

ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 JUNE 2010 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

PRESENT: Cllr Lee (Chairman), Cllrs Lythgoe, Mitchell, Russell, Coyle & Spenser.

IN ATTENDANCE: CCllr Harrison, R F Hill (Clerk) & 4 parishioners (Messrs Roberts, Madeley, Waters & Whewell).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - CCLR JOHN HARRISON

1. There has been no progress regarding the future of Elvaston Castle or on the matter interlinked with it, the B5010 footpath widening. However, the report on the artefacts should soon be finalised and that may lead to developments.
2. The recent electoral review conducted by the Boundary Commission resulted in a recommendation that Aston Ward should remain a 3 member ward.

OPEN SESSION

1. Mr Waters asked for permission to speak at Agenda Items 7 (Minerals Core Strategy) & 13 (Gravel & Flooding).
2. Mr Roberts asked for permission to speak at Agenda Items 13 & 14 (Elvaston Castle).
3. Mr Madeley said he was unhappy about police response times to attend incidents and also asked if the monthly police report could be posted on notice boards.
4. Mr Madeley said that unless something was done soon, the neglect of and vandalism to the haha wall at Elvaston Castle could soon result in its complete collapse.

POLICE REPORT - MAY

Reported Crimes

- 5 May - theft from a vehicle on Meadow Nook, Boulton Moor.
8 May - attempted burglary on Grove Close, Thulston.
15 May - non-dwelling burglary on Grove Close, Thulston.
26 May - theft on Brook Court, Thulston.

Reported Incidents

- 3 May - abandoned stolen vehicle on Ambaston Lane.
13 May - youths climbing scaffolding on Meadow Nook, Boulton Moor.
19 May - sheep on Main Road, Elvaston.
19 May - youths climbing scaffolding on Pool Close, Boulton Moor.
31 May - youths climbing scaffolding on Meadow Nook, Boulton Moor.

NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1.06.10: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Strand.

2.06.10: RESIGNATION

The Clerk said he had received Cllr Wainwright's formal resignation, brought about by ill health. He was asked to write to Cllr Wainwright thanking him for his service to the community and it was agreed that the election process should be activated in order to fill the two vacancies now existing on the Council.

3.06.10: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4.06.10: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Annual Parish Council Meeting, 10 May: moved Cllr Mitchell, seconded Cllr Russell & Ordinary Meeting, 10 May: moved Cllr Spenser, seconded Cllr Russell and agreed that the circulated minutes of both meetings be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5.06.10: ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Open Session

1. Granted.
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3. The Clerk agreed to post the police report on notice boards as soon as he received it. The matter of response times could be raised at the next Safer Neighbourhoods meeting at Ticknall on 16 June.
4. CCllr Harrison thanked Mr Madeley for the information and said he would bring it to the attention of officers at DCC.

6.06.10: CLERK'S REPORT

1. Bus shelter provision: awaiting advice from DCC of the specification of the two shelters at Thulston so that the same spec can be ordered. Meantime, the Clerk has to consult the Community Safety Partnership to confirm that the chosen site is suitable, and also local residents. He is also applying for a grant from EMA.

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2. Avenue of Trees: Tarmac have been asked for permission to enter their land in order to carry out an inspection.

3. Community Speedwatch Scheme: Sergeant Rogers said he would visit to see if there was a stretch of road suitable for the exercise but that a minimum of 6 volunteers are needed for the scheme to get off the ground. This probably means that a) residents living near the chosen stretch of road need to be asked to volunteer and b) there may not be time to organise the patrol before the scheme ends in September (the equipment needed may not be available if it is committed for use by other parishes between now and the end of September).

4. Estate agents' sale boards at the end of Grove Close: both Hannells & IMS Property have been asked to remove their boards.

5. New fencing has been erected (and broken) by the Thulston Brook headwall grille.

6. Parish Plan Steering Committee has organised a community function at the Cricket Club on 8 July, details displayed on all notice boards.

7. New electoral arrangements for South Derbyshire (see Jan 09 minute ref 9.01.09). The Boundary Commission has recommended that, based on the electorate increasing by 9% over the 5 year period from 2008 to 2013, retaining the existing council size of 36 members would not detrimentally affect the authority in the discharge of its duties. Regarding Aston Ward, the Boundary Commission accepted SDDC's proposal of a 3 member ward comprising the parishes of Aston, Elvaston, Shardlow, Swarkestone and Weston plus the addition of Barrow on Trent. Even with this addition Aston Ward would still have 2% fewer councillors per member than the district average by 2013.

The Labour Group's proposal for a single member ward for Boulton Moor was not taken up as a recommendation because the Boundary Commission could not see the planned development being completed early enough within the review period to ensure a viable district ward with good electoral equality.

There will now be a consultation period ending on 19 July so that everyone can comment on the Boundary Commission's draft recommendations.

8. Illegal encampments/travellers: SDDC has arranged a Public Meeting at the Grove Hall, Swadlincote on Thursday 1 July from 7pm until 9pm. The Police Authority, DCC and Heather Wheeler MP have been invited to attend. SDDC wants to advise interested members of the public as to the requirements and constraints placed on it by current legislation, which must be applied in seeking to remove occupiers of illegal encampments throughout the District.

7.06.10: PLANNING

Applications

9 2010 0428 FH - addition of gable with pitched roof at 8 Oak Road, Thulston. RESOLVED: to make no comment or objection.

9 2010 0492 FH - garage conversion at 5 Willow Croft, Boulton Moor. RESOLVED: must retain the facility to park two vehicles within the curtilage, otherwise no comment or objection.

9 2010 0524 FH - erection of a conservatory and porch at 3 Yew Tree Lane, Thulston. RESOLVED: to make no comment or objection.

Consultative

Derby & Derbyshire Minerals Core Strategy. Members agreed to debate the issue at a committee meeting to be arranged as soon as possible.

Derbyshire Local Transport Futures. Members agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

O2/Vodafone mast on Shardlow Road. Members agreed that the information available was insufficient and Cllr Coyle said she would try to obtain a picture of the proposed structure.

8.06.10: FINANCE

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

P Casey, Lengthsman's wages 5 weeks to 13 June

£ 97.37

R F Hill, Clerk's salary for May

239.78

Evolusys, internal audit fee, 2009/10	75.00
Parish Websites Ltd, set-up & 1st year hosting & support	550.00
Severn Trent, allotment water usage 22.12.09 to 4.06.10	50.04

The Clerk reported that a claim of £248.27 for VAT reimbursement 2009/10 has been submitted.

9.06.10: MATTERS FOR DECISION

To purchase a dog bin for location near the Sustrans Path at the B5010.

Cllr Coyle, seconded by Cllr Lythgoe, moved that SDDC's quote of £251.53 + VAT to supply and install a Glasdon Fido 25 dog bin mounted on a groundloc fixing post be accepted. Members agreed. It was noted that SDDC's charge for weekly emptying of the bin will be £3.71 per visit.

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To approve the Annual Return 2009/10.

Cllr Coyle, seconded by Cllr Spenser, moved that the Annual Return be signed by the Chairman and Clerk. Members agreed.

10.06.10: PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

Cllrs Lee, Russell, Spenser and the Clerk volunteered to assist in updating web pages.

11.06.10: ALLOTMENT MATTERS

The Clerk said that he and Cllr Strand, acting on behalf of tenants had resolved the outstanding contractual matters and it now remained for the Clerk to produce the final agreed version of the Allotment Tenancy Agreement for signature by tenants.

12.06.10: BOULTON MOOR/ELVASTON MEADOWS ISSUES

1. A6 Pedestrian Refuge: DCC has advised that spending cuts have necessitated the shelving of some projects but the project engineer says that if the costed design is reasonable, she will put this project forward for approval next financial year.
2. Proposed Colwell Drive Mailbox: Royal Mail has promised a full reply to the Council's request for this mailbox but it may take a few weeks for its investigation to be completed.
3. Grit bins: members agreed that grit bins (maximum of 4) should be ordered from DCC for location at sites to be determined.
4. Cllr Coyle contended that members should not be surprised at the outbreak of incidents by children and adolescents on Boulton Moor when there are no play facilities there. She offered to discuss the matter with relevant officers at SDDC to see what can be done.

Members agreed.

13.06.10: GRAVEL & FLOODING

Cllr Mitchell said that Tarmac's application to extract gravel north of Ambaston Lane still awaits a decision by DCC's planning department.

Cllr Mitchell said that the approved plan for flood defences within the parish arising out of the City of Derby flood defence scheme would not suffer through lack of finance. Mr Waters said that the Council should consider its strategy should Derby City implement its improved flood defences without consideration of the downstream effects.

investigation

14.06.10: ELVASTON CASTLE

Cllr Mitchell reported that the assessment of the work needed to safeguard the garden structures has been completed and the plan is to complete the renovation and maintenance work during the summer months.

15.06.10: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.02pm.