



Minutes of the meeting of Elvaston Parish Council held on Monday 8th November 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 D Corbin, DCllr P Watson, Faye Simnett (Lengthsman), Clerk, F Keppel-Spoor (Minutes) and 3 members of public

Reference	Agenda Item		Action
194/2021-22	Apologies for Absence	Cllr C Bennett (Illness), DCllr N Atkin, Cllr P Bickerton	
195/2021-22	Declaration of Interest	Cllr Leuenberger, Cllr Slater, Cllr Dodson agenda item 18 – ECAG Task & Finish Group	
196/2021-22	Variation of Order of Business	No variations to record	
197/2021-22	Public Participation	Nothing to record	
198/2021-22	Reports from outside bodies	<p>DCllr N Atkin – Apologies received prior to the meeting.</p> <p>DCllr D Corbin – CCTV grant funding has been successful and approved across four parishes in the ward for CCTV/Wildlife cameras to help catch perpetrators of fly-tipping and those responsible for anti-social behaviour. Travellers at Boulton Moor – meetings have taken place and a resolution has been agreed to install wooden bollards to prevent access off Colwell Drive onto the green space. This will hopefully serve as a deterrent to future travellers and though the entirety of the area will not be blocked off, it is an interim measure currently available in terms of the spend available for this. Unfortunately, the other side of the hedge is in the ownership of Derby City Council and no remedial action can be taken on this area of land.</p> <p>DCllr Watson – At the last meeting a question was raised regarding the capability of Thulston Brook to accept flood water. A meeting with the farmer took place and the problem was seen first hand and subsequently raised at the flood liaison group meeting last week. Questions were submitted in advance of the meeting which was very helpful and ensured an answer was forthcoming. The responsibility for maintaining Thulston Brook was raised and the Environment Agency advised that they were at the point of doing an inspection and they will deal with the people responsible for maintaining the brook. This could be the riparian owners of the brook who will be directed to take responsibility.</p> <p>There is a County Council Consultation event on Friday in the Gothic Room at Elvaston Castle Country Park to show the updated proposals for the amendments and alterations to the master plan. DCllr Watson advised that attendees</p>	



		<p>of this event should not consider that speaking to any member of the council present will mean it is taken on board and recorded and attendance at this event does not replace the requirement to follow up with their comments/objections in writing.</p> <p>Derbyshire Constabulary – a report was circulated prior to the meeting to detail there were 19 crimes recorded in Elvaston Parish in September 2021 as follows:</p> <p>Elvaston x 4 crimes reported 2 x Anti-Social behaviour 1 x Burglary 1 x Public order</p> <p>Thulston x 1 crimes reported 1 x Theft</p> <p>Ambaston x 0 crimes reported</p> <p>Boulton Moor x 14 crimes reported 8 x Violent & Sexual Offences 2 x criminal damage and arson 1 x Anti-Social Behaviour 1 x Burglary 2 x Other Crimes</p> <p>14 of these 19 reported crimes took place in the Boulton Moor area of the parish. Further details are available using the following link: https://www.police.uk/your-area/derbyshire-constabulary/melbourne/?tab=CrimeMap</p> <p>The Clerk detailed reports of a few incidents from Boulton Moor/Buttercup Leys which have been shared on social media. The Clerk has advised members of these community ages to report any/all incidents no matter how small or trivial they may seem to Derbyshire Constabulary using the online form available – this is the only way to increase patrols in the area.</p>	
199/2021-22	Fly Tipping/CCTV Cameras	<p>The Clerk has successfully obtained grant funding of £7000 to share between four parishes in the Aston Ward for the installation of fly-tipping wildlife CCTV cameras. The Clerk will now work in conjunction with the Clerk from Weston on Trent PC, DCllr Dan Corbin and SDDC enforcement team to arrange the purchase and installation of the cameras in agreed locations. The Clerk will also arrange registration with the ICO and appropriate CCTV policy to cover the recording of images and associated equipment.</p>	



200/2021-22	Councillor Reports	No reports received	
201/2021-22	Minutes of meeting from 11th October 2021	The minutes of the previous meetings held on Monday 11 th October 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 Dodson, Seconded by Cllr Slater.	
202/2021-22	Clerk's Report	Work with ECAG Task & Finish group has continued over the last few weeks and the date for the submission of the planning application for Elvaston Castle draws ever closer. Meeting on Friday at Gothic Room at ECCP to view Phase 1 of the master plan including alterations. Issues with the noticeboard on Woods Meadow, Boulton Moor remain prevalent. Cllr Bickerton posted a further key to the Clerk, but again this is not the right key. The clerk and the lengthsman spent some considerable time trying to open the noticeboard to no avail. It is noted that the board has been updated recently with Community Group posters, however out of date information remains from September and December 2020. Following a conversation with the Chairman and in agreement with the lengthsman, these locks will now be drilled out and replaced as this situation has gone on for far too long and is unfair to the residents of Woods Meadow who are not being given the same opportunity to view information as the rest of the parish. The lengthsman will retain the new keys for this noticeboard and update accordingly. Thank you to the member Cllrs responsible for the installation of the poppies across the parish, the arrangements for the Remembrance Service have been shared with all Cllrs for 14 th November and the wreath to be laid has been delivered to the Chairman. Budget setting for 2022/23 is now well underway and a meeting of the finance committee is due to take place at the end of this month to finalise recommendations to full council for approval in December.	
203/2021-22	Chairman's Report	Firstly, updates to the council from the most recent South Derbyshire Flood Liaison meeting which was held remotely on 2nd November. 1. Derbyshire County Council will now have a dedicated Highway Drainage Team covering the whole county instead of area teams in future. 2. Environment Agency reported that all damage to the ring bank flood defence in Ambaston was successfully repaired in the summer. Thulston Brook has a planned maintenance check this winter to identify flood risk concerns. There are a couple of reminders for events this week. There will be a consultation event in the Gothic Hall at Elvaston Castle this Friday, 12th November between 11am and 4pm for residents to view the proposals for development at Elvaston Castle. Thulston and Elvaston residents should have received letters of invitation but I would ask that this consultation is advertised on social media for other community groups in the parish. The Remembrance Day Service is on Sunday, initially in St Bartholomew's Church at 10am followed by the service at the Elvaston War Memorial at 10.45am. This month has also seen the publication of a survey carried out by NALC and their climate change panel which advises that all parish councils declare a climate	



		<p>emergency. In light of the environmentally damaging proposals contained within the Elvaston Castle Masterplan which will lead to increased traffic volume, increased air and noise pollution and a dramatic increase in the parish's carbon footprint all in contravention to the Climate Change Act, I urge the council to take steps to finalise our policy as soon as possible.</p>	
204/2021-22	Lengthsman Report	<p>After much of the flailing has been completed in the rural ward I have been able to access hedgerow that was hiding lots of litter throughout the summer months, I have also been able to thoroughly clear ditches in the rural ward due to the lack of rain. I am still regularly reporting small amounts of fly tipping and finding unsavoury items in the lay-by on Ambaston Lane and the A6 towards Shardlow; and this has led me to start collating the hotspot areas in our parish and over the coming weeks I shall be liaising with the clerk about the possible siting of cameras over the coming months. I have previously reported blocked drains via the Love Clean Streets app and I have now reached out to the clerk for further support on reporting these as they haven't been done for a considerable amount of time. I have previously reported footpaths that require street sweeping, they are heavily covered in mud and verge has overgrown on to them. I have this month started to clear one towards Aston on Trent and it's looking much improved, it is hard work and took some time to complete but I hope to continue to progress this clearing to other paths that may need attention. The under pass which connects our rural ward and Boulton Moor had last month received some attention but the overgrown foliage I reported remains the same so I will also be seeking the clerks help to get this cleared I noted today that only one set of lights are working and with winter approaching this also requires attention. Throughout Boulton Moor I continued my litter picking duties and noticed that increased amounts of litter are around Thulston Fields Farm on Snelsmoor Lane, the site isn't secure and it's looking terribly neglected, very sad considering it was once connected to the Harrington Estate. I have continually reported ditches in this area and that they are regularly full of litter, I have also seen the depth of some of the ditches and question are the bottom pipes sufficiently exposed to allow water to flow away effectively. Finally, I have spent some time clearing the war memorial in Elvaston in preparation for the Act of Remembrance service on Sunday 14th November and I would like to remind everyone that Morning Prayer starts at 10.00 inside St Bartholomew's church in Elvaston and then onto the war memorial at approximately 10.45.</p>	
205/2021-22	Black Brook/ Flooding/Tarmac	<p>Confirmation has been received from Tarmac that the expected work to clear the brook will commence on 8th November 2021. This will be closely monitored.</p>	
206/2021-22	Parking Issues in Thulston/Elvaston	<p>A response from Richard Handbury of DCC was shared prior to the meeting. It was RESOLVED to wait for further information regarding the alterations of the master plan for Elvaston Castle Country Park. There was a discussion regarding the fear of traffic becoming worse once and a question over whether there is there an appetite for the introduction of a residents parking scheme in Elvaston/Thulston. Parking could be identified in the parish plan as</p>	



		<p>an issue and this could trigger some action. It was RESOLVED to review this agenda item again in early 2022 and make a further decision on whether the PC carries out some further consultation after the Parish Plan is complete and the planning application has been submitted.</p> <p>There was some discussion regarding the proposed regulation order on the B5010 and the removal of the clearway signage. It was noted that this signage has already been removed and was discussed that this appears to be a decision already agreed by DCC Highways.</p>	
207/2021-22	Upper & Lower Village Green	Daffodil bulb planting will take place on the upper village green over the coming few days and the clerk will chase up with the contractor to get the strimming done. Thanks were offered to the very kind resident for the donation of the bulbs.	
208/2021-22	Platinum Jubilee 2022	Nothing further to update at this time.	
209/2021-22	Donation from a resident for a Remembrance Day Cycle	It was RESOLVED to ask Ray Thompson of Elvaston PCC for permission to install a bracket and hang the donated woolly bike in the village hall; and bring it down annually for the memorial remembrance service – it was RESOLVED Cllr Mansfield will take the bike to the war memorial on Sunday. There was a further discussion and it was RESOLVED the woolly bike could be made available to other local community groups for fund raising activities etc.	
210/2021-22	Traffic Noise in the Parish	Cllr Leuenberger shared some information regarding increased traffic noise in the parish, particularly noise from the A6 and A50 in Thulston. Highways England is the authority to complain to in relation to traffic noise pollution and a planned noise attenuation bund is planned for the Boulton Moor side of the A50; and there should be some consideration for attenuation works for noise volume in the rural parts of the parish. It was RESOLVED to complain to Highways England regarding existing noise levels in the Elvaston/Thulston part of the parish. The Clerk will work on this with Cllr Leuenberger.	
211/2021-22	ECAG Task & Finish Group	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.	
212/2021-22	Grant Applications	A grant funding request was received from Elvaston Cricket Club. There was a discussion and it was RESOLVED to award an amount of £1425 for the purchase of covers. A vote took place and was voted in favour of this proposal five members to two.	
213/2021-22	Allotments	<p>A request from the allotment committee was received for permission to have a bonfire over the weekend of 5/6th November which was granted.</p> <p>A further bonfire is planned to clear the vacant plot in the next few weeks.</p>	



214/2021-22	Correspondence	The correspondence schedule was circulated prior to the meeting with one item requiring decision regarding the traffic regulation and prohibited waiting order on B5010 – this was discussed as part of the agenda item related to parking issues in Thulston and Elvaston.	
215/2021-22	Planning Applications & Decisions	<p>New applications at 1st November 2021: DMPA/2021/1525 – installation of an air source heat pump at 4 Main Street, Ambaston DMPA/2021/1592 – second storey side and ground floor extension at 20 Windmill Close, Boulton Moor</p> <p>Pending applications at 1st November 2021 (these were discussed at the last meeting): DMOT/2021/1397 – pruning of a Swedish Whitebeam tree covered by TPO 355 at 2 Oak Road, Thulston DMPA/2021/1395 – erection of extensions and additional hardstanding at 5 Hanslynn, Thulston DMPA/2021/1476 – amended scheme previously approved DMPA/2021/1012 for the erection of a single-storey rear extension and front porch at 1 Grove Court, Thulston DMPA/2021/1307 – 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 DMPA/2021/1064 – approval of reserved matters re: 9/2017/0196 at 41 Grove Close, Thulston DMOT/2021/1026 – Improvements and increase to volume of drainage at Thulston Fields Farm, Snelsmoor Lane DMPA/2021/0922 – Erection of a single form entry school at land off Woodsford Drive, Boulton Moor</p> <p>Approved applications at 1st November 2021. DMPA/2021/1291 – Like for like repair of north wall to Old English Garden Wall forming part of Grade II Listed Building at Elvaston Castle Country Park DMPA/2021/1331 – Erection of a rear extension with terrace at 17 Silver Lane, Elvaston DMPA/2021/1292 – Erection of an extension at 8 Oak Road, Thulston DMPA/2021/1256 – Repairs to existing roof, re-instate chimney at one end of gable and repoint the other chimney at 40 Main Street, Ambaston</p>	
216/2021-22	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. It was RESOLVED the finance committee will meet on 26 th November to discuss the budget for 2022/223 and agree the precept; to be presented to the full council meeting in December for resolution.	
217/2021-22	Meeting Dates 2022	A list of proposed dates for meetings in 2022 was circulated prior to the meeting and it was RESOLVED to accept this. The Clerk will add the information to the website and noticeboards.	
218/2021-22	Date, time of the next meeting:	The next meeting will be on Monday 13th December 2021 at 7.30pm . This meeting will be held at Elvaston Village Hall.	

