

ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12TH MARCH 2012 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

PRESENT: Cllr Lee (Chair), Cllrs Bickerton, Russell, Sharp and Strand.

IN ATTENDANCE: DCllr Ann Watson, CCllr J.Harrison, G. Pollard (Press), R.F.Hill (Clerk) & 3 members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – DCllr Ann Watson

See Annual Parish Meeting minutes.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CCllr John Harrison

In addition to his report to the Annual Parish Meeting, Cllr Harrison said that the County Council was about to announce its decision regarding the future of Elvaston Castle, a decision which he expected would be reported in the press in the next two days.

OPEN SESSION

Mr Waters asked for permission to speak at Agenda Item 11 – Gravel & Flooding.

POLICE REPORT

Reported Crimes in January 2012:-

Mill Hill	Anti-social behaviour (ASB)	1
Mountfield Way	Burglary	1
The Greenway	ASB	1
The Lees	ASB	1
Elvaston Castle	ASB	1
Main Street, Ambaston	ASB	1

NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1.03.12: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllrs Coyle (family commitment), Harper & Spenser (business commitments).

2.03.12: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3.03.12: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cllr Sharp moved, seconded by Cllr Bickerton that the circulated minutes of the 13th February meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record; all agreed.

3.03.12: ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF 'PUBLIC PARTICIPATION'

Granted.

4.03.12: CLERK'S REPORT

1. Thulston Brook, clearance of brambles.
Two quotes requested: one for £100, the other still awaited.
2. Concrete posts protecting grass area on Grove Close. Resolved: to ask SDDC to dispose of the posts that have been lifted but which still remain on site.
3. Parish Council Newsletter.
This will now be printed by Noel-Baker Community Print based on a quote to produce 650 4-sided copies in monochrome, stapled, for £46.
4. Church Drive, Elvaston has been added to DCC's list of off street parking places.
5. Fouling of Footpaths in Elvaston.
Letter from Stephen R. Newhouse, 3 Main Road, Elvaston asking if the appropriate authority would consider erecting signage asking horse riders to keep off pavements and

stick to bridle paths and roadways. Resolved: to ask stable owners in the area to instruct their customers to confine themselves to bridleways and keep off pavements.

5.03.12: PLANNING

Applications

None.

Decisions

The application for a licence to hold a Rock & Bike Festival on the Showground at Elvaston Castle in July has been granted by SDDC.

6.03.12: FINANCE

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

Wages & salaries	£369.60
DALC, subscription for 2012/13	384.14
A.Owen, Village Hall ground maintenance in 2011 (6 visits)	120.00
DCC, grit bin road salt replenishment	156.00

7.03.12: BOULTON MOOR

There having been no action by Royal Mail regarding the installation of a post box on Colwell Drive, it was suggested that individuals might like to complain to the Ombudsman.

8.03.12: GRAVEL & FLOODING

Mr Waters said that at the meeting with the Environment Agency's consultants (EA were invited but were unable to attend), he had asked on what basis EA had done their studies, whether on the assumption that the execution of improvements for Ambaston was dependent on the availability of clay offered by Tarmac (which may be as long as nine years away), or whether other sources would be found; the meeting was assured that the model assumes that material will be available when required.

In summary the consultants said that the existing defences need maintaining; then they need to be improved and that those improvements required downstream of Derby should be classed as part of the whole Derby scheme since those responsible for the work would be failing in their moral duty if improvements in Derby resulted in worsening things for people in the villages downstream of Derby.

9.03.12; COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Sharp said he had received complaints from people on Boulton Moor about the intrusiveness of security lighting. Cllr Harrison said that such complaints should be put to SDDC's Environmental Health department.

10.03.12: FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Elvaston Combined Gravel & Waste Disposal Liaison Committee Meeting in the Field Study Centre at Elvaston Castle, 28th March, 6.00pm.

Flood Liaison Meeting in the Council Chamber in Swadlincote on 29th March at 10.00am.

Elvaston Parish Council Meeting at Elvaston Village Hall on 16th April at 7.30pm. Please note that this meeting has been set back by one week to avoid having to meet on Easter Monday.

11.03.12: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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