

ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13TH JUNE 2011 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Harrison, DCllrs Atkin, Ann Watson & Peter Watson, R F Hill (Clerk) and 1 parishioner.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Peter Watson (1)/Neil Atkin (2)/Ann Watson (3).

1. District Council policy will be to balance the books by cost cutting while still maintaining services to the customer. However, weekly refuse collections will not be re-instated.
The Local Development Plan should be ready by the end of the year; there will be another series of drop-in days around the district in July.
2. Cllr Atkin thanked everyone for the support he received during his year of chairmanship. £11,174 was collected for his nominated charities. The incoming chairman would like to support in person as many local events as possible and arrangements can be made by calling Dawn Bircher on 01283 595721. Regarding the resumption of racing at Donington Park, he said that noise abatement requirements were being breached and the organisers were likely to exceed the maximum annual quota of events (40) this year. He also noted that the Download Festival organisers had signed up for a further 5 years.
3. Cllr Ann Watson said that she would be attending the Elvaston meetings and promised to keep members informed and to give as much assistance as she could.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – John Harrison

1. Tarmac's northern extension has now received planning approval. At the meeting which gave approval, Cllr Harrison took the opportunity to stress that the conditions attaching to that approval must protect the interests of the local community in terms of dust, noise, mud and traffic movements (which must not go through the villages).
2. Elvaston Castle: the architects report detailing the necessary repairs has been completed and should be published by 24th June. The total bill is around £6,000,000 which will come from lottery funding and the preferred bidder mainly. A further study, the Strategic Options Report, is now underway and should be completed by late summer. Sponsored by English Heritage to ensure that the best possible deal is secured for the public, its recommendations will directly influence the terms agreed with the preferred bidder.
3. The County Council has to make savings of £90,000,000 and most of this will be achieved through staff reductions (mainly voluntary).

OPEN SESSION

1. Mr Waters asked for permission to speak during the members' discussions on the defibrillator and Gravel & Flooding.
2. Mr Waters said that at the committee meeting which debated the Tarmac application, he asked that the decision be deferred for three years since Tarmac would not, they contend, commence operations for three years. Unfortunately, the planning committee ignored the request. He went on to say that it would help to resolve problems quickly if, for a period after operations started, the gravel liaison meetings could be held more frequently. Cllr Peter Watson supported this request and Cllr Harrison, who chairs the meetings, said he would make arrangements for that to happen.

POLICE REPORT

None received.

NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1.06.11: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Harper (business commitment).

2.06.11: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3.06.11: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The two meetings held on 9th May were approved as follows:-

Annual Parish Council Meeting: proposed/seconded - Russell/Sharp;

Ordinary meeting: proposed/seconded – Strand/Spenser.

5.06.11: CLERK'S REPORT

1. Well-Being Session: booked for Wednesday 13th July at the Village Hall between 10am and noon. SDDC will provide posters for the notice boards & website. The session includes checking blood pressure, body fat %, lung function & grip strength. There will also be advice on healthy eating, exercise and local activities.
2. Litter picking: in response to the request for a larger refuse bin for the lengthsman's use, SDDC says that as long as the lengthsman uses the SDDC provided green sacks, all he has to do is leave them next to a black bin and they will collect.
3. Culvert inspection cover (Thulston Brook): reply awaited from Mr Chamberlain to the letter asking him if he knows who is responsible for maintenance of the culvert.
4. Thulston Brook through Boulton Moor: SDDC has responsibility for the stretch mentioned by Cllr Sharp and Chris Payne will get it cleared of rubbish. The Environment Agency looks after the brook downstream of Colwell Drive bridge.
5. DCC issued an enforcement notice to get coiled barbed wire removed from the fence alongside Ambaston Lane (Thulston section) and it has been removed.
6. Footpaths: one of the stiles on the London Road to Oak Road path has been repaired. The finger post marking the path from Grove Close into Elvaston Castle Estate is obscured by an adjacent fir tree and the Aston on Trent Footpath Liaison Group has asked for the tree to be pruned or the post re-located.
7. Grit Bins: £237.95 per bin, inc VAT and installation. Location of bins on Boulton Moor would have to be agreed with DCC's Highway Care Manager. The Clerk was asked to place this item on the agenda for the 11th July meeting
8. Pipe Laying near Borrowash Bridge — there has been no notification of the work to the parish council from Severn Trent Water.
9. Fly tipping on Ambaston Lane (Elvaston section) — reported to Clean Team.
10. Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum is on Thursday 23rd June at County Hall Matlock from 6pm to 8pm.
11. Power of Well Being training course at Ockbrook on Wednesday evening 22nd June: Cllrs Russell & Strand and the Clerk will attend.
12. On 5th June Cllr Spenser notified the Clerk of noise from an open air concern in the vicinity of the Caravan Park the previous evening. Noise nuisance is covered by Part III of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. It empowers local authorities to deal with noise from fixed premises. Notice can be served requiring the offending party to abate the noise.. Complaints are passed on to the local council's relevant officer to investigate so early reporting gives the officer the chance to hear the noise first hand.
13. South Derbyshire Standards Committee. Each parish council in the district is invited to submit nominations for two vacancies — closing date is Friday 5th August.
14. Arising out of an initiative by the Parish Plan Steering Committee, DCC have issued a cultivation licence to authorise the planting of bulbs on highway verges around the parish. The Clerk will progress this with Mike Tong.

6.06.11: PLANNING

9 2011 0341 — use of the garage for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse at 1 Mill Hill, Boulton Moor: no objection.
Planning appeal re. 9 2011 0005 which was an amendment of formerly approved application ref. 9 2009 0572: members commented on inaccuracies in the key points document submitted by the appellant with his appeal. The Clerk said that there is no opportunity to make further comment because it is proceeding under the Householder Appeals Service but it was agreed that the anomalies in the key points document should be put before the planning authority, SDDC.

7.06.11: MATTERS FOR DECISION

1. To approve the purchase of a defibrillator. No reply from DCC regarding acquisition of one for the Castle grounds and it was agreed that it was more important to have defibrillators positioned in the parish to serve the needs of the local community. The matter was deferred to the next meeting so that a presentation by a manufacturer could be arranged before a decision is made.
2. To purchase a bus shelter for the stop opposite the Golden Gates entrance. Matter deferred in order for the site to be surveyed to see if a shelter can be accommodated there without having to acquire land to do so.

8.06.11: FINANCE

1. The following accounts were approved for payment:-

Wages and salaries, chq numbers 871 & 872	£356.62
Severn Trent, allotment water (6 months — paid by direct debit)	53.14

Cllrs Strand & Russell and the Clerk, chq 873 £ 45.00

was calculated with particular reference to the apportionment of administration costs in Section 136 expenses (concurrent functions). The Chairman asked the Clerk to place the item

on the agenda for the next meeting so that a full explanation could be given.

9.06.11: WEBSITE

Cllr Strand outlined the changes he was seeking from the website designer in order to make the layout easier to use.

10.06.11: BULTON MOOR ISSUES

1. Play Facilities: the draft circular prepared by Cllr Coyle, with the inclusion of a closing date for replies, was approved.
2. Colwell Drive mailbox: there being no reply from Royal Mail to the Clerk's letter offering financial assistance, the Clerk he said would seek assistance from the regulatory body, PostComm.

11.06.11: GRAVEL & FLOODING

At its planning committee meeting held on 16th May (attended by the Clerk, Mr Waters and Cllr Harrison), Derbyshire County Council approved Tarmac's application, Code CM9/0805/73, to extend its gravel extraction operations north of Ambaston Lane. The Clerk was asked to get a copy of the complete approval paperwork, including the conditions attaching. He was also asked to find out when the next consultation on mineral sites allocation would take place.

12.06.11: ELVASTON CASTLE

Restoration work has started on the haha wall and is nearly complete on the Golden Gates.

13.06.11: COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Strand said that there had been many complaints about the horses now grazing the field leading from Grove Close to the Golden Gates. The Clerk was asked to ascertain the legal position from DCC's legal department.

14.06.11: FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

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| 17 June | Elvaston Community Party, Friday 17 th June at Elvaston Cricket Club from 6.30pm. |
| 22 June | Power of Well Being training course at Ockbrook Parish Hall, 6.00pm for 6.30pm. |
| 23 June | Town & Parish Council Liaison Forum, County Hall Matlock. |
| 11 July | Elvaston Parish Council, monthly meeting at Elvaston Village Hall, 11 th July, 7.30pm. |

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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