

MINUTES FOR THE ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH JANUARY 2013 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

Present:

Cllr RJ Strand (Chairman), Cllr P Bickerton, Cllr S Lee, Cllr B Sharp, Cllr T Mansfield, Cllr R Russell, Heidi Sargeant (Clerk) and 6 members of the public

In Attendance:

District Cllr P. Watson, PCSO Guest

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everybody

PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1. Apologies

Cllr S Spenser (family commitments) Cllr G Harper (family commitments) Cllr R McBride (holiday commitments)

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. District Councillors Report – South Derbyshire District Councillor - Peter Watson

Flooding – Cllr P Watson confirmed that SDDC had not received any complaints on flooding within the parish. Cllr R Russell also confirmed that she was only aware of a few flooded gardens within the Ambaston area but no formal confirmation received of any water reaching residents houses.

Preferred Growth Strategy – It was confirmed that all local plan consultations have been carried out and that a formal working party will be reviewing the proposals on the 15th January. Cllrs and Officers will be visiting the preferred and rejected sites so they can fully understand what they are dealing with. Cllr S Lee asked if any of the affected residents could also attend the visit and make their voices heard, Cllr P Watson did not feel this would be necessary but he would look into this further. Cllr S Lee also confirmed that he was very concerned about the flow of traffic already in this area and that currently it can take a considerable amount of time leaving the Boulton Moor area to join the A50.

Severn Trent Water – Cllr P Watson attended this meeting along with Boulton Moor residents and a Severn Trent Water Representative to ensure that the charges Severn Trent Water were hoping to apply, was being applied in the correct way. Cllr P Watson confirmed that Severn Trent Water have now adopted the sewers and therefore they do have a right to charge residents for this. Cllr S Lee decided that he would look into this matter and canvass the affected area and put all opinions forward.

Neighbourhood watch forums – Residents encouraged to attend the next forum at the Melbourne Assembly Rooms on the 4th February 2013 at 6.15pm

PCSO Report – PCSO confirmed that since they last attended our meeting in November, no calls regarding Anti-social behaviour in the Elvaston Meadows area had been made and that things had been pretty quiet.

4. Public Speaking:

B5010 – Member of the public, Mick Shaw discussed the widening of the B5010 and that he was pleased this was finally underway, however he is very concerned that the hedge is being left to remain on the pavement side, rather than the field side, therefore allowing the original problem to happen all over again. – The Clerk confirmed that she will look into this as a matter of urgency as the works are due to be completed in a few weeks, Mr Shaw confirmed that he has got details of who to contact and will ensure that the Clerk is made aware of these details as soon as possible.

Sustrans Cycle Path, Heritage Footpath – Member of the public, Mick Shaw confirmed that he has been looking into the ownership of this path for sometime and nobody seems to want to take responsibility for the ownership of it. Both DCC and SDDC confirming that they do not own it, he will keep ongoing with his search and keep the Parish updated.

Castle Croft, Elvaston Meadows— Resident confirmed that they were in receipt of a flier from The Parish Council requesting their views on a possible closure of this foot-way. He would like to see this footpath closed, however he was concerned about who will take ownership of this as currently it seems this footpath is not adopted. Clerk confirmed that DCC will also be canvassing the area to see what residents views are on the footway.

Broken wooden fence, Shardlow Road – Resident asked what the current progress was in getting this fence repaired – Clerk confirmed that enquiries are still being made and PCSO Guest confirmed that she will try and find out details of the driver who was responsible for the damage, The Police Support Team confirmed that a Police Officer was not present, however residents confirm that The Police were at the scene, therefore a crime reference number should be available

Grit Bins , Snelsmoor Lane – Resident has requested that the Clerk look into having a possible salt / grit bin placed near this area as it can be very hazardous during the colder months

01.01.13 Chairman's Announcements

Broadband speed within the Rural Ward – Cllr R Strand expressed his disappointment in the level of the current broadband speed within the rural wards. He advised that Broadband speed in Elvaston's rural ward is a maximum of just 1.5mb/sec with actual speeds usually half of that. Assurances were in the pipeline to improve this. It was also noted that nearby rural communities are enjoying speeds of up to 4 times faster. DCC has funds to spend on broadband improvements in the rural areas and a questionnaire is available via Elvaston Parish's Website or the DCC's website below. Cllr R Strand encouraged residents to complete this and make their voices heard.

http://derbyshire.gov.uk/business/community_broadband/default.asp

Grove Close, Thulston – It was discussed that a few pot holes have appeared on this road and can enquiries be made into having these filled – Clerk to sort

02.01.13 Report of the Clerk

Lengths-man Vacancy – After 10 years of Patrick providing a wonderful job around this parish, he has decided to retire due to ill health. Therefore a vacancy has become available with an immediate start. All details on the parish website. 19 Hours per month at £6.48 per hour. Closing date 28th January 2013.

Natwest Bank Account – Historic signatories to be removed and account name to be changed showing Clerks details. All bank statements to be sent to the Clerks home address with immediate effect. Cllr B Sharp and Cllr R Russell signed the correct documents during the meeting to approve the change.

Outstanding Issues Form – Clerk has decided to update this each month and email the Cllrs, therefore everybody is kept up to speed on current outstanding issues. Issues awaiting replies will be chased regularly by the Clerk so that improvements can be seen to be made

03.01.2013 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

47/2012 – Received and emailed to all Cllrs

04.01.2013 Finance

(a) Accounts for payment

Cheque Number	Payee	Value £
000950	H Sargeant - Clerk	222.98
000951	H Sargeant – Clerk Expenses	28.80
000952	P Casey – Lengthsman Wages 12/11/12-09/12/12	123.33
000953	South Derbyshire District Council 1 dog bin 01/04/2012-31/03/2013	249.60
000954	Staples – Stationery	54.00

(b) **Income**

None

05.01.13 To consider planning applications :-

33 Main Street, Elvaston – Erection of stable block & Erection of extensions and a replacement garage – It was agreed that Cllr R Russell would visit the neighbour and see if they were happy with the plans, if so, the Parish Council would agree with no objections

06.01.13 Items for information only:-

(a) Future Meetings:-

February 4th 6.15pm – Neighbourhood Watch Area Forum, Melbourne Assembly Rooms, Tea & Coffee to be served from 5.45pm

Part II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

No items

Date of the next meeting – The next parish meeting will be Monday the 11th February 2013 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the Chairman, Cllr Strand closed the meeting at 9.25pm

Signed

Cllr R Strand – Chairman

Heidi Sargeant - Clerk