership by DCC, free access to country park, gardens and footpaths. Official announcement being made next Monday and will be included in the Derby Telegraph and Radio Derby. Cllr B Sharp asked where the funding was coming from - Cllr J Harrison confirmed that 1 million pounds was coming from DCC every year and that hopefully this figure will decrease. DCC are hoping that the English Heritage will take over. A full public consultation will be carried out and he is hoping that everybody will be happy with the outcome. A resident did confirm to Cllr J Harrison that the car park pay & display machines had been vandalised again and the resident felt that visitors paying a member of staff at the car park entrance was a much better system.

B5010, Footpath widening – Cllr Harrison confirmed that a good job had been made of the widening but a real shame that some of the workers on the site received abuse from annoyed drivers about their travel to work being disrupted

4. Public Speaking:

Severn Trent Water, Boulton Moor – A resident thanked Cllr S Lee for his help with the Severn Trent Water petition. It was a success with many residents signing the petition against the increase in surface water charges. Cllr S Lee agreed to send the petition along

with a covering letter to Severn Trent Water. Cllr S Lee has agreed to keep us informed of any progress.

Litter, B5010 – A resident expressed his concern with the amount of litter within the hedgerow running alongside the B5010 and would it be possible to move the litter bin from Broad Lane.

5. To approve the minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 11th February 2013 were approved and accepted as a true record and signed off by the Vice Chairman.

6. Sand, Gravel & Flooding Report

Nothing to report

7. Elvaston Parish Plan Steering Group

Cllr G Harper is still deciding whether to join the committee and will make a decision before next month's meeting

8. Councillor's Report

Cllr S Lee confirmed that a possible street light may require attention on The Paddock / Mountfield Way, Boulton Moor – Clerk to sort

9. Clerks Report

Sturges Lane, Thulston – Letter sent to resident regarding the overgrown branches of their willow tree

Silver Lane, Elvaston – Letter and photographs received from a resident concerned about the closeness of some recently planted conifers – Clerk to seek advice

Windmill Close, Boulton Moor – Clerk still awaiting enquiries from DCC

Bus Shelter, B5010 Derby Bound – Clerk chased DCC for the completion of the new bus shelter

Broken Sign, B5010 – Clerk chased Highways for sign to be replaced

Heart Defibrillator - Awaiting a site visit from CMT testing to see if the street light at Thulston is suitable for any heavy attachments

Bus Stop, Snelsmoor Lane – Clerk has provided DCC with photographs of the area and hoping that the surface will be made more suitable for school children. Email sent to Bill Fernley who is dealing with the request.

Lengths-Person Vacancy – Clerk has received 23 applications for this position within a 7 day period. Clerk to look at suitability and arrange interviews

Allotment Charges – Annual charges to remain at £12.50 per plot, members agreed that no increase should be made. Clerk has written to holders requesting payment for the year.

10. Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

(a) Circular 05/13 & 06/13 received and emailed to all Cllrs

11. Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

Cheque Number	Payee	£ Value
000963	H Sargeant – Wages	222.98
000964	H Sargeant – Expenses	18.00
000965	Ray Jefferies / Elvaston Steering Group Grant	700.00
000966	South Derbyshire District Council – sacks, litterpicks	75.66
000967	CVS Subscription – Annual	15.00

b) Income

No income this month

12. To consider planning applications:-

3 Barrons Court, Elvaston – Enlargement of existing garage to create a first floor bedroom

No objections

13. Items for information only:-

Future meetings:-

Gravel Liaison Meetings, Wednesday 20th March 6pm at Elvaston Castle

Flood Liaison Meeting, Thursday 21st March 10.00am, Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Swadlincote.

Date of the next meeting – The next Annual and Ordinary Parish Council meeting is on Monday the 8th April 2013 at 7.00pm – Please note earlier time for Annual Meeting

There being no further business the Vice Chairman, Cllr Bickerton closed the meeting at 8.40pm

Signed
Cllr P Bickerton – Vice Chairman

Heidi Sargeant - Clerk