

MINUTES FOR THE ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 8th OCTOBER 2012 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

Present:

Cllr RJ Strand (Chairman), Cllr P Bickerton, Cllr S Lee,
Cllr B Sharp, Cllr S Spenser, Cllr G Harper, Cllr R Russell,
Heidi Sargeant (Clerk)

In Attendance:

District Cllr N. Atkin, County Cllr J Harrison and 6 members of the public

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everybody

1. Apologies

None

2. Non –Confidential Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 10th September 2012 were approved and accepted as a true record and signed off by the Chairman.

3. County Councillors Report – John Harrison

Pavement along the B5010 – This strip has now been sold to Derbyshire County Council and they are hoping to have the pavement widened and hoping that this takes place by next year's food festival in July 2013.

Food and Drink Festival – This is being held at Elvaston Castle in 2013 and 2014.

Rock & Bike Festival - Derbyshire County Council are trying to rectify the ruts left by the organisers of the festival but officers have been unable to carry out the work because the ground is too dry. This will be put right at the organiser's expense when weather permits.

Derbyshire Young Achievers Award – Nominations are being sort. If there is anyone eligible these are awards to recognise extraordinary young people in the County for bravery during illness, kindness to others, improving their school/community/environment, sporting or academic success. Open to ages 3 to 18 years.

Derbyshire Gold Cards – Most Derbyshire Gold Cards expire in March 2013. Parish and Town Council's are asked to make their residents aware of the process for obtaining a new card. To minimise the risk of cards being sent out incorrectly or not at ALL residents can:

- . Complete an online form at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/renewyourgoldcard
- . Visit any Derbyshire library where staff there can help you
- . Contact their Local District or Borough Council.

4. District County Councillor Report – Neil Atkin

Preferred Growth Strategy – Following previous consultations on it's emerging Local Plan, South Derbyshire District Council has now drawn up it's preferred growth strategy for the District. Boulton Moor Phase 2 – around 700 dwellings, Boulton Moor Phase 3 – around 190 dwellings. This site lies to the South East of Derby and represents a westwards extension to a site which already has planning permission for 1058 dwellings. Local Planning Consultations are being held so that local residents can drop in and discuss these plans. These can be found on www.south-derbys.gov.uk/ldf or by calling 01283 595983. Further details can also be found on our parish website.

5. Public Speaking

Pavement Surface – One resident expressed his concern with the pavement dressing alongside the B5010. He felt that the pavement was very unsteady and showed signs of wear and tear and therefore making the area very difficult to walk on.

Derbyshire and Derby Mineral Plan – One resident talked about his experience at the drop in session held on October the 5th. Derby does not have any workable deposits of sand and gravel. This strategy therefore is limited to Derbyshire. To help understand the background to future requirements for sand and gravel, it is important to read the Local Aggregate Assessment for Derby and Derbyshire. This is available to download at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/environment/planning/planningpolicy/mineralswasteddevelopmentframework/mineralsplan

Blocked Drains – A resident also expressed his concerns with the drains outside 17, The Greenway, Elvaston Meadows. It appears that manuals and books have been dumped in this area and need removing as soon as possible. The resident also confirmed that he had made contact with SDDC and was told that they would visit the site the next day but nothing has been done so far. Cllr N. Atkin to look into this and Clerk to chase outcome.

6. Police Report

Castle Croft , Boulton Moor	Anti-social behaviour	5
	Violent Crime	1
	Public Disorder and Weapons	1
	Vehicle Crime	3
On or Near Main Road, Elvaston	Other Theft	1
	Anti-social behaviour	5
The Greenway, Elvaston Meadows	Anti-social behaviour	1
On or Near, The Lees, Elvaston Meadows	Anti-social behaviour	1
The Paddock, Boulton Moor	Anti-social behaviour	1
Woods Meadow, Elvaston ,Meadows	Anti-social behaviour	1

7. NON EXEMPT ITEMS

01.10.12 Declarations of Interest

None

02.10.12 Chairman's Announcements

Councillor Vacancies – Ralph McBride and Tony Mansfield both from the rural parish have been appointed. Clerk to input contact details and photographs on to the parish website.

Preferred Growth Strategy – The Chairman expressed his disappointment that Boulton Moor was included within this development plan and he could not understand why our parish had not been included within the distributed publications offering drop in sessions around the area. The closest drop in centre is Aston on Trent. The Chairman asked Cllr N. Atkin to look into this immediately and to arrange a drop in session for the local residents at Elvaston Village Hall – Clerk to chase

03.10.12 Residents Correspondence

Anti-Social behaviour – Letter and Email received from a resident outlining his concern with anti-social behaviour on the Elvaston Meadows Estate and criminal activity by youths entering the estate. He was largely concerned about a pathway that joins The Greenway and Castle Croft Estate. He felt that this area was being used as a drugs and drinking den and Police had been involved. He has suggested that the pathway is closed and that the Elvaston Meadows Estate is made an alcohol free zone with signs to show this. It was discussed that the Clerk would arrange the local police to attend the next parish meeting and also contact The Safer Derbyshire team to discuss what can be done.

Access Difficulty – Letter received from a resident on The Lees, Elvaston Meadows expressing his difficulty using a disability scooter to access facilities in the Bembridge Drive / Holbrook Road area. Letters also sent to Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council. Clerk to chase replies.

04.10.12 Clerks Report

Council Tax Benefit Changes – The Council Tax Benefit System will change from April 2013. Each Council now has the task of creating its own tax support system based on local demands. Currently there is a 10% Council Tax Benefit shortfall (equating to £500,000 in South Derbyshire). The consultation document is available at www.south-derbys.gov.uk and this will end on the **7th of November 2012.**

Grit Bins, Sevenlands Drive & Colwell Drive, Boulton Moor – Email received from Gail Mordey at Environmental Services stating that they are not responsible for securing the grit bins and recommended the parish council looked into placing bricks or heavy items in the bottom of the bins to avoid them being kicked over.

Signatories for account – Still awaiting correspondence from Natwest – Clerk to chase again

Bus Shelter, Golden Gates, Derby Bound – Still awaiting confirmation from the landowner that he has signed the wayleave agreement to enable the bus shelter to go ahead.

Body Mot's – Clerk confirmed that the free health checks had been booked to take place at Elvaston Village Hall again on Tuesday the 23rd October between 10-12pm. The health check includes blood pressure, bmi, weight and height. Clerk to advertise on notice boards and the website.

05.10.12 Planning

None

06.10.12 DALC

Circulars 41/12 & 42/12 received and forwarded to all Cllrs

07.10.12 Finance

Wages & Salaries	£346.31
Trade Price Copiers	£54.00
Heidi Sargeant Expenses	£11.97
Staples Office Supplies	£58.14

08.10.12 Councillors Report

Cllr Bickerton confirmed that he had received a few complaints about overgrown front gardens on Windmill Close and Sevenlands Drive, making access along the pavements difficult. Cllr Bickerton has visited both areas and provided the Clerk with addresses. Clerk to write to occupants to see if they require assistance.

09.10.12 Gravel & Flooding

Mr Waters urged members to participate fully in the consultation process which will determine the objectives, strategies and policies for minerals working up to 2030.

10.10.2012 Items for Information only

Future Meetings:

23rd October 3pm-7.30pm – Drop in sessions, Preferred Growth Strategy, All Saints Heritage Centre, Aston on Trent, DE72 2DH

21st November 3.30pm – 7.30pm – Drop in sessions, Preferred Growth Strategy, Chellaston Academy, Swarkestone Road, Derby, DE72 5UB

Date and time of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is Monday the 12th November at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman, Cllr Strand closed the meeting at 10.10pm.

Signed

Cllr R Strand – Chairman

Heidi Sargeant - Clerk