

ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 APRIL 2010 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

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

IN ATTENDANCE: CCllr J Harrison, R F Hill (Clerk), G Pollard (Press) & 5 members of the public (Meesrs Whittaker, Whewell, Shaw, Waters & Roberts).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - CCLLR JOHN HARRISON

1. The meeting with DCC Planning to go through the questions put by Mr Waters regarding flooding and quarrying in the parish, arranged for 20 April, had to be rearranged because of the Clerk's non-availability on that date.
2. A report is expected in the near future about the status of negotiations between the vendor and DCC for the sale of land needed to facilitate the footpath widening along the B5010 between Borrowwash Bridge and Elvaston Castle car park.
3. County Highways department says that their survey reveals that £6M is needed for road repairs and only £1.68M will be forthcoming from central government.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - DCLLR HILARY COYLE

1. SDDC & Derby City have both extended the consultation periods on their consultation on the LDF Core Strategy until Friday 28 May 2010.
2. DCC Highways have advised that the alterations carried out at the junction of London Road and Broad Lane were prompted by statistics which showed that there had been 4 accidents there in the last 3 years resulting in personal injuries.

OPEN SESSION

1. Mr Shaw said that 18 months ago the vendor had indicated a willingness to release enough land to enable footpath widening to take place (see CCllr's report, Item 2. above).
2. Mr Whittaker, Chairman of the Parish Plan Steering Committee, said that his committee was arranging a summer community party at the cricket club on 8 July. An application for funding had been submitted to the Derby Community Foundation but should that not be available prior to 8 July, Mr Whittaker asked if the Parish Council could provide £1000 on a short term loan basis. Cllr Mrs Coyle said that funds could be generated on the day by charging an entrance fee, something which was done successfully at the 2002 Golden Jubilee Party and Mr Whittaker said that he would put that idea to the Steering Committee.
3. Mr Waters asked to reserve the right to speak in the meeting proper on Gravel & Flooding.
4. Mr Roberts asked if there had been any progress re road noise on the A50 and associated roads.
5. Mr Roberts asked whether it had been confirmed that the relevant tree preservation order demanded that the trees should all be oak and if it had, whether the Council could ask for a survey to establish the extent of what needed to be done to restore the Avenue to oak.
6. Mr Roberts asked to reserve the right to speak in the meeting proper on Matters for Decision (Community Speedwatch), Cyclamax Waste Incineration & Gravel & Flooding.
7. Mr Whewell said he had been severely inconvenienced in not having keys to the gate leading to his septic tank when he needed to carry out maintenance or permit access to those engaged to provide maintenance.
8. Mr Shaw said that the Sustrans path near its intersection with the B5010 was blighted with litter and dog mess and suggested that a dog bin placed in that locality might improve matters.
9. Mr Shaw said that the Cyclamax application for a waste incineration plant at Spondon had been refused by Derby City.

POLICE REPORT

Reported Crimes in March:-

4 March - burglary at Oak Road, Thulston.

24 March - theft from a motor vehicle on Main Road, Elvaston.

Reported Incidents in March:-

7 March - 3 calls concerning sheep loose on the road near to Elvaston Castle.

10 March - sheep on the road near Elvaston Castle.

NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1.04.10: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Wainwright (illness) & Cllr Strand (holiday).

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2.04.10: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3.04.10: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following minutes were approved:-

the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2010 (proposed by Cllr Mrs Coyle; seconded by Cllr Mitchell).

the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8 March 2010 (proposed by Cllr Lee; seconded by Cllr Spenser)

The Chairman signed both sets of minutes as a true record.

4.04.10: ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF 'PUBLIC PARTICIPATION'

Open Session

2. See 11.04.10 below.

3. Granted.

4. The Clerk said that his Highways Agency contact said that there were no plans to resurface or implement noise reduction schemes on the A50 or Elvaston spur at the present time. He was asked to find out when the 6 yearly review mentioned in HA's email dated December 2005 would take place.

5. It was agreed to ask SDDC/DCC to carry out an inspection of the trees covered by TPO Order No.8.

6. Granted.

7. Cllr Harrison said he would look into the matter.

8. Clerk to contact SDDC's Clean Team and check responsibilities/prices associated with installing a dog bin at the location.

5.04.10: CLERK'S REPORT

1. Civic Amenity Service - Saturday morning refuse collection 24 April: notices will be delivered to households and posted on the notice boards.

2. Annual Civic Council Meeting, Town Hall, The Delph, Swadlincote on Thursday 27 May at 5.45pm. Two representatives invited.

3. Council vacancy, Boulton Moor Ward - it was agreed that households on Boulton Moor & Elvaston Meadows would be leafleted.

6.04.10: PLANNING

Applications

9 2010 0258 FH - resubmission of approved application for extensions at 51 Mill Hill, Boulton Moor: the Council had no comment or observation.

7.04.10: MATTER FOR DECISION - To promote Derbyshire Constabulary's Community Speedwatch March 2010 scheme in Elvaston.

Cllr Harrison advised that speed limits and the installation of vehicle speed activation signs are DCC's responsibility and it was agreed that the police should be asked to carry out a speed survey and accident report covering the B5010.

As an associated matter, Mr Roberts said that motorists were parking vehicles on the access leading to the car park and Cllr Mrs Coyle suggested that SDDC's parking warden could be asked to patrol the location: agreed.

8.04.10: FINANCE

8.1. The following accounts were approved for payment:-

cq 812 - P Casey, Lengthsman's wages 5 weeks to 11 April

£ 97.37

cq 813 - R F Hill, Clerk's salary for April

239.78

cq 814 - Staples, stationery & office supplies
40.14

8.2. The Clerk circulated a paper showing receipts and expenditure for the 12 months ended 31 March 2009: Receipts £9182.00; Expenditure £9649.78.

9.04.10: WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

Deferred to the next meeting in Cllr Strand's absence.

10.04.10: ALLOTMENT ISSUES

It was agreed that the Clerk should report his comments on the changes requested by tenants to the draft allotment tenancy agreement recently circulated, at the next meeting.

11.04.10: PARISH PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE FUNDING

In response to Mr Whittaker's request in Item 2 of the Open Session, the Council resolved to make available to the Steering Committee an interest free loan of £1000, reviewable by 30 November 2010 and to be drawn as required by the Steering Committee Treasurer's formal requests to the Clerk.

12.04.10: FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Next parish council meeting will be on Monday 10 May.

Next Area 3 safer Neighbourhood meeting will be on Wednesday 16 June at Ticknall Village Hall, 7pm.

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13.04.10: BOULTON MOOR/ELVASTON MEADOWS ISSUES

1. Cllr Lee said that he had been unable to identify a site in the locality suitable for SDDC's Summer Play Scheme activities.

2. The Clerk said that he had asked DCC for a price on the supply of grit for the boxes which the Council were hoping to provide on Boulton Moor.

14.04.10: GRAVEL & FLOODING REPORT

The findings of a further Hydraulic modelling of the 100 year flow on the Derwent will be assessed in the immediate future and if the validated results show factors the same or higher than those currently used by the Environment Agency, then there will be no change in the current plan for the Derwent defences. The projected Tim Ives visit will not take place until the results are known and further delays to the programme for the strengthening of the Ambaston flood defence system are inevitable.

15.04.10: ELVASTON CASTLE REPORT

The results of the castle survey have yet to be assessed by English Heritage & SDDC. There will then follow another 'Options Appraisal' during the next few weeks by a specialist consultant. Ground repairs will continue during the summer.

16.04.10: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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

