

ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12TH SEPTEMBER 2011 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

PRESENT: Cllr Lee (Chair), Cllrs Bickerton, Coyle, Russell, Sharp, Spenser & Strand.

IN ATTENDANCE: DCllr Ann Watson, CCllr Harrison, G Pollard (Press), R F Hill (Clerk) & 1 parishioner.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – JOHN HARRISON

1. Castle: decisions arising out of the findings of the options appraisal are awaited.
2. Donington Racetrack: the Supabikes event provided an opportunity to assess noise levels and a further opportunity will occur on 21st September when another "un-silenced" event takes place.
3. EM Airport: a copy of SDDC's consultation response to the latest master plan report is available to view: on the supposition that noise levels must drop with the introduction of newer, quieter aircraft, SDDC recommends that each successive set of noise levels should be used as the new datum point.
4. Cardboard disposal: currently cardboard is accepted in SDDC's brown bins but because some forms of it do not bio-degrade, SDDC will ban it from their brown bins from October 2011.
5. Ambaston Flood Bank: the cracks reported by Mr Waters are not serious says the Environment Agency. It is hoped that this conclusion can be challenged at the Quarry Liaison meeting on 14th September.
6. The County Council will henceforth share with district councils the responsibility for snow clearance and it is hoped that other parties e.g. farmers will also be encouraged to participate by a grant of up to £200.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – ANN WATSON

1. Cllr Watson asked if members required any member representation when SDDC's planning committee meets to review the applications to develop properties at 52 Sevenlands Drive, Boulton Moor and 9B Silver Lane, Elvaston.
2. Plans are proceeding to combine the Area Forum and Safer Neighbourhoods meetings.
3. Cllr Watson said she would attend the Quarry Liaison meeting on 14th September.

OPEN SESSION

1. Mr Waters asked for permission to speak at agenda items 6 (consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework) and 11 (Gravel & Flooding).

POLICE REPORT

The Clerk reported that the detailed crime report would henceforth not be provided by the local constabulary but that the information was available on the police website www.police.uk.

NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1.09.11: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Harper (illness).

2.09.11: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3.09.11: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Proposed Cllr Russell, seconded by Cllr Coyle that the circulated minutes of the 8th August meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

"PUBLIC PARTICIPATION"

's response.

District Councillor's Report

1. No.

Open session

1. Granted.

5.09.11: CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk asked for clarification about what should be included in the newsletter and the following topics were agreed:-

Boulton Moor play equipment/bus shelter repairs and future acquisitions/Elvaston Castle situation/defibrillator/Boulton Moor extension – update/website – existence, content and advertising opportunity/councillor contact details/notice of council vacancy (Elvaston Rural Ward)/Parish Plan Steering Committee initiatives.

6.09.11: PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

9 2011 0696 - garage conversion & associated alterations at 9B Silver Lane, Elvaston: no comment.

Consultation on the draft consultation document outlining the proposed National Planning Policy Framework

The Clerk tabled a draft letter prepared by CPRE for CPRE members to submit in response to the consultation: it voices concerns that future planning policy will be weighted heavily in favour of the ambitions of developers to the detriment of things which many hold dear, eg the preservation of greenbelt land. It was agreed that more information was needed and the Clerk was asked to circulate the draft framework document so that members could debate it at the next meeting in time for a response to be submitted before the consultation closes on 17th October.

7.09.11: MATTERS FOR DECISION

1. To consider what measures might be taken to prevent further damage to The Greenway bus shelter and to review the Council's policy regarding the future purchase of shelters. The Clerk said he had instructed the broker not to process the insurance claim covering the smashed pane from the July incident because another pane had now been smashed and another claim would be made. Members agreed that there was little point in replacing the glass while the shelter remained in its present position and the Clerk was asked to see if the county Council's Public Transport Unit could advise the cost to have it relocated to the Derby bound stop opposite the Golden Gates entrance.
2. To renew the annual subscription to Rural Action Derbyshire. Members agreed to pay the required £50.

8.09.11: FINANCE

The following accounts were approved for payment;-

Wages & salaries - £389.07

Rural Action Derbyshire, annual subscription - £50.

9.09.11: BOULTON MOOR/ELVASTON MEADOWS ISSUES

Cllr Sharp asked for it to be minuted that the open grassed area under the electricity cables looked noticeably tidier since the lengthsman started picking litter there.

ated buffer zone laid down for the recently approved
for past extractions it was 500 metres. He said he

would pursue the matter at the forthcoming Quarry Liaison meeting.

2. Members agreed to a letter being sent to Heather Wheeler MP updating her on flooding issues.

11.09.11: ELVASTON CASTLE

Nothing new to report.

12.09.11: COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

1. Cllr Russell asked for a letter of thanks to be sent to Mr P Tivey who has been keeping tidy the area around the War Memorial: agreed.
2. Cllr Strand said that the bolt on the wooden gates at the entrance to the allotments had broken – not through any act of vandalism – and he asked for authorisation to get it replaced: agreed.

13.09.11: FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

14 September Elvaston Quarry Liaison meeting, 6.00pm at Elvaston Castle;

10 October Elvaston Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm at Elvaston Village Hall.

14.09.11: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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