



Minutes of the meeting of Elvaston Parish Council held on Monday 14th February 2022, 7.30pm, Elvaston Village Hall, Elvaston

PRESENT: Cllr S Leuenberger (Chairman), Cllr S Thompson, Cllr G Dodson, Cllr M Brown, Cllr T Mansfield, Cllr S Spenser, Clerk, F Keppel-Spoor (Minutes), Faye Simnett (Lengthsman), DCllr P Watson, and 4 members of public

Reference	Agenda Item		Action
259/2021-22	Apologies for Absence	Cllr B Slater, DCllr D Corbin, DCllr N Atkin, Cllr P Bickerton, Cllr C Bennett	
260/2021-22	Declaration of Interest	No declarations to record	
261/2021-22	Variation of Order of Business	No variations to record	
262/2021-22	Public Participation	A resident attended to share information about the trees on the lower village green and make a request for the trees in this area to be reduced in height significantly.	
263/2021-22	Reports from outside bodies	<p>DCllr N Atkin – Apologies given prior to the meeting and a brief report as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earlier this month I have already circulated the latest highway works to be undertaken, some projects were included from last year’s suggestions across Aston ward. I have sent in this year’s AE1 & C roads Highways suggestions for investigation before being committed into the programme. All other highway repairs are to be sent in the usual way through the website which I will do. • There is no further update on Elvaston Castle at this time. • Derbyshire County Council held their Budget full Council meeting recently and the agenda papers are accessible to read on the public website. <p>DCllr P Watson – gave an update on the road condition of Persimmon Homes/Buttercup Leys estate and detailed he had attempted to contact Operations Director with little success; and only upon asking to speak to Managing Director was contact made. Information has been sent to planning enforcement with regard to the state of the roads with mud and blocked gullies. This has been somewhat rectified, but still requires attention going forwards. The time taken to put an enforcement notice in place is considerable and is deemed not to be the best use of time or resources. Persimmon have consistently paid little heed to previous planning enforcement conditions and will now be monitored closely. Liaison group was scheduled for 19th January and cancelled at the last minute by the Operations Director – Persimmon do not show much courtesy to the community at all and people who are buying the new houses are not happy with the service they are receiving from Persimmon currently as they are living on a</p>	



		<p>continual building site. The meeting is rescheduled for 23rd February. Planning application for Buttercup Leys – originally billed as the Derby City overspill. There is a difficulty as the planning committee has to consider each application on its own merits – however this is unique and consideration should also be taken for the planning application pending from DCC regarding ECCP in conjunction with plans for the Triangle and Boulton Moor Centre. We also have Infinity Garden Village in close proximity and this is the similar sort of situation with Buttercup Leys. A further meeting is arranged for 21st February and updates will be provided after this date. East Midlands Airport is the only airport in the UK that operates 24/7 and because of this is used a lot for freight traffic. Throughout covid, there has been an increase in freight traffic purely because there was not the passenger traffic available to carry freight in the hold. EMA impose fines on noisy craft and there is now a community fund from 21st April 2021 and 22nd January 2022 and over £360k in fines has now been levied on the noisy craft. In excess of £1.3M has been distributed in South Derbyshire already over the previous years and this fund is now available to apply for to support local community projects which would benefit from funding. Freeport update – Ratcliffe Power Station, A50 Corridor to Toyota where there will be a new rail head built. Government order circa £25M million to build this freeport hub and importantly there will be no import tax on anything which arrives at the freeport and is used to manufacture another product. Financial incentive and advantages are very beneficial with opportunities for employment.</p> <p>DCllr D Corbin - Apologies given prior to the meeting</p> <p>There are no crime statistics to report this month as they are yet to be updated on the crime map. Please use the following link for further information: https://www.police.uk/your-area/derbyshire-constabulary/melbourne/?tab=CrimeMap</p>	
<p>264/2021-22</p>	<p>Councillor Reports</p>	<p>Cllr Thompson – requested the PC consider a litter picking sign for the lengthsman – this was RESOLVED and the Clerk will obtain prices and share with member Cllrs prior to the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Dodson – shared concerns regarding crime levels in Boulton Moor/Buttercup Leys and enquired as to how we can increase PCSO patrols. Clerk explained that the only way to increase patrols is to encourage residents to report every incident, no matter how small it may seem. Reports can be made via 101 or using the online form.</p> <p>Cllr Brown – gave an update on the allotments. There is a big gap where the brambles have been removed and will be replaced with some Hawthorn which is fast growing and great for encouraging biodiversity and nesting of birds. There was a discussion and it was RESOLVED to make some enquiries regarding laying the hedge going forwards but we are mindful that all hedgerow and tree works needs to be completed before 1st March when bird nesting season starts.</p>	
<p>265/2021-22</p>	<p>Minutes of meeting from 10th January 2022</p>	<p>The minutes of the previous meetings held on Monday 10th January 2022 were recorded as an accurate representation of the meeting having previously been circulated to all member Councillors by the Clerk. The minutes</p>	



		were signed as a true and accurate representation of the meeting by Cllr Leuenberger. Proposed by Cllr Dodson, Seconded by Cllr Leuenberger.	
266/2021-22	Chairman's Report	<p>I begin with reference to an article in the Derby Telegraph from Monday 7th February, which has named South Derbyshire as the fastest growing residential area in the UK with 7.3% of all its houses being built since 2017. Local MP, Heather Wheeler has commented that additional doctors' surgeries and schools are needed to keep pace with housing demand. Elvaston parish is a classic example of housing development and infrastructure that is stretching existing facilities and putting pressure on green belt land and open space in a way that is becoming unbalanced and unacceptable. Construction has commenced on The Triangle, Boulton Moor to provide allotments and sports fields, a sports pavilion and over one hundred car parking spaces before there is even a primary school to support the children living in Boulton Moor and Buttercup Leys. Residents should be aware that proposed new access to this development will lead to the felling of a minimum of ten oak trees which on average are approaching 150 years old with plans to plant compensatory trees only 25cm high. There has been an unacceptable transmission of soil and debris out onto the B5010 in both directions which has led to complaints from both myself personally and also the parish council. I await a response from my personal complaint to County Highways. There are additional roadworks now on Oak Road and Ball Lane leading up to Elvaston as a result of gas mains works being undertaken by Cadent. I would advise residents and visitors to the parish to exercise caution when using these roads and pay extra attention to the road surface and the possibility of mud on the road. Unfortunately, the parish council has not been shown the courtesy of advance warning for either set of works from Persimmon Homes or Cadent. It is now becoming really important that the community recognise the importance of existing trees within the parish and perhaps consider additional spaces for tree planting schemes. Noise levels are continuing to increase with additional traffic and trees not only absorb CO2 but mask sound. The lower green remains an area for community engagement and improvement of biodiversity without unnecessary removal of the wildlife habitats that exist. Over the last few months, representatives of Derbyshire County Council continue to reference a National Lottery Heritage Fund award of £35 million for Elvaston Castle Country Park which is unproven and has been denied by representatives of the National Lottery. I would ask that the council submits an FOI request for confirmation of the date of the application and award. The parish council has also now received a copy of the DC Associates economic report which advises that expected funding streams are not finalised and require further review.</p>	
267/2021-22	Clerk's Report	A fairly steady month, continuing to support ECAG Task and Finish Group with various research and administration. Preparations are now underway for financial year end as we prepare to submit our accounts to the internal and external auditors. Boulton Moor Triangle is currently causing consternation within the parish and will be discussed in more detail as part of the agenda. The Pinfold sign has now been reinstalled as requested and is much improved	



		to previously. Allotments will soon become a focus once more as we head into spring with the expectation that cultivation will start in earnest for the coming growing season. Dog waste bins, litter bins and benches have appeared in various places on Boulton Moor/Buttercup Leys and it is reported that currently the bins are being emptied regularly – it is assumed these facilities have been installed by Persimmon Homes and will remain the responsibility of them until such time the estate is formally adopted by SDDC/DCC. We have received confirmation from Elvaston Communities Group that they have secured Melbourne Town Band to play at the Parish Council Christmas Light switch on event to be held on Thursday 1 st December 2022. This will be a wonderful addition to the event and will hopefully be well-attended by many parishioners. The precept form for the forthcoming financial year has been submitted and accepted and we continue to meet our core functions.	
268/2021-22	Lengthsman Report	I've been incredibly busy and have seen an increase in littering throughout the parish. Flailing has now finished and I continue to work to clear ditches up to Ambaston and Shardlow A6, these areas are hard work but gradually they are starting to look better. I'd like thank volunteer litter pickers in the rural ward and along the A6 Boulton Moor towards Alvaston who really do support me in trying to keep our parish litter free, I continue to report sign damages and fly tipping via the love clean streets app and would encourage anyone to download the app which is simple to use.	
269/2021-22	Community Governance Review	This request has now been submitted to SDDC. It is not anticipated to be a quick process and will entail further consultation from SDDC with the local community in due course. It was RESOLVED to remove this item from the agenda until such time there is a substantive update.	
270/2021-22	Platinum Jubilee Celebration	It has now been confirmed there is a four-day bank holiday across the UK from 2-5 th June 2022 to facilitate celebrations to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee. The Chairman of Elvaston Communities Group was invited to speak in relation to this agenda item to ensure both the Parish Council and Elvaston Communities Group are up to date on what has been planned so far. It was RESOLVED the Parish Council will support Elvaston Communities Group with their current plans and meet some of the financial cost using funding from DCC (amount tbc). It was RESOLVED the Clerk will write to her Majesty to congratulate her on behalf of the Parish Council for her achievement of 70 years reign. It was further RESOLVED the Clerk will set up a working group to support this event and involve representatives from other local community groups who wish to be involved. Cllr Mansfield suggested supporting the purchase of an updated PA system for all future events which would be retained by the Parish Council and it was agreed there was further discussion required in relation to this. As it is a four-day event, there is the opportunity for activities to take place on all four days, and lots of other suggestions have been made which will be discussed by the working party and recommendations made to full council at the meeting in March.	



		<p>Elvaston Communities Group gave some information on the forthcoming Christmas Light Switch on event for 2022 which will be added to a future agenda for resolution for a contribution to Melbourne Town Band. Elvaston Communities Group were asked to update their flyer to ensure there is clarity over the hosting of events, as there are at least two events listed which are not organised by the Communities Group.</p>	
<p>271/2021-22</p>	<p>ECCP Planning Application</p>	<p>Elvaston Castle Planning Proposals – update from DCCllr N Atkin (27th January 2022) The County Council appointed planning consultants have had meetings with officers from DCC during early January where we expressed our disappointment on the delays regarding the latest planning issues at Elvaston Castle which are proving to be a challenge. It is now likely that the application would be submitted between now and the beginning of March for reason's I will outline below along with some discussion points from the meeting I had with officers on Thursday 27th January. Please be patience whilst the planning consultancy work is being completed as all the correct and complex information needs to be submitted to comply with planning requirements.</p> <p>Frameyard It was expected that as part of the planning application to include new build staff quarters/storage within the frameyard; however, due to the flood risk assessment the project team have now withdrawn these proposals as it would have required some flood risk compensation scheme to be incorporated into the plan which would have had an impact. The frameyard will retain some sort of commercial aspect despite the loss of development as described in the previous paragraph.</p> <p>Kennels It is now proposed to do a feasibility study to look at the Kennels as the preferred site for staff quarters/storage which has been suggested by the consultants as a suitable location. Once the study findings are complete, the project team may submit a separate planning application around August – September 2022.</p> <p>New Road Access This still remains a challenge and the case to prove a new access is needed & discussions are still ongoing and will be included in the application.</p> <p>Main House & Gardens Work is ongoing and progress is being made towards submitting a future planning application alongside partners from the Heritage Lottery organisation. There is no definitive date as to when the plans will be submitted.</p> <p>Planning Boundary Red Line</p>	



		<p>The Red line around the Boundary has been extended to ensure all the land in DCC ownership is included. This does NOT include any new proposals/purchases at this present time.</p> <p>Heritage Lottery Grants & External Grants</p> <p>The Heritage Lottery grant of £35 million will continue to be part of our strategy and will not expire. We do need to revisit external grants from organisations as they change every year and some have a timeline attached as to when the grant can be accessed or ceased to exist. (This remains contrary to minute reference 249/2021-22 from January 2022 which stated: “As an addition to the above correspondence from CClr N Atkin, a representative of NLHF has responded to the NLHF funding claim as follows: “Again, I can assure you that the National Lottery Heritage Fund board has not committed any funding for Elvaston Castle. The maximum grant available under our current programmes is £5,000,000. The only way that an applicant can secure this maximum amount is by making a successful application for a delivery grant, following the completion of a development phase. The board does not make “in principle” or tacit approvals for any funding awards outside of our published application and assessment procedures.”</p>	
272/2021-22	Boulton Moor/Buttercup Leys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Centre Application remains pending • Boulton Moor Triangle Planning Application – work has now commenced on this area though there appears to be several areas which are in contravention of the outline planning permission agreed. Unfortunately, this application was not dealt with correctly when it was submitted and EPC failed to give a response to the application when requested, so very little environmental consideration was made at the time which could/would have led to an EIA being required. Information has been highlighted to planning department and necessary enforcement requested as it appears work is taking place which is not agreed. • Boulton Moor Housing Liaison Group – meeting which should have taken place in both December and then January was cancelled due to Persimmon Operations Director not being available at very short notice. Requests to reconvene the meeting have not been answered and this remains outstanding. Disappointing at best, as we are now struggling to support our residents in this area with their queries. Play area is still not open, which should have been October 2021 at the very latest, no information on who has installed dog waste bins and general waste bins in the area, and most importantly who will service them. Crime in the area continues to be a rising issue, but without input from the developer, we are struggling to know what the PC can do to support residents and advise on situations. • Planning enforcement – several reports made regarding mud on the road at the key develop points including the B5010 at The Triangle and Snelsmoor Lane at both ends. Road signage is also an issue with inconsistent 	



		<p>speed markers on Snelsmoor Lane which denote a NSL 60mph all the way through, when it was supposed to be altered to 30mph – but no signage makes this unenforceable.</p>	
273/2021-22	Upper and Lower Village Green	<p>Work has taken place to prune the boundaries of the lower village green and remove as much overgrowth as possible to prevent further damage to resident fences. There was a discussion and it was RESOLVED the Clerk will contact tree surgeons to arrange the lopping of the trees on the border of the green, closest to the footpath.</p> <p>The Clerk has secured a donation of 100 mixed saplings which are being delivered around 22nd March 2022 – these are for planting on the lower green as previously agreed, and if there are any residents who would like to plant in their garden, they can be made available. It was RESOLVED to engage some volunteers for the weekend of 19/20th March to plant the trees, which all come with spiral guards to protect them. These trees were secured free of charge. The Clerk has also applied to receive 2 x Thatchers apple trees to be planted on either the upper or lower village green as is required, and has spoken at length with a local resident, as suggested at the last meeting, as he is our resident trees expert. The Clerk has also applied for a cultivation licence to allow for a hedge to be planted to mark the correct footpath access to the lower green – this will include blocking off the ramp at the top of the access, and directing footfall via the signed route.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to obtain quotations for the laying of the hedgerow on the lower village green and for this to be done as soon as possible – though it was agreed it was unlikely to happen this year, and would be booked in for the end of the bird nesting season.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to apply for an EMA Community Grant to establish a conservation area of the lower green. It was RESOLVED the Clerk will email all member Cllrs and residents to try and organise a working group to spend some time on the green over the next two weekends to clear out some of the builder’s rubble which has been left. The Clerk will speak to SDDC and try and arrange assistance from the Clean Team, and in the absence of this it was RESOLVED to order a skip to dispose of the rubbish which has accumulated.</p>	
274/2021-22	ECAG Task & Finish Group	<p>Nothing further to update at this time in the absence of a submission from DCC for ECCP. Crowdfunder has now been amended to an “always funding” platform and will make a payment to EPC with any donations every 7 days. A payment of £4208.31 was received from this platform on 7th February 2022 and will be monitored closely. A leaflet was distributed to all houses in Thulston/Elvaston during the last week or so of the crowdfunder and support continues to be steady for the cause. This payment of circa £4k will be used to pay for any legal bills which arise once the planning application is submitted – and is ringfenced for that purpose. Once the planning application is submitted, there will be a meeting convened as quickly as possible and this will be the call to action to mobilise the delivery of leaflets and banners etc to object to the proposals.</p>	



275/2021-22	Climate Change Policy	It was RESOLVED to defer this item to March and provide a draft policy for review and adoption.	
276/2021-22	Parish Plan	RMS Sports Consultant will be presenting the Parish Plan at the March meeting and the Clerk will receive a copy by 28 th February 2022.	
277/2021-22	Annual Parish Meeting	It was RESOLVED to hold on this meeting on Monday 4 th April 2022 at 7pm. The Clerk will invite local community group representatives to attend.	
278/2021-22	Definitive Map Modification Order	The Chairman has been contacted by an Alvaston resident regarding access to an established footpath right of way within Elvaston Castle Country Park. He believes that he has sufficient evidence to support an application by the parish council to have this footpath officially defined. It was RESOLVED the Chairman and the Clerk will further this application in conjunction with the resident.	
279/2021-22	CCTV/Wildlife Cameras	The Clerk has met with Stephen Yates of SDDC Enforcement Team and will now proceed with the purchase and installation of cameras in the agreed locations. It was RESOLVED to remove this item from the agenda until there is a substantive update.	
280/2021-22	Correspondence	The correspondence schedule was circulated prior to the meeting with no items requiring discussion not already covered by the agenda or a future agenda.	
281/2021-22	Lengthsman Hours – Boulton Moor	It was RESOLVED to defer to Personnel Committee meeting to be held on 3 rd March 2022 at 9.30am.	
282/2021-22	Planning Applications & Decisions	<p>New applications at 7th February 2022 DMPA/2022/0084 – Addition of dormer window above garage and minor internal alterations at 34b Main Street, Ambaston DMPA/2022/0183 – Part conversion of a garage at 17 Sandal Close, Boulton Moor</p> <p>Pending applications at 7th February 2022 DMPA/2021/1687 - Outline application for A District Centre at Boulton Moor DMPA/2021/1716 – Erection of extensions and alterations to garage roof at Woodside, Borrowwash Road, Elvaston DMPA/2021/1395 – erection of extensions and additional hardstanding at 5 Hanslynn, 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 DMOT/2021/1026 – Improvements and increase to volume of drainage at Thulston Fields Farm, Snelsmoor Lane DMPA/2021/1525 – installation of an air source heat pump at 4 Main Street, Ambaston</p> <p>Approved applications at 7th February 2022 DMPA/2021/1592 – second storey side and ground floor extension at 20 Windmill Close, Boulton Moor</p>	



283/2021-22	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.	
284/2021-22	Date, time of the next meeting:	The next meeting will be on Monday 14th March 2022 at 7.30pm at Elvaston Village Hall.	

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 9.40pm

Signed _____ Chairman / Vice Chairman

