

**ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
13TH AUGUST 2012 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON**

PRESENT: Cllr Strand (Chair), Cllrs Bickerton, Russell, Harper, Sharp & Spenser

IN ATTENDANCE: RF Hill, (Clerk), Heidi Sargeant (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

OPEN SESSION

1. Mr Waters asked permission to speak at agenda item "Gravel & Flooding"

2. Mr Waters also expressed his disappointment with the Highways Care Manager's response regarding the surface dressing on Ambaston Lane.

3. Mr Shaw said that he had been given to understand that the footpath widening alongside the B5010, reported at the last meeting as scheduled in October, was still on course.

4. The Rock and Bike Festival was a success but concerns were raised about the difficulty in parking for those not attending the festival. Mr Shaw was told that parking was not available on the Friday due to being hired out for the festival. It was also mentioned that the fields were now not in a great state and it was questioned whether the charge for hiring the premises included an element for restoration.

5. Mr Foster said that he was concerned with the speed of traffic along Ball Lane between Thulston and Elvaston.

6. The Chairman referred to the Government's desire that the UK should aspire to the fastest broadband speeds in Europe within 3 years. He noted that broadband speeds in much of the parish were nominally little more than 1mbs and hadn't improved in 8 years. He suggested that teaming up with Aston on Trent and Shardlow to campaign for a better service might be worthwhile.

7. Mounted horses have allegedly damaged fencing near the Golden Gates.

POLICE REPORT

Crimes / Incidents reported during June 2012

Willow Close	Anti-social behaviour	1
Colwell Drive	Anti-social behaviour	2
Sevenlands Drive	Anti-social behaviour	1
Sturges Lane, Thulston	Anti-social behaviour	1
Sturges Lane, Thulston	Other theft	1
Main Road, Elvaston	Other theft	1
Elvaston Castle	Anti-social behaviour	3
Mere Beck, Ambaston	Other theft	2

Anti social behaviour Includes personal, environmental and nuisance anti-social behaviour

Other theft Theft other than shoplifting such as bicycle theft or theft from a person.

NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1.08.12: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Lee, Cllr Coyle

2.08.12: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3.08.12: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was agreed that item 6 of the 9th July Open Session be amended for greater accuracy and to read as follows:-

"The Environment Agency has set aside £15,000 so that a Derby City led partnership which also includes South Derbyshire District Council and Severn Trent can de-silt that part of Thulston Brook through the built up residential area ending at Snelsmoor Lane"

With that amendment the members agreed that the circulated 9th July minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4.08.12: ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF "PUBLIC PARTICIPATION"

Open Session

1. Granted

2. Cllr Russell to photograph the affected area of Ambaston Lane and provide them to the Clerk.

3. Cllr Russell to arrange a meeting for herself, Cllr Coyle and Gill Forrester, Park Manager to discuss Elvaston Castle matters.

4. Clerk to arrange a discussion with the Aston on Trent Clerk to see how they obtained their electronic speed signs
5. Clerk to arrange a discussion with the Weston on Trent Clerk to see how they are getting on with their enquiries into obtaining a quicker broadband service

5.08.12: CLERKS REPORT

1. Golden Gates Derby bound bus shelter, the Heritage Office has decreed that as long as the shelter is of a sober colour, he approves (the land on which it is to be situated is classed as historic garden land). The Clerk has checked with the landowner to see if he still backs the project and he does provided that the way leave agreement gives him the right to terminate the arrangement at short notice. Cllr Sharp asked if the windows would be glass and the Clerk replied that polycarbonate would be specified on the order.
2. Change of Clerk notified to the main contacts. DALC has a Clerk Induction course at Wirksworth on the 22nd August at a cost of £20.00.
3. The refuse freighter will be at the Harrington Arms car park on Saturday 13th October from 7.30am until 11.00am.
4. The next Flood Liaison meeting in on Thursday 27th September, 10.00am in the Council Chamber, Swadlincote. The Chairman and Mr Water's have agreed to attend.

6.08.12: PLANNING

There were no matters to report or consider

7.08.12: MATTERS FOR DECISION

"To adopt the National Association of Local Council's Template of Conduct"

Members agreed to adopt this code and also agreed to complete the Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Form and hand to the Clerk at the next meeting.

8.08.12: FINANCE

The following accounts were approved for payment

Wages, salaries and PAYE	£586.09
Audit Commission – external audit fee	£162.00

9.08.12: WEBSITE

Clerk to take ownership over management of the website including the posting of agendas, minutes and planning applications – a task previously undertaken by the outgoing clerk; to review and edit the content and make changes with a view to increasing the readership.

10.08.12: GRAVEL & FLOODING

Mr Waters urged members to participate fully in the consultation process which will determine the objectives, strategies and policies for mineral working up to 2030.

11.08.12: COUNCILLORS REPORTS / OUTSTANDING ISSUES

1) Ownership of the Green

Clerk to seek advice from SDDC on how to proceed

2) Colwell Drive Mailbox

Clerk to write to Royal Mail to appeal against the decision not to re-locate the letterbox at the bus pull-in on Bembridge Drive further down the road to the shop.

3) Parish Plan Family Forum

Cancelled. Clerk to update the website

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

12 September 6.00pm	Elvaston Combined Quarry & Waste Disposal Liaison Committee at the Field Study Centre, Elvaston Castle.
27 September 10.00am	Flood Liaison Meeting in the Council Chambers at the Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote

13.08.12: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The Clerk circulated details of the items received since the previous meeting.