

ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: DCllr Atkin, CCllr Harrison, G Pollard (Press), R F Hill (Clerk) & 4 members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Neil Atkin

1. Cllr Atkin delivered a eulogy in praise of the outgoing clerk.
2. The parking notice served on an occupant on Mill Hill, Boulton Moor has been withdrawn now that the occupant has complied.
3. A new Standards Committee has been set up at SDDC.
4. The Tourist Information Office at Sharpe's Pottery has been voted one of the best in England.
5. Unemployment in South Derbyshire has dropped according to latest statistics, helped by the success of a recent jobs fair.
6. The new Chairman of SDDC is Cllr Michael Bales who can be contacted on 01283 595721.
7. It is alleged that the recent flooding of agricultural land at Repton was caused by the opening of sluices upstream on the River Dove.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – John Harrison

1. Cllr Harrison expressed concern that the Derby Telegraph report of the Environment Agency's consultation on the Lower Derwent flood prevention plans did not make mention of the downstream effects.
2. The heavy rain had caused the authorities to monitor the condition of the Elvaston Castle Showground prior to it being used for the Rock & Bike Festival for which people would be assembling on 12th July.
3. Cllr Harrison wished the Clerk a long and happy retirement.

OPEN SESSION

1. Mr Waters asked permission to speak at the agenda item "Gravel & Flooding".
2. Mr Shaw said that difficulty getting to the County Show on foot had been experienced because roadside hedges had not been cut.
3. Mr Shaw said that he had been given to understand that the footpath alongside the B5010 was scheduled for widening in October.
4. A resident of Orchard Close on Boulton Moor complained about the lack of maintenance on the estate (mowing, hedgecutting, streetlighting)
5. Mr Foster (Environment Agency) said that flood bank inspections normally would take place once a year but because of the sensitivity of the issue, the frequency had been doubled. He also said that a replacement inspection cover had been fitted at the head of the Thulston Brook culvert.
6. Mr Foster said that a grant of £15,000 had been secured to control silting on a stretch of Thulston Brook.

POLICE REPORT

Crimes/Incidents reported during May 2012

Cornmill Close	Anti-social behaviour	1
Oak Road	Anti-social behaviour	1
Elvaston Castle	Anti-social behaviour	3

	Other theft	1
Anti-social behaviour	Includes personal, environmental and nuisance anti-social behaviour.	
Other theft	Theft other than shoplifting such as bicycle theft or theft from a person.	

NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1.07.12: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Lee (holiday), Cllr Spenser (business commitment) and Cllr Harper (family reasons).

2.07.12: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3.07.12: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cllr Bickerton moved that the circulated minutes of the June 11 meeting be signed as a true record. Seconded by Cllr Sharp and agreed.

4.07.12: ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF 'PUBLIC PARTICIPATION'

Open Session

1. Granted.
4. Clerk to write to SDDC Chief Executive, Frank McArdle.

5.07.12: CLERK'S REPORT

1. Children playing on the road – Colwell Drive: one of the complainants reported that the problem had been resolved following talks with parents and he had actually received an apology from one of the children.
2. Letter from an Elvaston resident re. horses fouling the pavements. He says after a brief period of improvement, things are now as bad as they were.
3. Mowing of the Green, Thulston: SDDC has instructed the mowing gang to get the majority of the area strimmed with a view to cutting closer to the boundaries in future.
4. Surface Dressing on Ambaston Lane: the Highway Care Manager confirms that the area is in a safe condition. Consideration will be given to future surface dressing works.

6.07.12: PLANNING

Applications

9 2012 0574 – erection of an extension at 15 Silver Lane, Elvaston. Resolved: to make no objection.

Other

Neighbourhood Development Plan: clerk to consult the Parish plan Steering Committee re. updating the parish plan.

7.07.12: MATTERS FOR DECISION

- 7.1. To adopt the National Association of Local Council's Template Code of Conduct (see DALC General Circular 31/2012, circulated by email to members). Resolved – to defer the matter to the next meeting.
- 7.2. To renew annual membership of Rural Action Derbyshire for 2012/13. Resolved – to renew.

8.07.12: FINANCE

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

Wages, salaries & PAYE	£363.11
Clerk's expenses (postage stamps)	13.20
Noel-Baker Print Services, printing newsletter	43.52

9.07.12: GRAVEL & FLOODING

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

9.2. The Environment Agency analysis of the consultation responses connected with the Our City, Our River flood defence project state that the Ambaston flood bank will be raised.

10.07.12: COUNCILLORS' REPORTS/OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- a) Ownership of The Green
Clerk to seek advice from SDDC on how to proceed.
- b) Thulston Brook Culvert Grating
Resolved – delete from outstanding issues list.
- c) Defibrillator
The wall of the Brook Road electricity sub-station was suggested for the location:
Clerk to seek permission from the owners.
- d) Golden Gates Bus Shelter
Clerk to call the Heritage Officer for permission to go ahead.
- e) Colwell Drive Mailbox
Terminate the project – satisfactory resolution highly unlikely.
- f) Boulton Moor Play Facilities
Terminate the project – no suitable land available.
- g) B5010 Pavement Widening
Clerk to ask Cllr Harrison to confirm the accuracy of the report (see Item 3 of the Open Session, above).
- h) Ambaston Flood Bank
Close contact to be maintained with the Environment Agency and other relevant bodies.
- i) Elvaston Castle Pump House & Water Wheel
DCC officers have undertaken to try and locate funds to halt the deterioration of this asset. Clerk & Liaison Officers to include the issue in any discussions with DCC about the Castle.
- j) Boulton Moor Estate Management (Maintenance)
Await SDDC Chief Executive's response to the Clerk's letter (see 4.07.12 above).

11.07.12: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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