

ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 NOVEMBER 2010 AT

PRESENT: Cllr Lee (Chair), Cllrs Lythgoe, Mitchell, Russell, Spenser & Strand.

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk (R F Hill), G Pollard (Press), Messrs Jefferies, Roberts, Shaw & Waters.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

OPEN SESSION

1. Mr Jefferies said that the Council's loan of £1000 had not actually been received.
2. Messrs Roberts & Waters asked for permission to speak at agenda item 11 - Gravel & Flooding.
3. Mr Roberts said that the hedge along Ball Lane was in Tarmac's ownership but the adjoining field has been sold.
4. Mr Shaw said that the appeal relating to the Spondon waste incinerator will be heard on 20 March 2011.
5. Mr Jefferies said observed that no action had yet been taken to fit front panels to the two bus shelters on London Road.

POLICE REPORT

There were no reported crimes or incidents in the rural parish in October.

Boulton Moor Crimes:-

11 Oct - criminal damage (window cracked) on Meadow Nook.

24 Oct - car scratched on Mill Hill.

Boulton Moor Incidents:-

15 Oct - suspicious male collecting for charity on Mill Hill: checked out to be OK.

29 Oct - nuisance bike on Mill Hill: dealt with by traffic officers.

31 Oct - nuisance caused on Sevenlands Drive by lads with fireworks: area searched, no damage found, informant visited and updated.

NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1.11.10: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Coyle (work commitment).

2.11.10: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Lythgoe said that as a Paris Plan Steering Committee member he had a prejudicial interest in agenda item 5.3 - the request to convert the £1000 loan facility agreed by the Council in Minute 11.04 10 to a grant facility.

3.11.10: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cllr Spenser moved, seconded by Cllr Lythgoe, that the circulated minutes of the 11 October 2010 meeting was a true record and should be signed as a true record. All agreed.

4.11.10: ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF 'PUBLIC PARTICIPATION'

1. The Chairman explained that the £1000 was available to the Steering Committee as a loan facility and could be drawn on as required.
2. Granted.
3. Clerk to ask Tarmac for the new owner's contact details.
4. Noted.
5. Now that DCC has agreed to fit an enclosed shelter by The Greenway, he would ask them to bring the two existing shelters up to the same specification.

5.11.10: MATTERS FOR DECISION

5.1. To make a donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Fund: £100 was agreed.

5.2. To debate what measures might be taken to discourage parking on Brook Road which causes inconvenience to residents: it was noted that there are no parking restrictions in force on Brook Road. However, members agreed that advice should be taken from SDDC regarding a possible solution to the problem.

5.3. To convert the £1000 loaned to the Parish Plan Steering Committee (PPSC) into a grant. It was

resolved to ask the PPSC to resubmit its budget to show expenditure against planned projects within 12 month accounting periods commencing 1 April 2011.

6.11.10; CLERK'S REPORT

1. No reply from DCC re grit bins so another letter has been sent attaching a plan which marks the precise locations of the 3 bins.
2. Firm order for bus shelter has been placed. Cost to the Council is predicted (by DCC) to be £2806. Clerk needs to check whether DCC's offer, made in October 2009, to add the cost of cleaning this and one more subsequently acquired shelter to its maintenance agreement, still holds.
3. DCC says that the padlock on the Sustrans path gate was to be removed by EA during week commencing 25 October.
4. The next Area Forum is at Melbourne Leisure Centre on 9 November at 7.00pm.
5. Newsletter asking Boulton Moor residents what they would like in the way of play facilities has been drafted but not yet delivered.

7.11.10: PLANNING

There were no matters to raise.

8.11.10: FINANCE

8.1. The following accounts were approved for payment:-

chq 837 - P Casey, Lengthsman's wages 4 weeks to 31 October	£116.84
chq 838 - R F Hill, Clerk's salary for November	239.78
chq 839 - Audit Commission, audit fee 2010	164.50
chq 840 - Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Fund, donation	100.00

8.2. Members decided to defer budget discussions until the next meeting (13 December) pending receipt of SDDC's estimate of the cost of contested parish elections in May 2011 and the PPSC's revised budget.

9.11.10: PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Cllr Strand said that the first adverts (2) had been sold, the website had now moved up to page 2 on the Google search engine and that if members were in agreement he would introduce an item describing the main issues being dealt with by the Parish Council rather than expect parishioners to pick the information off the published minutes. He also said he would contact those organisations who had been alerted to the Council's intention to create its own website but who had not responded in any way in order to find out whether they might be interested in using it now that it was launched.

10.11.10: BOULTON MOOR/ELVASTON MEADOWS ISSUES

There were no new issues to report.

11.11.10: GRAVEL & FLOODING

- Cllr Mitchell reported that the Environment Agency (EA) had issued an advisory flood warning for Ambaston and the roads leading to it. He said that the manner in which the message was delivered left a lot to be desired.
- Discussions are ongoing between Derby City and EA regarding the plans to improve the City's flood defences.
- The Chairman said that Heather Wheeler MP had replied to the Council's letter stressing its concerns regarding the possible de-linking of the City of Derby flood defence improvement scheme from those downstream. She is to meet EA representatives in London for discussions on the subject on 16 November. Mr Waters said that he felt slightly concerned that she was going into that meeting without much in the way of background data.

12.11.10: ELVASTON CASTLE

Cllr Mitchell reported that renovations were underway and the contractors were tackling the rebuilding of the nursery garden wall.

An update on the negotiations between Highgate Sanctuary and DCC/English Heritage is expected early in the New Year.

13.11.10: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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