

## ON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 MARCH 2011 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

The meeting was preceded by a period of silence for fellow member Frank Mitchell who died on 13<sup>th</sup> March and for Geoff Roberts who died on 16<sup>th</sup> February.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** CCllr Harrison, G Pollard (Press), R F Hill (Clerk) and 8 members of the public.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

##### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

See Annual Parish Meeting minutes.

##### **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

See Annual Parish Meeting minutes.

#### **OPEN SESSION**

1. Dr Black asked to reserve the right to speak at agenda item 7.2 (defibrillator supply).
2. Mr Waters asked to reserve the right to speak at agenda items 7.2 and 11 (Gravel and Flooding).
3. Mr Jefferies said that one of the new 40mph speed restriction signs, the second going towards Borrowwash, was virtually unreadable in its present position.

#### **POLICE REPORT**

There were no reported crimes in February and only one reported incident - males acting in a suspicious manner at Main Street, Ambaston on 18<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **NON-EXEMPT ITEMS**

##### **1.03.11: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

##### **2.03.11: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

##### **3.03.11: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The circulated minutes of the 14 February 2011 meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

##### **4.03.11: ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF 'PUBLIC PARTICIPATION'**

1. Granted.
2. Granted.
3. Clerk to advise DCC.

##### **5.03.11: CLERK'S REPORT**

1. Noise from the A50: The Highways Agency (HA) does not routinely measure noise - too expensive to do so but an indication can be given by using traffic flow data. HA says that a 25% increase in traffic flow would be needed to change noise levels by 1db(A) which is the smallest change that can be heard by the human ear in the short term. Using the yearly flows data for this section of the A50 for the period 1 Jan 2006 to 31 Dec 2010, there has been no significant increase in traffic flows during this 5 year period - the 2010 measurement shows a 1% increase over that for 2006. As far as re-surfacing goes, there are so few road defects at present that this section of the A50 is not currently scheduled for re-surfacing any time in the near future.
2. Community Speedwatch: 1 volunteer (Gerard McLaughlin) - need 6 to man the operation.
3. Parish Election - 5 May: there is a meeting for attendance by parish clerks in the Council Chamber, Swadlincote at 6pm on 15 March when arrangements will be discussed and nomination packs will be handed to clerks for distribution to those councillors who wish to stand for re-election. The Clerk will attend.
4. Civic Amenity Refuse Freighter: next visit Saturday 2 April.

all Drive notice board to be replaced because he says it looks  
taken to spring clean it. If it were to be totally replaced, only  
notice boards.

6. Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Scheme 2011/12: this scheme, now transferred from SDDC to DCC, allows parish councils to undertake work on footpaths which are recorded on the definitive map for the parish, the work to be limited to cutting back undergrowth, minor surfacing and drainage, and way marking. DCC has set aside a maximum allocation of £385 for Elvaston in 2011/12.

There is a separate grant available for the repair of stiles and gates on public rights of way - DCC will stand 50% and the remaining 50% would have to be met by either the landowner or the parish council.

#### **6.03.11: PLANNING**

9 2011 2005 FH - extensions and alterations at 26 Brook Road, Thulston: the application will go to the planning committee for decision. Cllr Coyle said she would attend the meeting on 29 March and would ask for a site meeting.

#### **7.03.11: MATTERS FOR DECISION**

7.1. To make a grant to Elvaston Parochial Church Council towards maintenance of the Churchyard as a parish burial ground.

Cllr Coyle, seconded by Cllr Russell, moved that the Council make a grant of £350. Agreed.

7.2. To install one or more defibrillators at strategic and accessible locations in the parish.

Dr Black said that on Elvaston Castle visitor numbers alone it would be worthwhile to invest in a defibrillator: if treatment can be applied within 10 minutes of an attack the chances of recovery are significantly increased. One defibrillator costs £1200 but the British Heart Foundation would pay 50% of that cost. The appliance requires a monthly maintenance check. Mr Waters said that there is a defibrillator in a roadside container on the corner of Mere Beck and Main Street, Ambaston. **RESOLVED:** To check whether there is a defibrillator in the first aid equipment at Elvaston Castle and to ask the PCT for advice on the acquisition of an appliance and the training necessary to ensure effective treatment.

7.3. To promote a well being health check session at Elvaston.

**RESOLVED:** to check availability of the Village Hall.

7.4. To adopt revised Standing Orders.

The Clerk said that the latest draft (circulated with the agenda) is based on that recently circulated by the National Association of Local Councils with a certain amount of editing to reflect the actual processes in operation at Elvaston. **RESOLVED:** to defer a decision until the next meeting.

7.5. To approve the risk assessment.

The Clerk outlined the main points of the risk assessment he had conducted using the programme supplied by DMH Solutions Ltd. Of the 12 areas identified as presenting possible significant risk, he said that only the risk of vandalism to the recently erected bus shelter had been highlighted but he said that because of Cllr Strand's closer involvement with two of the identified risk areas - allotments and website - he would like Cllr Strand to run the programme in respect of those two items before asking the members to accept the recommendations. **RESOLVED:** except for allotments and website it was agreed to accept the findings; Clerk to pass the programme to Cllr Strand so that a decision can be made on the two outstanding items and the matter to be resolved at the April meeting.

#### **8.03.11: FINANCE**

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

P Casey, Lengthsman's wages, 4 weeks to 20 February	£116.84
R F Hill. Clerk's salary for March	239.78
DALC, annual subscription 2011/12	384.14
Elvaston Parochial Church Council	350.00

#### **9.03.11: PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

Cllr Strand said that the latest statistics showed that visit duration averaged 3 minutes and forty-three seconds.

#### **10.03.11: GRAVEL & FLOODING**

Mr Waters again strongly recommended that the Council should approach the Health & Safety Executive to set out the Council's position with regard to Ambaston and flood risk.

0pm Council Chamber.  
at Branston Golf Club, tickets £38 each.

- 22 March Flood Liaison meeting, 10.00am in the Council Chamber.
- 22 March SDDC Neighbourhood Planning Drop-In at Aston on Trent Heritage Centre, 3.00pm - 7.30pm.
- 11 April Ordinary Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm at EVH.
- 13 April Clerk's Day at The Kestrel, Marehay, 9.30am to 4.00pm.
- 5 May Parish Council election.
- 9 May Annual & Ordinary Parish Council meetings, 7.30pm at EVH.
- 22 June Power of Well Being training course at Ockbrook Parish Hall, 6.00pm for 6.30pm.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

THE Clerk circulated a list of the information only items received since the last meeting.

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