

# **MINUTES FOR THE ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON**

## **Present:**

Cllr R Strand (Chairman), Cllr P Bickerton (Vice Chairman), Cllr B Sharp, Cllr S Spenser, Cllr R Russell, Cllr R McBride, Cllr T Mansfield, Heidi Sargeant (Clerk) and 4 members of the public

## **In Attendance:**

District Cllr P Watson, County Cllr R Davidson

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everybody and introducing the new County Councillor, Rob Davidson.

## **PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

### **1. Apologies**

Cllr S Lee (holiday commitments), Cllr G Harper (work commitments)

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

None

### **3 District and County Councillor's Report**

#### **County Councillor - Rob Davidson**

Cllr R Davidson introduced himself to the Parish Council and the public and discussed the current issues that he had been made aware of. He also confirmed that he will look into any outstanding issues that we are facing and is very much looking forward to working with us all in the future

#### **South Derbyshire District County Councillor – Peter Watson**

**Refuse Bins** – New bins which are suitable for recycling plastic and cardboard will be sent out soon but have been delayed due to another bidder challenging the decision during the 28 day cooling off period

**Dog bins** – SDDC are happy to provide dog bins to the parish, installation approximately £400 and the cost of emptying the bins are between £4-£5 per week. Parish Council's can arrange their own installation but he cannot comment on whether it would be a cheaper option

**Donington Race Track** – A meeting took place last month to discuss the consideration to the applications of planning received from Donington Race Track. Currently there are 40 "noisy" days and they are looking at increasing this to 60. The application consists of amended days of use, amended areas of use for the testing, pre race practising and racing of un-silenced vehicles. The racetrack continues to be a problem for surrounding villages.

**Sand & Gravel Liason meetings** – District Cllr P Watson encouraged all Councillors and residents to attend, villages such as Twyford, Swarkestone, Foremark and Ingleby all have good attendance rates and he felt that more people needed to attend and make their comments known

### **4. Police Report**

#### **PCSO - Emma Guest**

A lady living on The Greenway in Elvaston Meadows was experiencing problems with teenagers on her drive, this resulting in damage to the wing mirror on her car. Not many children have been seen around the estate over recent months but this could be due to the bad weather. A theft of a garden ornament logged and a couple of thefts at Elvaston Castle. One of the thefts was a handbag which was stolen whilst ice cream was being purchased and another was a theft of a mobile phone.

**Community Speed watch** – Emma confirmed that should any of the Councillors wish to put their names forward to participate in this then it can be arranged around the Thulston / Elvaston area. Clerk to sort

#### **01.05.13: Public Speaking:**

**Pavements, Boulton Moor** – A resident confirmed that he was still concerned about the state of some of the pavements on the Boulton Moor estate especially Orchard Close. He

noted that a person had tripped over recently and was concerned that this could happen again and wanted answers on who to refer this matter to – Clerk confirmed that Highways have written to her stating that they are not responsible and that David Wilson Homes were still the owners – Clerk confirmed that a letter has already been sent to David Wilson Homes along with photographs of the pavements - Cllr R Davidson to look into ownership

**Sand and Gravel** – A resident asked why this subject had been removed from our Agenda. The Chairman confirmed that if this item appears on every agenda it could lose its importance especially when no information is being reported. The Chairman confirmed that the subject can always be raised during the public participation section. The same resident also raised a matter on the 106 agreement between D.C.C. Minerals Department and Tarmac, in relation to the Elvaston quarry northern extension. He advised that the agreement should contain reference to the provision of material for the Ambaston flood bank. The resident also requested a copy of the current planning conditions relevant to the Northern extension and the quarry plant – District Cllr P Watson to look into

**Tree Removals B5010** – A resident expressed his concern about the removal of tree's alongside the B5010, near to the new bus shelter. He felt that these tree's which included Copper Beech had been removed without consent – District Cllr P Watson to look into

**Pavement widening B5010** – A resident felt that the new pavement widening benefited the Borrowash residents mainly and that the continued widening would benefit many others if it was continued to Silver Lane. He confirmed that currently the pavements were substandard and not fit to walk on – Clerk to contact Julie Watson @ DCC

**Drains** – The same resident also raised his concern on the drain at the end of the cycle path on the B5010. He had noted that pavements and fields were flooded and that the drain's condition need's checking – District Cllr P Watson to look into

**New Bus shelter / London Road** – A resident thanked Elvaston Parish Council for their input into getting the new bus shelter erected. He felt it was a good job done and was a nice design and hoped that the residents will now start to benefit from it.

#### **02.05.13: To approve the minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013 were approved and accepted as a true record and signed off by the Chairman.

#### **03.05.13: Councillor's Report**

**Elvaston Castle Events** – Cllr R Russell confirmed that there were many events taking place at Elvaston Castle over the next couple of months and that posters were being advertised on the parish notice boards.

**Thulston Brook** – Cllr P Bickerton thanked the Clerk for acting so quickly in getting the brook cleared out. The brook has now been emptied and was in a pretty bad state. Items removed from the brook included pushchairs, bikes and trolleys. The possibility of having a fly tipping sign could be an option – Clerk to look into

**Heart Defibrillator, Ambaston** – Cllr R Russell confirmed that Martin from The Heartbeat Trust visited Ambaston to see the heart defibrillator located there and felt that it was quite an old cabinet and that it possibly required replacing. Clerk to look into

#### **Snelsmoor Grange housing plans -**

The Chairman thanked Cllr P Bickerton for his efforts in distributing the flyers around the Boulton Moor and Elvaston Meadows area. A feedback form was included for residents to express their views on recent planning applications for more housing. An update on the feedback will be discussed during June's meeting.

#### **04.05.13: Clerks Report**

##### **a) Outstanding issues:**

**Internal Audit** – Agreed that Brian Wood (ex DALC) would carry our internal audit out for 2012/2013. Brian has signed the audit off and made some recommendations. The accounting statements will be signed by the Chairman during June's meeting. Grant Thornton will now complete an external audit and all details to be sent by the Clerk before the 17<sup>th</sup> June.

**Heart Defibrillator** – Clerk confirmed that Martin Fagen from The Heartbeat Trust visited the Thulston site and recommended a free standing cabinet. Cllrs have all viewed the pictures of the possible cabinet and Martin is now making enquiries into the supply of power

**Speeding sign, Boulton Moor** – Clerk confirmed that DCC have advised that they have had no reports of any accidents around this area and that a possible speeding / safety sign maybe difficult to obtain. Clerk has written to Chris Frogatt @ DCC for advice.

**Allotment Fee's** – Clerk posted annual invoices in March and some plots have still not been paid for. Payment due by the 30<sup>th</sup> April. The Chairman confirmed that he would look into this

**Training Event for Councillors & Clerk** – Training confirmed by DALC for the 29<sup>th</sup> May at Elvaston Castle at 5.30pm. 7 Elvaston Parish Cllrs attending and 4 Cllrs attending from Aston on Trent Parish Council

**b) Correspondence Received:**

**The Pinfold, Thulston** – A resident has written to the Clerk to confirm their concern about a large pile of wood chippings in a parking space causing drivers problems turning around and also taking up valuable parking spaces. A trailer was also noted as possibly being abandoned there. Clerk has written to the possible owner of these items and awaits a reply

**David Wilson Homes, Boulton Moor** - Clerk received a letter from John Dillon, Managing Director from David Wilson homes with a breakdown of streets on the Boulton Moor estate which have been adopted by DCC. A copy of this was made available during the meeting for residents to view. Cllr R Davidson confirmed that he would look into this.

**05.05.13: Derbyshire Association of Local Councils**

(a) Circular 09/13 & 10/13 received and emailed to all Cllrs

**06.05.13: Finance**

**(a) Accounts for Payment**

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
000974	Spoiled Cheque			
000975	South Derbyshire District Council – Litter Bin installed, B5010 Elvaston	231.59	46.32	277.91
000976	Staples – Toner, paper, staples	19.25	3.85	23.10
000977	Community Consultation Ltd – Annual renewal (public liability & employers)	375.41		375.41
000978	N Mansell – Lengthsman pay	137.75		137.75
000979	South Derbyshire District Council – Cleaning bill for new bus shelter, London Road. May 1 <sup>st</sup> 2013 – 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2014	75.90	15.18	91.08
000980	H Sargeant – Clerk's pay	413.40		413.40
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1253.3</b>	<b>65.35</b>	<b>1318.65</b>

**b) Income**

Bank Interest £1.73 (28<sup>th</sup> March)

Precept £5250 (5<sup>th</sup> April)

VAT claim refund £140.63 (29<sup>th</sup> April)

**Bank balance as of 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013                      £24,174.96**

**07.05.13: Planning**

1 Pool Close, Boulton Moor – Extensions - Councillor's confirmed they had no objections

**08.05.13: Items for information only :-**

23<sup>rd</sup> June - Derbyshire County Show, Elvaston Castle Country Park

4<sup>th</sup> July - Your Police, Your Views Events , The Darwin Suite, Assembly Rooms, Derby or the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013, Sharpe's Pottery Museum, West Street, Swadlincote. 6.30pm. Tea and Coffee provided.

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> July - Elvaston Steam Rally, Elvaston Castle Country Park

**09.05.13: Date of the next meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting is on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

Signed .....  
                  Clr R. Strand (Chairman)

Heidi Sargeant - Clerk

