

MINUTES FOR THE ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH NOVEMBER 2012 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

Present:

Cllr RJ Strand (Chairman), Cllr P Bickerton, Cllr S Lee,
Cllr B Sharp, Cllr S Spenser, Cllr G Harper, Cllr R McBride, Cllr T Mansfield,
Heidi Sargeant (Clerk)

In Attendance:

District Cllr N. Atkin, District Cllr P. Watson , CCllr J Harrison, The Safer South Derbyshire Partnership Team , South Derbyshire Police, SGT Steve Todd, PC Rob Buckley, PCSO Guest

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everybody

PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1. Apologies

Cllr R Russell (holiday commitments)

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Public Speaking

Many residents expressed a concern about anti-social behaviour around the Elvaston Meadows area. Further concerns were made about noises late at night on the green area and rubbish being left.

A Boulton Moor resident thanked the Clerk for writing to the occupiers of Windmill Close and Sevenlands Close about the overgrown hedges. The hedges have now been pruned back allowing access across both pavements.

An Elvaston Meadows resident also confirmed that the wooden post and rail fence on Shardlow Road had still not been repaired following on from a car accident in June 2010.

South Derbyshire Police

SGT Steve Todd discussed the anti-social behaviour problems with residents and encouraged anybody who is experiencing any type of anti-social behaviour to contact them immediately. Unless they are made aware of these problems, they cannot provide assistance. The correct telephone numbers to contact them were confirmed. Non emergency 101, In an emergency 999.

The Safer South Derbyshire Partnership Team

The aim of this fund is to give local people the opportunity to initiate and develop projects to make their community safer. The Safer South Derbyshire Partnership are helping to reduce crime and the fear of crime in local communities. The team can be contacted on 01283 595858 or by email: communitysafety@south-derbys.gov.uk

County Councillor's Report – John Harrison

Rock & Bike Festival - Derbyshire County Council are trying to rectify the ruts left by the organisers of the festival but officers have been unable to carry out the work because the ground is too wet . This will be put right at the organiser's expense when weather permits.

Council Tax – The Council are fully aware of the current financial pressures within households and based on this, they have not increased the Council Tax charges this year and they are looking into possibly freezing the charges again next year.

South Derbyshire District Councillor – Peter Watson

Neighbourhood watch forums – Residents suffering from any type of anti-social behaviour were encouraged to attend the quarterly meetings and the next meeting was possibly being held in January, posters on the notice boards and Elvaston Parish website will be updated once this has been confirmed. The forums have proved to be very successful in combating anti-social behaviour in the surrounding areas.

South Derbyshire's Preferred Growth Strategy - The drop in session was discussed and all members and residents were encouraged to attend and make their voices heard. The date for the session is the 6th December between 3pm & 7.30pm.

Christmas Refuse Collection – Collection of household waste over the Christmas period will be the black bin every week but the brown bin will only be collected fortnightly. Waste including bottles and tins can be emptied into the black bins during this busy time. A leaflet will reach residents shortly to confirm details.

District County Councillor Report – Neil Atkin

Greenway & Castle Croft, Elvaston Meadows– Following on from many concerns about the possible removal of a barrier following a residents request, it was confirmed by a planning officer that the footpath may not be adopted and enquiries were being made into this.

4. Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 8th October 2012 were approved and accepted as a true record and signed off by the Chairman.

5. Police Report

Crimes and Incidents reported in September 2012

Castle Croft, Boulton Moor	Anti-social behaviour	3
	Violent Crime	2
	Burglary	1
	Other Theft	2
The Greenway, Elvaston Meadows	Criminal Damage & Arson	1
The Lees, Elvaston Meadows	Anti-social behaviour	1
Colwell Drive, Boulton Moor	Anti-social behaviour	2
	Criminal Damage & Arson	2

01.11.2012. Chairman’s Announcements

None

02.11.2012. Report of the Clerk

Restriction barrier between The Greenway & Castle Croft – Letter received from a resident on The Lee’s requesting that the barrier is removed to allow mobility scooter access. District Cllr N. Atkin looking into this directly with planning officer. Clerk to chase.

Pavements Windmill Close & Sevenlands Drive – Letters sent to both occupiers and now bushes and hedges pruned back – Matter closed.

Poppy Appeal – It was discussed that a donation of £100 was to be made to the British Legion

03.11.2012 Elvaston Parish Plan Steering Committee

A letter of resignation from The Parish Plan’s Chairman, Jeff Whittaker, was read out during the meeting and the Parish Council’s Chairman confirmed that the committee were in discussions to find a replacement.

04.11.2012 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Circular 43/2012 & 44/ 2012 were received via email by all Councillors

05.11.2012 Finance

(a) Accounts for payment

Cheque Number	Payee	Value £
000939	H Sargeant - Clerk	222.98
000940	H Sargeant – Clerk Expenses	28.80
000941	P Casey – Lengthsman Wages	123.33
000942	Staples – Stationery	35.98

(b) **Income**

None

06.11.2012 To consider planning applications

None

07.11.2012 Items for information only:-

(a) Future Meetings:-

December 6th 3pm – 7.30pm - Preferred Growth Strategy for South Derbyshire – Elvaston Village Hall (drop in sessions)

Part II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

No items

Date of the next meeting – The next parish meeting will be the 10th December 2012 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman, Cllr Strand closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

Signed

Cllr R Strand – Chairman

Heidi Sargeant - Clerk