

ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 MARCH 2010
AT THE VILAGE HALL, ELVASTON

PRESENT: Cllr Lythgoe (Chair), Cllrs Lee, Mitchell, Spenser, Strand, Wainwright & Mrs Coyle.

IN ATTENDANCE: CCllr Harrison, G Pollard (Press), R F Hill (Clerk) & 6 members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - CCLLR JOHN HARRISON

1. Elvaston Castle: the artefact report is now expected by the end of March. English Heritage has now insisted on a general appraisal of the Castle, its grounds and their future.
2. Kilomathon on Sunday 14 March: SDDC is responsible for road closures/diversions but no consultation was offered to affected parties such as parochial church council or Harrington Arms whose business could be seriously jeopardised, it being Mothers' Day on 14 March. The road closure order, once struck cannot be lifted. SDDC's Chief Executive was reported to be looking for a way to minimise the effect on those affected parties.
3. B5010 footpath widening: negotiations with the owner to make available a strip of the adjoining field are unlikely to be concluded because of the continuing uncertainty about the future of Elvaston Castle.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - DCLLR HILARY COYLE

1. The 6 monthly Joint Highways meeting has not been held because of the death of John Waite.
2. Cllr Mrs Wheeler, leader of the Conservative group at SDDC, will stand down in order to stand at the general election. CCllr Harrison will take over.

OPEN SESSION

1. Mr Waters asked permission to speak at Agenda Item 12 - Gravel & Flooding.
2. Can it be confirmed that planning legislation demands that the Avenue of Trees should comprise only oaks?
3. Tree thinning at Elvaston Castle: contrary to what DCC officers may have said, William Barron planted beech,
not oak trees. Therefore any replacements should be beech.
4. A meeting on 1 March ended with DCC, SDDC, Highgate Sanctuary and English Heritage still in dispute over
the future of the Castle.
5. Flood protection around the Derwent south of Derby is still an issue. It could be largely resolved if there was
to be a flood bank north of Borrowwash Bridge.
6. Mr Madeley objected to the scheme to limit traffic speed to 40 mph along the B5010 from Elvaston down to
Borrowwash Bridge: it should be 30 mph.
7. Mr Shaw expressed disappointment at the lack of progress on the part of DCC regarding widening the B5010
footpath leading to Borrowwash Bridge.
8. Any information from Highways Agency regarding measures to reduce noise levels from the A50 and
associated roads?

POLICE REPORT

Crime & Incident report 1 Feb to 1 March:-

Feb

- 11th - criminal damage to property on Colwell Drive.
- 11th - nuisance vehicles on Mill Hill.
- 18th - untaxed vehicle reported on Mill Hill.
- 24th - theft at Ambaston lane, Thulston.

March

- 1st - nuisance quad bikes on Colwell Drive.

NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1.03.10: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Russell.

2.03.10: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3.03.10: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cllr Strand moved, seconded by Cllr Wainwright, that the circulated minutes of the 8 February meeting be signed as a true record. All agreed.

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4.03.10: ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Open Session

1. Granted.
2. Clerk to check with SDDC.
3. Noted.
5. Matters may be clarified when Tim Ives from the Environment Agency visits to describe the agreed (with Derby City) plan for flood risk management on the Lower Derwent.
6. Noted.
7. Clerk undertook to contact Highways Agency's Birmingham office.

5.03.10: CLERK'S REPORT

4. Bus shelters - Precept money awaited (£3000). This should be enough for half the cost of one shelter, including installation. Application will be made for a grant to cover the balance but under the new system, commencing 1 April 2010, for reimbursement of S136 (concurrent functions) expenditure, the Council will receive £4889 from SDDC where it would have received only £1090 under the old system. The £4889 is based on the budget for 2010/11 submitted to SDDC as part of the process for determining the amount of S136 expenditure to be reimbursed and it includes £3000 for bus shelters. Therefore the cost of one bus shelter can be met from precept and S136 reimbursement and if a 50% grant were to be forthcoming and £3000 could be spared from the general reserves, a second shelter might be ordered too. The bank balance stands at £5347 excluding cheques signed at this meeting. £10000 (precept) and £4889 (S136 reimbursement) will shortly be added to the balance making a total of £20236.

5. Raynesway Park Flood Risk: the Clerk handed out copies of 3 correspondence items ; -
 - 4 Feb 2010 letter from EA advising that the flood risk assessment submitted with the planning application was approved by EA subject to the imposition of suggested conditions on any grant of planning approval, conditions which, EA believes, were not imposed by Derby City;
 - 17 Feb 2010 letter from the Clerk to Derby City asking if any of EA's suggested conditions were met;
 - 23 May 2007 letter from EA to Derby City detailing the suggested conditions.
6. Grit Bins. DCC's policy is not to supply additional grit bins. However, DCC will supply them for (including the initial fill) but parish councils must agree to all future maintenance to benefit from DCC's offer. The Clerk was asked to establish the cost of grit.
7. Civic Amenity Refuse Collection Service: at Harrington Arms car park 24 April & 16 October.
8. Inspection cover at headwall by Golden Gates Drive: email sent to Highways Agency.
9. Road sign at Ball Lane removed and replacement ordered.
10. Training: A) 5 councillors set to go to on the Law & Good Practice course at Breadsall VH on 16 March.
 - B) Clerk would like to go on The Power Of Well Being training course at Breadsall on Monday 19 April, cost £15.

11. DCC's Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum is at County Hall on Thursday 22 April at 6.30pm
12. Derbyshire Environmental Trust - Aggregates Levy Sustainable Fund invites applications for grants, closing date 14 May. All work has to be completed and claims processed by 31 March 2011. £227,360 available for distribution to successful claimants. The Lower Derwent is a priority area.
13. TPO 3 on the south side of London Road opposite the Golden Gates entrance: in the absence of any advice from SDDC regarding the planting of replacements for those trees removed a while back, the Clerk made an inspection and could not see any evidence of replacements.

6.03.10: PLANNING

There were no new applications or decisions.

Consultations

1. South Derbyshire Core Strategy 2010-2026:-

- ° housing growth should be minimised and concentrated in urban areas; further development on Boulton Moor beyond the 1058 houses for which outline consent has already been given would not be desirable especially if it were to be allowed to proceed before the infrastructure was in place.

2. Derby City Core Strategy:-

- ° housing growth should be concentrated in the urban area rather than on greenfield sites.

3. DCC/Derby City Big Choices Waste Management questionnaire:-

- ° Aim for higher levels of recycling & composting;
- ° New waste treatment facilities should not be located in rural areas;
- ° Waste Management firms should not be encouraged to Derby & Derbyshire through the provision of special technological sites or resource recovery parks;

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- ° Any necessary provision for waste treatment and sorting plants should be satisfied both locally and by relying on other areas to make the provision;
- ° the council had concerns about the potentially harmful effect of emissions from waste incineration plants on air quality.

7.03.10: MATTERS FOR DECISION

The decision on whether to promote the Derbyshire Constabulary Community Speedwatch Scheme was deferred until the next meeting.

8.03.10: FINANCE

The following accounts were approved for payment;-
 cq 809 -P Casey, Lengthsman's wages 4 weeks to 7 March
 £ 77.89

cq 810 -R F Hill, Clerk's salary for March
 239.78

cq 811 - DALC, subscription 2010/11
 384.14

9.03.10: PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

Cllr Strand said he now had a history of the parish, 2 maps and 4 flooding documents. Elvaston United Charities had expressed an interest in having a presence on the website. More work needs to be done on links, advertising and planning; nevertheless, the site should be launched in early April.

10.03.10: SPONDON WASTE INCINERATION PLANT (CYCLAMAX)

To be reported at the next meeting.

11.03.10: BOULTON MOOR ISSUES

Colwell Drive Mailbox: Clerk and Cllr Lee to agree the final draft of a letter to be sent to Royal Mail re-emphasising the case for the collection box on Colwell Drive.

12.03.10: GRAVEL & FLOODING

The Environment Agency (EA) insists that the go-ahead for improvements to the Ambaston floodbank is assured but will not proceed until after all matters between EA and Derby City regarding the strategy for flood risk management on the Lower Derwent have been agreed. EA have refused to provide a penstock valve key to anyone local because to do so gives them an insurmountable insurance problem. However, they are prepared to use the existing flood warden scheme to ensure that warnings are received early enough to operate the valves.

13.03.10: COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

E-oN behaved impeccably during the recent powercut at Ambaston.