

ON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 14 FEBRUARY 2011 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

The meeting was preceded by a minute's silence for fellow member Bill Lythgoe who died suddenly on Sunday 6th February.

PRESENT: Cllr Lee (Chair), Cllrs Coyle, Russell, Spencer & Strand

IN ATTENDANCE: CCllr Harrison, G Pollard (Press), R F Hill (Clerk), 6 parishioners and 1 member of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - CCLLR JOHN HARRISON

1. Cllr Harrison said that the passing of Bill Lythgoe had left him in deep sorrow. Bill had been a good friend and political opponent. He was an intelligent, thoughtful and kind man and he would be missed by friends and community alike.
2. B5010 footpath: plans have been drawn up and are about to be consulted upon.
3. The County has to find savings of £39M during the next year and is hoping to achieve much of this through voluntary severance. However the County Council's commitment to the vulnerable will remain.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - DCLLR HILARY COYLE

The Kilomathon event which last year was routed along the B5010 and through Elvaston Castle Country Park will this year take a different route and not pass through the parish at all.

OPEN SESSION

1. Mr Roberts asked about the hedge on Ball Lane.
2. Mr Roberts asked if there had been any information from the Highways Agency re. noise levels on the A50 and link roads.
3. Mr Roberts asked for permission to speak at agenda items 10 (Gravel & Flooding) and 11 (Elvaston Castle)
4. Mr Roberts challenged the view expressed by Environment Agency personnel at the meeting on 5 February that extended gravel extraction would not affect flood levels.
5. Mr Waters asked for permission to speak at agenda item 10 (Gravel & Flooding).
6. Mr Whewell said that on 5 February, the same day as the Environment Agency presentation at the Village Hall, his premises were put under threat from rising water levels, caused, he contended, by the opening of sluices upstream.
7. Mr Madeley insisted that flood risk could be alleviated if impediments were cleared from the River Derwent water course between Borrowash Bridge and the River Trent. He said he would walk the bank along that stretch and make a note of all such impediments. He also said that on a recent walk in that vicinity he had encountered 3 ladies who purported to be representatives of Clean Environment Consultants and who appeared to be conducting a survey of some sort.
8. A SDDC work party had been seen litter picking in Elvaston Rural Ward earlier on 14 February.

POLICE REPORT

Crime/incident report for January 2011:-

- 10th - handbag stolen from a vehicle at Elvaston;
- 12th - swan reported wandering on Main Street, Ambaston;
- 20th - vehicle on London Road, waiting to be scrapped, was stolen.
- 29th - attempted burglary from a shed at the allotments off Oak Road, Thulston - thieves disturbed;
- 29th - window smashed at a local business on Oak Road, Thulston. Also reports of fighting there.

www website to give people more information about their local
act the force. For more information, go to

www.derbyshire.police.uk.

South Derbyshire Police Section Derbyshire Partnership is to re-launch the Community Speedwatch Scheme in March 2011. The scheme is intended to monitor incidents of speeding motor vehicles, aimed particularly at rural villages in South Derbyshire. Monitoring will be undertaken by local community volunteers. The intention of the scheme is to educate and promote road safety and ultimately have an effect on casualty reduction. Volunteers will be trained by police officers in the use of hand held speed devices and further training will be provided in health and safety, minor dispute resolution, safe operating practices and will include the Speedwatch golden rules. Trained volunteers will monitor the speed of vehicles by means of approved speed gun devices. The registration numbers of vehicles exceeding the speed limit will be recorded and details passed to a police liaison officer who will send letters to the registered owners of the vehicles. Repeat offenders will be sent a second letter and may be visited by a local neighbourhood officer. There are no legally enforceable penalties against those drivers exceeding the speed limit. There should be no attempts to stop vehicles or any communication with drivers or other occupants of the vehicles and if approaches are made by the driver, volunteers will read from a prepared statement and withdraw from the location. The scheme will operate during daylight hours from 8.00am till dusk, between March and September 2011. Communities wishing to be considered for the scheme need to provide a minimum pool of 6 volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the Parish Clerk on 01332 792619 or rogerfreedomhill1@yahoo.co.uk with their personal details and if sufficient interest is shown, he will make formal application to the Station Sergeant at Swadlincote.

NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1.02.11: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Mitchell (illness).

2.02.11: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3.02.11: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The circulated minutes of the 10 January 2011 meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4.02.11: ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF 'PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Open Session

1. See 6.02.11, item 1.
2. See 6.02.11, item 2.
3. Granted
4. Noted.
5. Granted.
6. Noted.
7. Noted. Clerk to track down and contact Clean Environment Consultants.
8. The Clerk was asked to write to SDDC thanking them for the service.

5.02.11: PLANNING

9 2011 0027 NO - re-roof, clad & extend an existing storage bunker at Beechwood Park. Resolved: no objection.

6.02.11: CLERK'S REPORT

1. Hedge on Ball Lane: Neil de Blaquiere is aware only of land at the north end of Elvaston Parish which Tarmac sold to Brian & Irene Ashby in 2007. One of the residents on Silver Lane says that a strip of land immediately behind the 'odd numbered' back gardens was fenced off a while back and horses were kept on it until the owner of the horses was told to vacate the site because trees were to be planted on the land. The Clerk undertook to do a search with the Land registry.
2. A50 traffic noise: Despite having emailed, phoned and written to the Highways Agency in Birmingham, the Clerk still awaits an answer. He has spoken to Balfour Beatty Connect based at Scropton: they are responsible for carrying out HA's instructions on anything to do with this

They have had no instructions about major resurfacing; for any
IA Birmingham.

l de Blaquiére says that Tarmac is likewise concerned about the
state of the land and has forwarded the members' concerns on to their land agent.

4. Derbyshire Environmental Trust informs that, following the Spending Review settlement in October, the Government has decided to discontinue the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund and associated Levy Grant Scheme from the end of the current financial year. Further information available at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/quality/land/aggregates/index.htm>
5. To avoid the lengthsman having to buy waste sacks and claim back the cost, has asked SDDC to supply under their 'Green Sack' scheme, 50 sacks at a time.
6. Power of Well Being training; a course at Ockbrook Parish Hall on 22 June, 6.00pm for 6.30pm. Subject to being available, the Clerk would like to attend, cost £15. Councils achieving 80% attendance at such a course are in a position to consider application of the new power.

7.02.11: FINANCE

The following accounts were authorised for payment:-

Cq 848 - P Casey, Lengthsman's wages 4 weeks to 23 January	116.84	
Reimbursement for purchase of waste sacks	1.79	£118,63
Cq 849 - R F Hill, Clerk, February salary	239.78	
Reimbursement for purchase of 5 Feb meeting refreshment supplies	<u>10.36</u>	250.14
Cq 850 - Elvaston V.H. Management Cttee, Room hire in 2010		124.00
Cq 851 - Elvaston Parish Plan Steering Cttee, grant		700.00
Cq 852 - Staples, Office supplies		159.01
Cq 847 - Severn Trent Water, allotment water (paid 29.01.11)		55.11
Cq 853 SDDC, installation of dog bin & waste collection		413.14

8.02.11: PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE (www.elvaston-pc.org.uk)

CLlr Strand said that regularly updated statistics on website usage were now readily available. Over the last month there were 831 hits in 199 visits, 60% of which were maiden visits.

9.02.11: GRAVEL & FLOODING

Mr Waters' view of the meeting with the Environment Agency was that they were still basing their proposals on data collected 30 years ago though no longer accurate today after increased commercial, industrial and residential development upstream, all of which has led to a shrinking of the flood plain. The best data on which to base their modelling would be, in Mr Waters' view, the photographs of the June 2007 flood which, with the application of some intelligent 'reverse engineering would form a more accurate basis for EA's modelling.

The Chairman's view was that the Council needed -

- a) to get closer to Derby City to keep abreast of their programme;
- b) to explore possible funding sources;
- c) to get an updated cost for adding a metre to the floodbank's height;
- d) to check the status of the Aggregate Levy Sustainable Fund.

It was agreed that a letter or email should be sent to Heather Wheeler MP to thank her for her attendance at the meeting with EA, to await Mr Waters' report of that meeting which he would prepare after more considered thought, to try and organise a meeting with Derby City and to Write to EA's Ann Jacob.

10.02.11: ELVASTON CASTLE

Work, for which £570,000 has been allocated, proceeds on the roof of the Moorish Temple, on the Golden Gates and on the Nursery Garden Wall though not yet on the haha wall. Completion is set for late Spring 2011.

11.02.11: FORTHCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

February

23rd - SDDC Joint Meeting with Parish Councils, 6.30pm in the Council Chamber at Swadlincote.

March

9th - Safer Neighbourhoods meeting, 7.00pm at Shardlow Village Hall.

14th - Elvaston Annual Parish Meeting, 7.00pm at Elvaston Village Hall.

at 7.30pm after the Annual Parish Meeting mentioned above.
on Golf Club, tickets £38 each.
the Council Chamber at Swadlincote.

22nd - SDDC Neighbourhood Planning Drop-In at Aston on Trent Heritage Centre between 3.00 & 7.00pm.

April

11th - Elvaston Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm at Elvaston Village Hall.

13th - Clerk's Day at The Kestrel, Marehay, 9.30am to 4.00pm.

May

5th - Parish Council elections

9th - Annual & Ordinary Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm at Elvaston Village Hall.

June

22nd - Power of Well Being training course at Ockbrook Parish Hall, 6.00pm for 6.30pm.

12.02.11: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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

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