

ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16TH APRIL 2012 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

PRESENT: Cllr Lee (Chair), Cllrs Bickerton, Coyle, Sharp & Spenser.

IN ATTENDANCE: DCllr Ann Watson, R F Hill (Clerk), 2 parishioners & 1 member of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Ann Watson

1. The recycling contract will be up for renewal in 2013. So far SDDC has not decided on a treatment for the disposal of cardboard.
2. Some parts of the district are being used for roadside 2nd hand car selling. Instances should be reported to SDDC.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – None, CCllr Harrison not present.

OPEN SESSION

1. Mr Waters asked permission to speak at agenda item 11 – Gravel & Flooding.
2. Mrs Roberts complained about the use of weed killer on roadside verges around posts in order to facilitate mowing: it is not appropriate in a rural environment and it would be preferable to have the grass left long.
3. Mr Shaw said that the water wheel and pump house at Elvaston Castle are the only ones of that kind left in the world and yet they are being allowed to deteriorate when they ought to be preserved.
4. Mr Waters if the nearside hedge approaching the fork from Ambaston needs to be cut to give a clear view of traffic from Thulston.

POLICE REPORT

RECORD OF REPORTED CRIMES - FEBRUARY 2012

Main Road, Elvaston	ASB	1
	Vehicle Crime	1
	Criminal Damage & Arson	1
Elvaston Cricket Club	Vehicle Crime	1
Elvaston Country Park	ASB	3
	Vehicle Crime	1
	Other Theft	1
Mill Hill`	ASB	1
Willow Croft	ASB	1
	Criminal Damage & Arson	1
Pool Close	ASB	1

Definitions:-

ASB	Anti-social behaviour – includes personal, environmental & nuisance behaviour.
Vehicle Crime	Includes theft from or of a vehicle or interference with a vehicle.
Criminal Damage & Arson	Includes damage to buildings & vehicles and deliberate damage by fire.
Other Theft	Includes thefts other than shoplifting, such as bicycle theft or theft from a person.

NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1.04.12: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllrs Strand (business) & Russell (holiday).

2.04.12: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3.04.12: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cllr Sharp moved that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the ordinary Meeting, both of which took place on 12th March 2012, be signed by the Chairman as a true record. Agreed.

4.04.12: ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF 'PUBLIC PARTICIPATION'

Open Session

1. Granted.
2. Clerk to write a letter of complaint to SDDC.
3. Clerk to ask what steps DCC is taking to preserve the Water wheel and pump house.
4. Clerk to ask the proprietor of Heron Fields Farm to get the hedge cut.

5.04.12: CLERK'S REPORT

1. Newsletter.

Circulated to members and all those responding have approved the draft subject to minor alterations. Clerk will ask Noel-Baker Community Print to do the printing, quoted at £46.

2. Bus Shelter

The landowner asked for a check to be made with SDDC to see if locating a shelter at the Golden Gates Derby bound bus stop would have any repercussions on the LDF (Local Development Framework). SDDC has advised that, though there are no repercussions on that score, the land is classified as Historic Garden Site (it may once have been part of the Elvaston Castle Estate) and so the Heritage Officer needs to decide if a shelter would be appropriate at that location and, if it is, whether the proposed shelter is of a suitable design. The landowner has been informed.

3. Fouling of Footpaths in Elvaston

Elvaston Castle Equestrian Centre has written to its clients asking them, if they find it impossible to avoid using pavements, to go back and clear up any mess caused. Contact with one other local stable owner has been recommended.

4. Miscellaneous

- Thank you card received from the lengthsman for the "Long Service Award".
- The uprooted fence posts which once surrounded the open area on Grove Close have been removed.
- As of Wednesday 11th April the hedge alongside the footpath leading from Grove Close into Elvaston Country Park had not been cut.
- Dates for the diary (not covered elsewhere in these minutes)

29 April	Bluebell Walk from Rosliston Forestry Centre Foyer at 1.45 pm (£1)
3 May	East Midlands Airport Liaison Forum at Building 34, East Midlands Airport at 6.30pm
16 May	A day of practical information and activities at Elvaston Park Nature Reserve from 10.00am to 3.00pm
9 June	Elvaston Parish Plan Community Celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in Elvaston Castle Courtyard at 7.00pm, £2 per person or £5 per family
13 October	Refuse Collection Service at Harrington Arms Car Park from 7.30 to 11am.

6.04.12: PLANNING

Applications

9/2012/0265 – extension at 33 Main Road, Elvaston. No comment or objection.

9/2012/0284 – conservatory at 4 Grove Court, Thulston. Clerk to check with the neighbours.

9/2012/0305 – conversion of farm buildings on land adjoining Castle Court, Elvaston, into two dwellings. No comment or objection.

Decisions

Application for a licence to hold a Rock & Bike Festival on the Elvaston Castle Showground in July: Granted.

Consultations

Other

7.04.12: MATTERS FOR DECISION

7.1 – to approve the Annual Return 2011/12. Resolved: having been already signed off by the internal auditor, members unanimously approved the Annual Return which was then signed by both Chairman & Clerk.

7.2 – to approve the granting of a further £200 (in addition to the £700 already allocated in the Council's budget for 2012/13) required for the sound system & lighting at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Elvaston Castle Courtyard on 9th June 2012. Resolved: members approved the grant.

8.04.12: FINANCE

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

Wages & salaries	£363.11
Clerk's expenses (stamps)	4.32
SDDC, 50 green waste sacks	41.73
Ian Briggs (Shardlow), removal of brambles from the bank of Thulston Brook	90.00
Helen Daniels, internal audit fee	82.50
Community Consultation Ltd, insurance 2012/13	293.15

9.04.12: GRAVEL & FLOODING

1. Mr Waters said that horses are still being ridden along the crest of the flood bank and that he would ask Tarmac/Environment Agency to stop it.
2. The next Gravel Liaison meeting takes place at the Field Study Centre, Elvaston Castle on Wednesday 16th May at 6.00pm.

10.04.12: ELVASTON CASTLE

Cllr Sharp tabled a brochure advertising a film festival to be held at Elvaston Castle on 4th May at which certain rooms not hitherto barred to the public on safety grounds and which were the setting for films (notably Women in Love) in the past, would be open to the public at that festival. He asked for an explanation and DCllr Watson said she would put the matter before CCllr Harrison.

11.04.12: COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

1. Cllr Coyle said that the contractor used to clear the brambles from Thulston Brook had done an excellent job but that it had exposed a lot of litter. She asked if the lengthsman could clear it away: Clerk to check.
2. Cllr Coyle said that the part of Footpath #3 between the council owned field behind Grove Close and Elvaston Castle is protected on one side by an electric fence and she wanted to know a) whether it is legal and b) if it is, whether there are any rules dictating the distance it has to be from the line of the footpath: Clerk to check.

12.04.12: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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