



## Minutes of the meeting of Elvaston Parish Council held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 7.30pm, Elvaston Village Hall, Elvaston

**PRESENT:** Cllr S Leuenberger (Chairman), Cllr M Brown, Cllr S Thompson, Cllr G Dodson, Cllr B Slater, Cllr S Spenser, Cllr T Mansfield, DCllr P Watson, Faye Simnett (Lengthsman), Clerk, F Keppel-Spoor (Minutes) and 3 members of public

Reference	Agenda Item		Action
169/2021-22	Apologies for Absence	Cllr C Bennett (Illness), Cllr P Bickerton, DCllr D Corbin (Illness), DCllr N Atkin	
170/2021-22	Declaration of Interest	Cllr Leuenberger, Cllr Slater, Cllr Dodson agenda item 20 – ECAG Task & Finish Group	
171/2021-22	Variation of Order of Business	No variations to record	
172/2021-22	Public Participation	<p>Resident attended to ask for an update regarding Elvaston Castle and what is being done to raise the profile of the campaign against the master plan.</p> <p>A resident attended to ask for more information regarding Buttercup Leys and Boulton Moor, specifically highlighting public transport links, educational provision, climate change, activities for children and young people and safe walking routes. The resident detailed that there are no public transport links provided to any part of the estate, and as there is no school provided currently, children and young people are having to walk in excess of 45 minutes each way to access their education. The estate has been under development for over six years of phase one and two and still there are no amenities or facilities to serve the 1700 homes. There are no available play facilities and the nearest park/play area is situated on Snelsmoor Lane in Chellaston – but there is no footpath access to this area it is not a safe walking route. Local allotments are accessed by people from the estate but these allotments are the responsibility of Derby City and again there is no safe walking route. The Skylink bus which runs along the A6 is also not accessible easily from the estate as there is no pavement available. Cllr Leuenberger gave an update on the current issues for the parish council. DCllr Watson gave an update from the SDDC perspective in relation to the concerns shared and stated the education provision concern is a DCC issue as well as the transport links issues. DCllr Watson also gave an update on Boulton Moor Housing Liaison Group and the Clerk shared contact details for the resident with DCllr Watson.</p>	
173/2021-22	Reports from outside bodies	DCllr N Atkin – shared a brief report prior to the meeting and gave apologies.	



		<p><b>DCllr D Corbin</b> – shared a short report prior to the meeting regarding the refuse collection last week. Correspondence from a member of public was shared to Adrian Lowery at SDDC and the incident has been dealt with. Any further incidents of this nature should be reported to the Clerk who will ensure they are forwarded to DCllr Corbin and SDDC for action.</p> <p><b>DCllr Watson</b> – CCTV and fly-tipping, two persons in South Derbyshire were photographed fly-tipping and the location and ownership of the cars were established and the result was the cars were impounded and have since been scrapped as the perpetrators did not wish to pay a fine to have the cars returned. SDDC are doing everything in their power to combat fly-tipping. Signs have been removed as it has been proven that the signs have actually encouraged fly-tipping. Cllr Dodson asked about an arrangement to use Raynesway.</p> <p>Flooding on Thulston Brook was discussed at the last meeting and DCllr Watson has made some headway with this situation as well as posing question to the flood liaison group planned for November. Cllr Leuenberger detailed the PC request for an Environmental Grant last year which was unsuccessful – this would have helped in this area.</p> <p>12000 new houses in South Derbyshire, on target to meet this. Developer has been secured for Drakelow power Station site, planning permission already approved for 1000 houses on brownfield site. A further site is planned for the development of Willington Power Station site.</p> <p>Freeport update at EMA/Toyota/Ratcliffe Power Station – any new industry built in this area will generate a massive amount of grants for SDDC and this will not include the Infinity Garden Village and are awaiting further details from central government. Advantages of the freeport are employment opportunities and for 10 years the majority share of business rates will go to SDDC.</p> <p><b>Derbyshire Constabulary</b> – a report was circulated prior to the meeting to detail there were 19 crimes recorded in Elvaston Parish in August 2021 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Elvaston x 4 crimes reported</li><li>2 x Violent &amp; Sexual Offences</li><li>1 x Burglary</li><li>1 x Criminal Damage &amp; Arson</li><li>Thulston x 0 crimes reported</li><li>Ambaston x 0 crimes reported</li><li>Boulton Moor x 15 crimes reported</li><li>6 x Violent &amp; Sexual Offences</li><li>4 x Anti-Social Behaviour</li><li>2 x Public Order offences</li></ul>	
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<b>174/2021-22</b>	<b>Fly Tipping/CCTV Cameras</b>	<p>Grant applications have been submitted to both Safer Neighbourhoods and Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner. The application to Safer Neighbourhoods has been successful and a sum of £500 has been awarded to each of the four parishes who made a joint application.</p> <p>The Clerk will now wait for an update from the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner and make arrangements to meet with Chris Smith of Safer Neighbourhoods and DCllr D Corbin to make further plans for the best way to utilise the funding.</p>	
<b>175/2021-22</b>	<b>Councillor Reports</b>	<p>Cllr Dodson gave a report on Grove Close and proposed the installation of a pavement is requested from DCC Highways – delivery drivers re making this an unsafe area to walk along. RESOLVED to look at land ownership of this area and ask the question of SDDC/DCC. There is a question over who is responsible for maintenance and who has planted the trees along this section.</p> <p>Conifer trees opposite the Harrington – not within the curtilage of the boundary, B5010 – Yew Tree Lane – visibility splay on blind corner. Report to DCC.</p>	
<b>176/2021-22</b>	<b>Minutes of meeting from 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>	<p>The minutes of the previous meetings held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were recorded as an accurate representation of the meeting having previously been circulated to all member Councillors by the Clerk. The minutes were signed as a true and accurate representation of the meeting by Cllr Leuenberger. Proposed by Cllr Thompson, Seconded by Cllr Brown.</p>	
<b>177/2021-22</b>	<b>Clerk's Report</b>	<p>AGAR notice of conclusion of audit has been received and added to the website, thus concluding the sign off of the Parish Council accounts for 2020/21.</p> <p>Work with ECAG task and finish group continues and meetings are more productive and focussed now there is a deadline in place for the submission of the planning application.</p> <p>Core functions continue to be met and there continues to be some frustration surrounding the noticeboard on Woods Meadow - it is being updated regularly but only with Elvaston Community Group flyers – this is not a problem as such but it is a noticeboard for all and the lengthsman is unable to update the board without a key. There needs to be a consideration to change this lock if the key is not returned as requested some months ago. An email from Cllr Bickerton has confirmed he has a key and this will be returned to the Clerk to make a copy for the lengthsman and the lock will be checked to see if a repair is required.</p>	
<b>178/2021-22</b>	<b>Chairman's Report</b>	<p>I would like to start my report with a few observations within the rural parish. The road resurfacing which took place on Oak Road, Thulston does not appear to have been completed. Road markings are still missing and warning</p>	



		<p>triangles are in place. Could the council get confirmation of when this will be rectified together with an update on the street signage for The Pinfold? There is a tree on the corner of Sturges Lane that needs trimming and also one in poor health on the opposite side of the junction. If SDDC are to carry out tree maintenance work can all councillors make Fiona aware of any other trees on the village verges that might require attention? Thank you.</p> <p>In ensuring that the tree preservation order was still in place for the belt of trees on the southern side of the B5010 opposite the Elvaston Castle South Avenue gatehouses it became apparent that the SDDC map has not been updated to show the trees within the rural parish that were identified by councillors for TPOs. I would also like to address another area of concern to many residents following September's meeting. It relates to funding applications for the development project at Elvaston Castle. I can confirm that as of the end of September, neither Derbyshire County Council or the Elvaston Gardens Trust had submitted an application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The maximum amount that the heritage fund will award is £5 million and the fund is never awarded with stipulations that would affect the robustness of planning consideration or environmental impact assessment. There has also been correspondence received from D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership to suggest that the LEP is no longer in charge of any future capital funding. This now brings into question the funding source for the environmentally damaging new access road, roundabout and car parks scheme. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend either the Elvaston Communities Group Annual Fete or the Woodland Festival due to holiday commitments but I would like to remind everyone that the communities group are organising a bingo night in the Village Hall this Friday, 15th October.</p>	
<p><b>179/2021-22</b></p>	<p><b>Lengthsman Report</b></p>	<p>I have been working around the parish litter picking as normal and during the middle of September I have again reported a few more blocked drains in the rural ward. I have received information from a resident regarding large lorries passing through the village having used the Borrowash bridge as their access route, the resident also enquired was there still weight restrictions on the bridge and that the cameras on the bridge are seemingly not picking up the movement of bicycles and then lights are on green before the traffic has finished crossing. The cameras also appear to be just taped to the pole; I will liaise with the clerk on these issues. It was also reported that a lorry carrying a rather high load also ripped off a fair-sized branch on Oak Road. A police presence this month in the lay by in Thulston checking speed is always welcomed as we know speeding along this route is common. I have noticed that strimming either side of the under pass and then the covering of graffiti with paint has taken place, but the overgrown foliage on the path which is for walking and cycling hasn't been cut back at all, I have now reported this via the Love Clean Streets app. I have also noticed a rather large area off that footpath/bridle route has been cut away, with what appears to be small trees or established hedgerow pulled up by the roots, the location was occupied by a Derbyshire County Council vehicle. Mid-September saw the return of the Woodland Festival which seemed busier than ever and the beginning of October saw the return of the conservation grazers to Clover Close Coronation Meadow for</p>	



		the winter period. After discussion around the Thulston village green previously I thought that Woods Meadow also have a nice green type area and perhaps thought to formal planters in this location may be something to look into, although I do appreciate ownership can be an issue it's currently beautifully kept. Finally noting again some crime in our parish and with information flooding the media regarding safety of woman and girls what measures are Derbyshire County Council going to put into the country park to keep park users safe, I have raised the issue of cameras before and how effective they can be at reducing anti-social behaviour and crime.	
<b>180/2021-22</b>	<b>Thulston Brook/Flooding</b>	Following an online meeting with DCllr Watson and representatives from Tarmac, the Clerk met with Ian Adcock of Tarmac to identify where the problem area was in terms of the brook flooding in inclement weather and causing the road closure at Borrowwash Road. The Clerk also had some conversation with the land agent (Fisher German) and determined that although some work had been done to clear the area, it was not enough, and even in the driest weather, there was still water standing in the brook where other areas were completely dry. It was agreed with Henry Walker of Fisher German that the length of this brook from Borrowwash Road back into Ambaston needed to be cleared in its entirety and he committed to ensuring this was completed before the inclement weather sets in for the winter. This has been chased further with Tarmac today and a positive response has been received to the effect that Tarmac now recognise they are responsible for this work to be done and are awaiting a quote from their contractor by the end of this week with a view to the work being completed as soon as possible, before the inclement weather sets in.	
<b>181/2021-22</b>	<b>Sturges Lane Footpath</b>	Revisited from a previous agenda and RESOLVED to close any further discussion until the situation with ECCP is made clearer by the submission of a planning application.	
<b>182/2021-22</b>	<b>Upper &amp; Lower Village Green</b>	A resident has made a donation of 200 daffodil bulbs for planting within the parish. The Clerk detailed that any planting of grass verges or on highways land will require a cultivation licence, and there are significant delays in the processing of these licences currently. It was RESOLVED to plant the bulbs around the perimeter of the upper village green during October, they will flower in Spring next year and will have died back in time for regular grass cutting to commence on the upper village green. SDDC have now ceased to mow the upper green following a request from the Parish Council. It is largely agreed that this area does need to be maintained as a village green and it was RESOLVED to appoint a contractor to undertake this in 2022. The Clerk has supplied quotations to the member Cllrs prior to the meeting and it was RESOLVED to appoint a contractor, who in the first instance will trim and edge the green prior to the planting of daffodil bulbs, with regular mowing taking place from March/April 2022.	
<b>183/2021-22</b>	<b>Platinum Jubilee 2022</b>	There was a discussion and it was RESOLVED to utilise the lower village green space for the celebrations for the platinum jubilee. Information regarding celebrations being planned by Elvaston Communities Group have not been shared with the Parish Council, despite a request for this information in July 2021. It was RESOLVED to ask the	



		Cricket Club if they would like to be involved in a joint celebration utilising their facilities as well as the lower green and the Clerk will share details of any funding which becomes available to ensure the event is a success.	
<b>184/2021-22</b>	<b>Christmas Light Switch on event &amp; Living Advent Calendars</b>	<p>The Clerk is now in possession of the Christmas lights which were purchased. It was RESOLVED the lights will be installed on the village green on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED the lights will be switched on at 7pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021, to coincide with the lighting of the first advent window in Thulston. This will be shared as an event on the social media pages and the Parish Council website.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED Cllr Mansfield will produce a map for the Thulston Living Advent Calendar which will be shared online and placed in noticeboards.</p> <p>A Boulton Moor Councillor was asked to take on the co-ordination of the addresses for the Living Advent Calendar for Boulton Moor and Buttercup Leys. Unfortunately, this was declined by the Councillor and it was RESOLVED to pass the administration of this to a willing resident of Boulton Moor. The Clerk will speak with this resident and ensure the social media page is made available to them for this purpose.</p>	
<b>185/2021-22</b>	<b>Parking in Thulston</b>	Cllr Slater gave an update following the last discussion and it was RESOLVED the Clerk will enquire following the last meeting with Richard Handbury and request an update.	
<b>186/2021-22</b>	<b>Installation of poppies for Remembrance Day</b>	The Clerk has ordered a quantity of new poppies to replace the damaged poppies and it was RESOLVED they will be installed on 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2021 and removed on 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2021 across the whole parish area.	
<b>187/2021-22</b>	<b>Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday</b>	It was RESOLVED the Clerk will contact the church wardens for details of arrangements for Remembrance Day.	
<b>188/2021-22</b>	<b>ECAG Task &amp; Finish Group</b>	<p>The Clerk gave a brief update on the latest activities of the task and finish group and an overview of the latest information from DCC in terms of the submission of the planning application.</p> <p>A member of public was in attendance and requested further information on becoming a member of the task and finish group and supporting the campaign. It was RESOLVED the Clerk will send further details via email.</p>	
<b>189/2021-22</b>	<b>Allotments</b>	There is one vacant allotment plot remaining. This plot needs to be cleared and it was RESOLVED Cllr Brown will speak with other allotment tenants and arrange a communal bonfire which will aid with the clearing of the site in preparation for it being sheeted with membrane for the winter months. Cllr Brown will inform the Clerk when a date is agreed for the bonfire. All other allotments are being tended and cultivated in line with the tenancy agreements. Cllr Brown and Cllr Mansfield have discussed the hedge boundary between the allotments and the neighbouring property and it was RESOLVED to trim a large conifer back and lower the hedge height to allow additional light to reach the allotments.	



190/2021-22	Correspondence	The correspondence schedule was circulated prior to the meeting with no items requiring decision.	
191/2021-22	Planning Applications & Decisions	<p><b>Planning Applications and Decisions</b></p> <p><b>New applications at 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021:</b></p> <p><b>DMOT/2021/1397</b> – pruning of a Swedish Whitebeam tree covered by TPO 355 at 2 Oak Road, Thulston – 2 mtrs is excessive in terms of the overall height of the tree, personal objections have been made.</p> <p><b>DMPA/2021/1395</b> – erection of extensions and additional hardstanding at 5 Hanslynn, Thulston – over extends the property within its plot and takes away open space at the front of the property and a question over whether this is impinged by the pavement construction to the front of the property? The hardstanding will improve parking issues.</p> <p><b>DMPA/2021/1476</b> – amended scheme previously approved DMPA/2021/1012 for the erection of a single-storey rear extension and front porch at 1 Grove Court, Thulston – issues with deliveries.</p> <p><b>DMPA/2021/1307</b> – Change of use from dwelling house to mixed dwelling house and provision of care for a maximum of 9 children at 1 Windmill Close, Boulton Moor – no objections</p> <p><b>DMPA/2021/1362</b> – creation of 4-arm roundabout at Chellaston Lane, Boulton Moor, Derby – problematic as a large roundabout in a residential area.</p> <p><b>Pending applications at 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 (these were discussed at the last meeting):</b></p> <p><b>DMPA/2021/1064</b> – approval of reserved matters re: 9/2017/0196 at 41 Grove Close, Thulston</p> <p><b>DMPA/2021/1291</b> – Like for like repair of north wall to Old English Garden Wall forming part of Grade II Listed Building at Elvaston Castle Country Park</p> <p><b>DMPA/2021/1331</b> – Erection of a rear extension with terrace at 17 Silver Lane, Elvaston</p> <p><b>DMPA/2021/1292</b> – Erection of an extension at 8 Oak Road, Thulston</p> <p><b>DMOT/2021/1026</b> – Improvements and increase to volume of drainage at Thulston Fields Farm, Snelsmoor Lane</p> <p><b>DMPA/2021/0922</b> – Erection of a single form entry school at land off Woodsford Drive, Boulton Moor</p> <p><b>DMPA/2021/1256</b> – Repairs to existing roof, re-instate chimney at one end of gable and repoint the other chimney at 40 Main Street, Ambaston</p> <p><b>No Approved applications at 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021.</b></p>	
192/2021-22	Finance	The payments and receipts as shown in the finance schedule were deemed correct and approved for payment. The payments will be entered and authorised on Unity Trust by Cllr Leuenberger. The finance schedule was signed by Cllr Leuenberger	
193/2021-22	Date, time of the next meeting:	The next meeting will be on <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm</b> . This meeting will be held at Elvaston Village Hall.	



The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 21.50pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman / Vice Chairman

Finance Schedule for Elvaston Parish Council Meeting 11th October 2021							
Schedule A - Expenditure for Approval							
Date	Payee	Details	Cheque No	Net	VAT	Total	Notes
30/09/2021	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge for Bank		£18.00	£0.00	£18.00	Paid by DD
30/09/2021	NEST	Faye Simnett Pension		£62.13	£0.00	£62.13	Paid by DD
11/10/2021	Faye Simnett	Salary October 2021		£841.11	£0.00	£841.11	
11/10/2021	Fiona Keppel-Spoor	Salary October 2021		£840.26	£0.00	£840.26	
11/10/2021	HMRC Cumbernauld	Tax/NI October 2021		£335.54	£0.00	£335.54	
11/10/2021	Fiona Keppel-Spoor	Use of home as office		£37.80	£0.00	£37.80	
11/10/2021	Fiona Keppel-Spoor	Reimbursement for purchase of Land Registry D		£75.00	£0.00	£75.00	
06/10/2021	British Legion Poppy Appeal	Replacement Event Poppies for lamp posts		£150.00	£0.00	£150.00	
<b>Totals</b>				<b>£2,359.84</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£2,359.84</b>	
Schedule B - Income since last meeting							
Date	From	Details	Amount				
<b>Total</b>			<b>£ -</b>				
Total income since last meeting			£0.00	Checked by: _____			
Less payments not yet presented at the bank			£2,279.71	Second Signature: _____			
Ensure invoices are signed							