

ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 DECEMBER
2010 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

PRESENT: Cllr Lee (Chair), Cllrs Russell and Spenser.

IN ATTENDANCE: R.F. Hill (Clerk), G Pollard (Press), Messrs Gorman, Madeley, Roberts, Shaw, Waters & Whittaker.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Neither Cllr Harrison nor DCllr Mrs Coyle being present, there were no county or district council reports.

OPEN SESSION

Messrs Whittaker & Roberts asked for permission to speak at agenda item 5 - Parish Plan Committee funding and Messrs Madeley, Roberts & Waters asked for permission to speak at agenda item 11 - Gravel & Flooding.

POLICE REPORT - NOVEMBER

Reported Crimes

12/11 - attempted theft and criminal damage to a vehicle on Main Road, Elvaston.

19/11 - vehicle in Thulston taken without the owner's permission; 2 offenders arrested.

29/11 - theft of a vehicle from the owner's drive on Sevenlands Drive, Boulton Moor.

Reported Incidents

02/11 - quad bike speeding on Sevenlands Drive.

05/11 - quad bike riding up and down Sevenlands Drive.

11/11 - burnt out vehicle reported on Ambaston Lane.

12/11 - quad bike causing a nuisance on Mill Hill, Boulton Moor.

20/11 - Youths reported to be kicking a fence on Mill Hill.

21/11 - burnt out vehicle reported opposite Elvaston Castle entrance.

30/11 - fly tipping on Ambaston Lane.

NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1.12.10: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllrs Lythgoe, Mitchell, Strand & Mrs Coyle

2.12.10: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3.12.10: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cllr Spenser, seconded by Cllr Russell, moved that the circulated minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2010 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. All agreed.

4.12.10: ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF 'PUBLIC PARTICIPATION'

Open Session

All requests to speak were granted.

5.12.10: ELVASTON PARISH PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE FUNDING

5.1. Cllr Russell, seconded by Cllr Spenser, moved that the existing £1000 loan facility be converted to a grant facility. Agreed.

5.2. Members agreed to postpone any decision on additional funding support needing a budget allocation in 2011/12 until the next meeting.

6.12.10: CLERK'S REPORT

1. Price requested from DCC to convert the 2 existing bus shelters from open fronted to enclosed.

SDDC say that the monthly charge for cleaning the new shelter at The Greenway will be £8.30 inc VAT (£100 per annum)

2. Parking on Brook Road.

SDDC have no powers to control parking there because there are no restrictions. DCC have been asked for advice in case they have any experience of similar occurrences around their other managed leisure amenities.

3. Grit Bins on Boulton Moor.

DCC say that one of the criteria for foc supply is that sites must have an appreciable gradient to qualify. Therefore Boulton Moor does not qualify.

4. Razor wire applied to a fence on Ambaston Lane: reported to DCC.

5. Trees along London Road (TPO 3). The landowner has undertaken to plant replacements for the 3 trees which failed due to the dry weather early in the year. He will re-plant this season with pine: he specifically asked if he could plant pine rather than beech and the classification - woodland - allows him to do that.

6. Summer holiday provision in 2011. The service will be available again.

7.12.10: FINANCE

7.1 - The following accounts were approved for payment:-

cq 841 - R F Hill, clerk's salary for December	£239.78
cq 842 - The Flower Café, Village Hall grounds maintenance	140.00
cq 843 - P Casey, Lengthsman's wages 4 weeks to 28 November	116.84

7.2 - Members agreed to postpone consideration of the 2011/12 budget/precept until the next meeting.

8.12.10: GRAVEL & FLOODING

Mr Waters said that the Council should seek as much information as possible regarding the plans for flood protection on the lower Derwent in order to ensure that the settlements downstream of Derby do not get overlooked. To that end he recommended that Derby City Council should be asked how much of the £97M estimated cost of the River Lights Scheme would be allocated to flood prevention measures and how that funding would be raised. Members agreed to pursue that course of action.

Mr Madeley gave an account of the water courses in the parish notably those between the Alvaston bypass and the River Derwent. He agreed to produce a plan for members to use in dealings with government agencies and local authorities.

9.12.10: ELVASTON CASTLE

A new Park Manager, Jill Forester, has taken office.

Repairs and renovations to the Golden Gates, Moorish Temple and Nursery Garden Wall are in progress.

10.12.10: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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