

ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9TH JANUARY 2012 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

PRESENT: Cllr Lee (Chair), Cllrs Coyle, Harper, Russell, Sharp & Strand.

IN ATTENDANCE: CCllr Harrison, R F Hill (Clerk) & 10 members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – John Harrison

1. Elvaston Castle: the option appraisal recommends that the future use of the property should be either as an hotel, residential premises, corporate use or a combination of the three. DCC now has to decide whether, on the strength of this recommendation and on Highgate Sanctuary's continuing problems in finding a plan acceptable to English Heritage and the planning authority, to put the castle up for re-tender. In answer to a question from Cllr Strand, CCllr Harrison said that Highgate Sanctuary are weeks away from getting a decision. He said that the option appraisal findings should not be detrimental to the pavement widening project on the B5010 south of Borrowash Bridge.
2. DCC Budget 2012/13: though £40M has already been saved, DCC needs to find another £25M in 2012/13.
3. Rock & Bike Festival: he undertook to check whether the proceeds of the hiring out of the premises would flow back directly to the benefit of the castle & park.

OPEN SESSION

1. Messrs Madeley, Whewell, Bellamy, Sherman, Stevenson & Mesdames, Rufford & Starr asked for permission to speak at Agenda Item 6 – application for a licence to hold a Rock & Bike Festival on the Elvaston Castle Showground in July 2012.
2. Mr Waters asked for permission to speak at Agenda Item 11 – Gravel & Flooding.

POLICE REPORT – November 2011

6 reported crimes:

Colwell Drive	criminal damage & arson	1
Woods Meadow	anti-social behaviour	1
	other theft	3
	drugs	1

(other theft: theft other than shoplifting, bicycle theft or theft from a person).

NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1.01.12: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Spenser (business commitment) & Cllr Bickerton (family bereavement)

2.01.12: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Strand, being an allotment holder, expressed an interest in Agenda Item 7.1 – to set allotment rents for 2012/13.

3.01.12: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cllr Sharp asked for it to be recorded that he was now authorised to sign cheques and with that amendment agreed, he moved that the circulated minutes' be signed as a true record; seconded by Cllr Russell and agreed.

4.01.12: ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF 'PUBLIC PARTICIPATION'

Open Session

1. Granted.

2. Granted.

5.01.12: CLERK'S REPORT

1. Golden Gates bus shelter – there will be a site meeting with the County Council's Public Transport Unit at 1pm on Thursday 12th January to define the exact workscope, in particular how much of the existing hedge needs to be taken out, the placement of the post & wire fence which will replace the hedge, and whether any saplings will have to be re-located/replaced. Mr Chamberlain, the landowner has been invited to attend
2. Elvaston – Borrowash Bridge, Surface Water Drainage.
SDDC's engineer, Chris Payne, has written to the Environment Agency following the site meeting attended by Messrs Payne, Madeley, Whewell and Hill, asking for reinstatement of the ditch course on the eastern side of the B5010 in order to restore the effectiveness of the drainage system in that area.
3. The next free health check session is at the Village Hall from 10.00am until noon on Wednesday 18th January.

6.01.12: PLANNING

Applications

9 2011 1022 – extensions & boundary wall alterations (including gates) at 5 Meadow Court, Ambaston. Resolved: provided the neighbour has no objections, no comment.

Decisions

None.

Consultations

None.

Other

Licence for a Rock & Bike Festival on Elvaston Castle Showground, 12th to 15th July. Members agreed at the last meeting to support parishioners' claims that the event would present an increased risk of excessive noise, traffic congestion and alcohol induced public disorder. Representatives of the festival's organising committee sought to reassure members that the event would be run strictly within the limits set by the licence.

7.01.12: MATTERS FOR DECISION

1. To set allotment rents for 2012/13: members agreed to increase the plot rent from £10 to £12.50 in order to raise sufficient revenue to cover the cost of water used during the year.
2. To set the precept for 2012/13: members agreed to maintain the precept at the previous year's level of £10,000.

8.01.12: FINANCE

1. The following accounts were cleared for payment:-

Wages & salaries (Clerk & Lengthsman)	£363.11
Dog bin maintenance service (12 months)	238.37
Blue Ivy Complete Gardens (supply & fit lock to allotment gates)	40.00
2. The Clerk was asked to put the following item on the agenda for February:-
"To pay a bonus to the Lengthsman."

9.01.12: WEBSITE

Cllr Strand said he had had no offers from anyone closely connected with the activities of the Parish Plan Steering Committee to take over the creation and management of a website devoted to steering committee matters.

10.01.12: GRAVEL & FLOODING

1. Ambaston Flood Bank: the Environment Agency has decided to make further investigations into the extent of the cracks in the bank.

2. Lower Derwent Flood Risk: the Clerk was asked to write to the Environment Agency to ask to what extent the second stage of the Pride Park development would increase flood risk downstream.

11.01.12: COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

1. Cllr Russell said she had enlisted Dr Summerscales' help to check out the Shardlow business involved with converting waste cardboard into horse bedding.
2. Cllr Russell said she had provided the contact details needed for the landlord of the Harrington Arms and the representative from the Heartbeat Trust to meet and agree the placement of a defibrillator within the curtilage of the Harrington Arms.
3. Cllr Strand said that action was needed to clear brambles from the banks of Thulston Brook behind the village green at Thulston and also to cut back the hedge alongside the green.
4. Cllr Coyle asked if the April meeting could be moved back a week so as not to coincide with Easter Monday: agreed

12.01.12: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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