

ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 DECEMBER
2009 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

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

IN ATTENDANCE: G Pollard {Press), R F Hill (Clerk) and Messrs Roberts, Shaw & Waters (public).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - DCLLR HILARY COYLE

1. At the last Safer Neighbourhoods meeting, Aston on Trent's hospital site and playing field were identified as leading trouble spots - none in Elvaston parish. The overall message given by the police was to report all crime to them so that they are made aware even though they may not attend in all cases. The next Safer Neighbourhoods meeting is at Smisby on 9 March 2010.

2. The Flood Liaison meeting on 19 November was attended by Cllr Mitchell and Mr Waters. There were only seven other parish representatives present. In response to Cllr Mitchell's request for a flow gauge, the Environment Agency (EA) was prepared only to instal a height marker board.

3. Raynesway Waste Incineration plant (Cyclamax). It transpires that Derby City's planning department was not obliged to consult neighbouring authorities. SDDC planning department has commented that the landscape impact appears to be minimal, limited to a flue stack.

OPEN SESSION

1. The road sign at the end of Ambaston lane, Elvaston has been replaced.

2. The Avenue of Trees was originally planted exclusively with oak but over the years replacements have been made with sycamore and horse chestnut. Would the parish council support a proposal to replace with oak only in the future?

3. Has the Highways Agency (HA) responded to the claim that noise levels on the A50 have increased?

4. Would the parish council make enquiries regarding the studies made into the effects of the new Raynesway Industrial Park on flood risk downstream on the Derwent?

5. Mr Waters asked for permission to speak on Gravel & Flooding.

6. Mr Shaw asked for permission to speak on Gravel & Flooding and Elvaston Castle.

POLICE REPORT

Incidents 9.11.09 to 11.12.09:-

27 Nov - nuisance vehicle reported on Mill Hill, Boulton Moor.

30 Nov - suspicious vehicle reported on Windmill Close, Boulton Moor.

1 Dec - theft from a vehicle on Mountfield Way, Boulton Moor.

2 Dec - theft from a vehicle on Mountfield Way, Boulton Moor.

At present there is no registered Neighbourhood Watch group for Boulton Moor and anyone interested in starting one should contact PCSO Chris Bromiley on 0845 1233333 or christopher.bromiley.3852@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk.

NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1.12.09: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2.12.09: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3.12.09: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cllr Lee, seconded by Cllr Strand, proposed that the circulated minutes of the 9 November meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4.12.09: ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

District Councillor's Report

2. Council to take up the matter with EA.

3. Clerk to ask the Clerk to Ockbrook & Borrowwash Parish Council what, if any, formal response his Council has submitted.

Open Session

2. Yes: Clerk to pursue the matter with SDDC's planning department.

3. No: Clerk to ask HA for an answer.

4. Yes.

5. Granted.

6. Granted.

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5.12.09: CLERK'S REPORT

1. The Clerk reminded members that a Community Response Plan for emergencies had never been completed and he was instructed to include the subject on the agenda for January 2010.

2. Training courses: Cllrs Lee, Lythgoe, Russell & Strand asked to go on the Law & Good Practice course.

3. The Clerk was asked to consult Mr Griffiths of Ambaston regarding the type of trees on the Avenue of Trees as well as the effect that gravel extraction may have on it

4. Snelsmoor Lane Road Safety Improvement Scheme seems to have been completed.

5. Proposal to lose one of the two fire engines at the Ascot Drive fire station: Clerk to check with Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service.

6. Kilomathon England is organising a run from Nottingham to Derby via Long Eaton and Elvaston Castle Country Park on Sunday 14th March 2010. 3500 runners already signed up. It may involve road closures/diversions and other disruptions e.g. to bus services. Volunteers required for marshalling etc, each of whom will get a minimum donation of £15 for the day. Call Caroline Ververs on 01620 890444 for further information.

6.12.09: PLANNING

Applications

0947 TP - felling and pruning of trees covered by TPO No 9, at 6 Grove Court, Thulston.

Resolved: based on the findings of SDDC's arborial expert, members agreed not to object.

0992 FH - retrospective application for an extension at 15 The Pinfold, Thulston. Resolved: no objection regarding the extension but the Clerk was asked to check with the planning department regarding the new access off Broad Lane.

1006 FH - garage conversion to living accommodation at 53 Sevenlands Drive. Resolved: no comment.

Decisions

CD9/0909/120: erection of poly-tunnels at Elvaston Castle: GRANTED.

9 2009 0801 FH: extension at 24 Grove Close, Thulston (amended scheme): GRANTED.

7.12.09: MATTERS FOR DECISION

7.1 - to select the website designers to be asked to tender for the provision of a parish council website: Cllr Strand said he had already approached several suppliers and Parish Websites was the cheapest. Cllr Mrs Coyle, seconded by Cllr Lee proposed that the Parish Websites quote be accepted (1st year £800, thereafter £300pa). Proposal unanimously accepted.

7.2 - to make a grant of £500 to the Elvaston Parish Plan Steering Group: agreed.

7.3 - to reimburse Shardlow & Great Wilne Parish Council (S&GWPC) for its unused share of the Clerk's computer equipment: members accepted the Clerk's calculation that £220.27 was owing to S&GWPC .

8.12.09: FINANCE

8.1 - The following accounts were approved for payment:-

P Casey, Lengthsman's wages 5 weeks to 13 December	£ 97.37
R F Hill, Clerk's salary for December	239.78
Elvaston Parish Plan Steering Group	500.00
Shardlow & Great Wilne Parish Council	220.27

8.2 - Members agreed that provision should be made for bus shelters (£3000), Colwell Drive mail box (£1000), contingency (£500) and the Chairman proposed a precept for 2010/11 of

£10,000. All agreed.

9.12.09: ELECTORAL REVIEW FOR SOUTH DERBYSHIRE

Members accepted the Chairman's proposal a) that the parish ward boundary remains where it is and that representation be increased to 12 members from 9, 7 to represent Boulton Moor and 5 Elvaston Rural Ward and b) that the Council adopt the objective of having Boulton Moor elevated to separate parish status with the A50 spur as the boundary.

10.12.09: BOULTON MOOR/ELVASTON MEADOWS ISSUES

Members noted the response sent regarding the requirement for a free-standing mail collection box on Colwell Drive.

Members agreed that, notwithstanding the possibility of the Elvaston Parish Plan Steering Group pressing for one, the Council should also press for a pedestrian refuge from the end of The Greenway across the A6 and also noted that it could be located where the road goes to 3 lanes and is therefore wide enough to accommodate a pedestrian refuge.

11.12.09: GRAVEL & FLOODING

EA has said that work on improving the Ambaston flood bank will not proceed until the Derby City defences have been approved which is expected, at the earliest, late in 2010. EA's team leader, Tim Ives, has offered to meet members to outline the plans for Ambaston's defences. It was agreed that the council should formally complain about EA's decision not to re-instate the fences

originally positioned to protect the newly executed construction from livestock damage but which had proved to offer some defence against damage from vehicles.

12.12.09: ELVASTON CASTLE

DCC Properties department has now received the draft Castle & Gardens survey and expects costings to be available in early 2010.

13.12.09: COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Strand said that there is a damaged water drain cover on the pavement outside 1 Oak Road, Thulston. He also said that the water had been drained from the pipes serving the allotments as a precaution against the winter weather.

14.12.09; ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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

