

MINUTES FOR THE ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 8th APRIL 2013 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

Present:

Cllr R. Strand (Chairman), Cllr P. Bickerton (Vice Chairman), Cllr S. Lee, Cllr B. Sharp, Cllr G. Harper, Cllr S. Spenser, Cllr T. Mansfield, Cllr R. Russell, Heidi Sargeant (Clerk) and 7 members of the public

In Attendance:

County Cllr J. Harrison and District Cllr A. Watson

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everybody

PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1. Apologies

Cllr R. McBride (Business commitments)

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3 .Public Speaking

Boulton Moor - A resident stood up to thank Cllr J. Harrison a happy retirement and thanked him for all of his help over the last few years with various issues he has raised. He then continued to ask Cllr J. Harrison whether he has moved any further forward with the issues of the green un-adopted areas around the Boulton Moor area. Cllr J. Harrison confirmed that the developers should take responsibility of this matter but he did request a list of the affected roads and a date of when the houses were developed. Clerk to look into.

Severn Trent Water, Boulton Moor –A resident raised the issue on the charges for surface water with Severn Trent and asked whether any progress has made on this issue. Cllr S. Lee confirmed he had chased Severn Trent Water for feedback on his letter and was advised that their Customer Complaints Department had written to him on the 27th March but as of yet, he has not received this. He has requested a further letter is sent out to him. Cllr S. Lee felt that the points raised had not been identified and once he has received their letter outlining their complaints procedure, he will decide on his next route.

Dog Bins – A resident stood up and wished Cllr J. Harrison a happy retirement and to thank him for all of his help and support over the years especially with matters involving Elvaston Castle and the footpath widening on the B5010. The resident then continued to ask District Cllr A. Watson why the Parish Council have to pay for the supply and emptying of a dog bin in the parish. Cllr A. Watson was not sure on the reasons for this but would look into this further.

Water Wheel and Pump House / Elvaston Castle – A resident asked Cllr J. Harrison whether this would ever be repaired as still showing signs of deterioration. Cllr J Harrison was aware that this still had not been actioned.

Additional Recycling Bin - A question was asked to Cllr J. Harrison to confirm the details of a possible new recycling bin. Cllr J. Harrison confirmed that an additional bin was being made available but there has been a slight delay. The bin will include a half caddy which will accept cardboard, glass and plastics. This will be introduced hopefully by the end of June. It will be used in conjunction with the other bins. Should any residents suffer with lack of space, there is no obligation to have one but he felt that most residents will more than likely welcome these bins.

3. To approve the minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 11th March 2013 were approved and accepted as a true record and signed off by the Vice Chairman.

4. Sand, Gravel & Flooding Report

Nothing to report

5. Elvaston Parish Plan Steering Group

It was confirmed by a member of the group that on May the 6th from 10am to 4pm they are hosting a community action day and were hoping that lots of volunteers would turn up for an hour or two to help them develop a sensory garden within the Old Heritage English Garden in Elvaston Park. They are hoping to dig, pot and bed any herbs or other plants and to begin to pressure wash the benches in readiness for treating. Please turn up on the day with your spade and fork.

6. Councillor's Report

Cllr S. Lee thanked the Clerk for sorting the repair of the street light on The Paddock, Boulton Moor. He also continued to express his concerns about the state of the field near the A6 which was recently used by travellers. The lack of security on the gate was also raised as it was felt this still didn't look as though it was heavily secured. Clerk to look into.

Cllr P. Bickerton raised the issue of Thulston Brook, Boulton Moor, lots of rubbish has been thrown into the brook again and requires clearing out. Agreed for photograph's to be sent to the Clerk.

Cllr R. Russell confirmed the refuse freighter lorry would be visiting Thulston again on the 13th April in the car park at The Harrington Arms. Posters being placed on local notice boards and the website confirming times and details.

Cllr B. Sharp shared a recent experience on Colwell Drive, Boulton Moor. He witnessed a car clearly speeding down this road during the daytime and felt that something needed to be done. Cllr G. Harper also commented on recent experiences in the area and he felt that sooner or later, somebody was going to get hurt. The Clerk confirmed that this issue was already being dealt with following on from the previous meeting and comments made by Cllr G. Harper.

Cllr B. Sharp discussed his recent meeting at The Noel Baker School, which was being held to discuss the possibility of further dwellings on land off Snelsmoor Lane, Chellaston. An outline application is currently in the process of up to 800 dwellings, a full application also to include a further 145 dwellings. Outline application to include a new primary school with playing field, open space including a new country park and green infrastructure network. Various concerns were voiced by Cllrs during this discussion and questions were made to District Cllr A. Watson. Cllr A. Watson felt that capturing the views of the local residents was the best way forward and that all concerns needed to be put through the correct process. All Cllrs agreed that a written response from Elvaston Parish Council outlining all concerns would need to be done immediately. Planning application notice's to be placed in local notice boards and on our website. Clerk to arrange response letter.

7. Clerks Report

a) Outstanding Issues update -

Sturges Lane, Thulston – Letter sent to resident regarding the overgrown branches of their willow tree - Swift response by the resident and matter now resolved

Silver Lane, Elvaston – Letter and photographs received from a resident concerned about the closeness of some recently planted conifers – Matter resolved with an agreement made between both parties.

Windmill Close, Boulton Moor – Clerk confirmed that DCC has written back to confirm that the green areas in discussion were not adopted and therefore unable to proceed. Clerk to contact developers.

Heart Defibrillator - Clerk confirmed that the recent survey report confirmed that the street light on Brook Road was not strong enough to hold a heart defibrillator cabinet. It was agreed by Cllrs that the area required a site visit from Community Heartbeat Trust so that advice can be sought on a possible location. Clerk to arrange meeting.

Bus Stop, Snelsmoor Lane – Clerk has provided DCC with photographs of the area and hoping that the surface will be made more suitable for school children. Email sent to Bill Fernley at DCC who is dealing with the request.

Lengths-Person Vacancy – Neil Mansell has now taken on the role of our parish Lengths-man and will start his duties on the 8th April. Neil attended the meeting and was introduced to the residents and Council.

Voting – Residents are being reminded to ensure that they are registered to vote ahead of the County Council elections on Thursday the 2nd May. Registration needs to be done by the 17th April. Residents are not automatically registered, even if they pay council tax.

b) Correspondence Received -

Grove Close / The Pinfold, Thulston – Email received from a resident expressing his concern about the parking areas on Grove Close and on The Pinfold. He felt that there was a growing trend for residents using these areas as storage sites. It seems that a large pile of wood chippings has also been dumped in the area. Clerk to look into.

Donation Letters – Two letters from registered charities were read out by the Clerk asking for a donation from Elvaston Parish Council. It was agreed by Cllrs that the Clerk would make enquiries into what services these charities offer and whether they provide services to this parish. Cllrs also confirmed that one of the charities was not known to them locally and it was felt that if they covered this area, better advertising needed to be made so that local residents could benefit from these services. Clerk to look into.

8. Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

(a) Circular 07/13 received and emailed to all Cllrs

9. Finance

A decision was made by Cllrs to increase the Clerk's hours to a total of 35 hours per month and an increase to the Clerk's hourly rate was also agreed based on recommendations from DALC. Cllrs agreed to back date the changes from February's meeting which was the month when the item was discussed under "staff matters".

(a) Accounts for Payment

Cheque Number	Payee	£ Value
000968	Spoiled cheque	void
000969	DALC – Annual Subscription	384.14
000970	Staples - toner and paper	27.00
000971	H Sargeant – Wages & Expenses	409.00
000972	spoiled cheque	void
000973	H Sargeant – Back pay for increased hours & pay (Feb-April)	338.00

b) Income

No income this month

10. To consider planning applications:-

Land off Snelsmoor Lane, Chellaston, Derby - Outline application for up to 800 dwellings –

Object – Letter to be drafted by Clerk

11. Items for information only:-

None

Date of the next meeting – The next Parish Council Meeting is on the 13th May 2013 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm

Signed

Cllr R. Strand (Chairman)

H Sargeant - Clerk