

Minutes of the ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th March 2018 at the VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

Present: Cllrs P Bickerton (Chairman), R Strand, R Russell, M Beadle, S Spenser and T Mansfield
In Attendance, CClr Neil Atkin, 28 residents and J Irons (clerk).

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

01.03.18 To receive apologies for absence

P Loakes (travel problems) DCllr Peter Watson (unwell) and DCllr Hilary Coyle. Members acknowledged their absences.

02.03.18. Variation of Order of Business: none

03.03.18 Declaration of Members Interests: None

04.03.18. Elvaston Castle Charitable Trust presentation from Dr Peter Robinson (Trustee & Chair, Elvaston Castle & Gardens Trust), Andrew Baker (Vice-Chair, Elvaston Castle & Gardens Trust) and Adam Lathbury (County Council Head of Conservation, Heritage and Design).

The county council and National Trust have worked together to create a 10 year vision and plan aimed at attracting more visitors, increasing income and protecting Elvaston's heritage going forward. It is guided by 6 core principles. In time the Trust will run the estate once it becomes sustainable; at this point the county council will retain the freehold but will grant the Trust leasehold tenure. Hence a sustainable business plan should be in place to be passed to the Trust. A draft Master Plan report regarding a public consultation will be submitted to DCC's cabinet on Wednesday.

The gentlemen provided a slideshow highlighting the Castle's historic background, ownership and access issues. Fee-paying activities must be identified as the site must become viable; DCC has spent hundreds of thousands of pounds annually over several years on maintenance and running costs. The car park should be the centre of the estate and will therefore be relocated. Access is intended via the south avenue or from a spur off the Thulston A6 roundabout. A main visitor hub is intended to include mixed uses such as café, play facility, shops, offices. Weddings can be held in the Castle and its courtyard. Also intended is formal car parking at the church. Enabling development for residential houses is a possibility.

Phase 2 includes development of the gardens; the walled garden is being repointed and the nursery garden can be used for events. Also suggested is re-locating the showground, which becomes waterlogged, to Oak Flat. The chairman asked for estimates of cost and timeframe. Mr Lathbury replied saying these fluctuate notwithstanding the fact that DCC has many other equally pressing and genuine commitments. The total cost is expected to amount to c£36m. The final Master Plan, when agreed, will give funders more encouragement to invest. At present it is unclear where all funding will be derived and not all projects are eligible for match-funding. Cllr Strand had reservations over the new carpark being placed close to the nature reserve; Mr Lathbury replied to say the ecologist has assured no conflict will arise here.

The original Elvaston Development Board approached funders which must now be actively pursued. The Master Plan currently has no such investors. Once DCC has instigated a revenue stream it is willing to hand over the management to the Trust.

Home Farm is in a perilous state of repair which must be addressed, perhaps by permitting enabling development; access is intended to be gained from Bedford Drive. Cllr Russell asked if the original car-park can be retained; Mr Lathbury said the idea is that it would not because the new one will enhance the core of the estate and provide more visitor access to amenities. Cllr Strand rues the influx of cars parked in the village, mainly due to high parking charges at the Castle. Both Mr Lathbury and Dr Robinson are aware of this issue. In addition to the Main Visitor car

park (accessed via a new road off the B5010 as mentioned above) it is intended to install an overspill carpark and disabled visitor parking.

The slide presentation finished at 8.35pm and a question/ answer session with residents ensued ending at 9.35pm.

The chairman thanked Mr Lathbury, Mr Baker and Dr Robinson for their attendance and presentation. He also invited any further questions not raised by residents tonight to be sent to the clerk who can forward to the 3 gentlemen.

The consultation document can be viewed at:

https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/images/15.03.2018%20Elvaston%20Castle_tcm44-298142.pdf

05.03.18. Digital Derbyshire. Nothing to report.

06.03.18. Councillor's Reports held over to the next meeting.

07.03.18. District and County Councillor's reports

District Councillor Peter Watson –In his absence DCllr Watson sent the clerk a report:

1. He has asked Highways for a 30mph speed limit to be introduced on Snelsmoor Lane, which he supports.

2. DCllr Watson has asked Persimmon Homes and district council planners for the numbers of houses built to date, a programme for 2018 and details of the s106 'trigger points'. Both Persimmon Homes and SDDC have agreed that if after receipt of this information a liaison meeting is required it should be combined with a site visit to take place on a lighter night in April.

County Councillor Neil Atkin

Week Commencing: 12th March 2018.

Derbyshire County Council Budget

Plans to achieve a balance budget for the year have been agreed at a meeting of all members of the Council. Full Council met on Wednesday 7th February 2018 and agreed to set the annual budget for 2018 /19 at £503.2m and generate an additional £15m by raising our portion of the Council Tax by 4.99%.

In summary

- Setting the budget for 2018/19 at £503.2m (excluding schools)
- Raising the Council Tax 4.99%
- (included in the rise) a 2% adult social care precept to generate £5.9m
- (included in the rise) 1% to support vital services under pressure, to be targeted towards children's services, generating £3m
- A savings target £12m for 2018/19
- The council Tax rise is an increase of £47.03 a year or 90p a week for an average band B property
- The extra 2% for adult social care, called the Adult Social Care Precept, is to be spent on areas including services to help older & vulnerable people live safely and well, supporting hospital discharges and Community & Voluntary groups.

You can find the full financial budget report on the website.

Fire Authority Budget report

The Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Authority met today 9¹⁵th February to discuss & approve the budget for 2018/19

The recommendation approved a net budget requirement of £37.7m for 2018/19

A precept increase of 2.98%

The Council Tax base for South Derbyshire 32,467.00 properties

Total amount due in Council Tax £2,448,583

Council Tax Bands

Band	Council Tax 2017/18 £	Council Tax 2018/19 £
A	48.39	49.82
B	56.49	58.13
C	64.52	66.43
D	72.58	74.74
E	88.71	91.34
F	104.84	107.95
G	120.97	124.56
H	145.16	149.48

Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner Budget Proposals The Derbyshire Police and crime Commissioner confirmed their precept on 5th February 2018 showing an increase of 6.64% requiring a total of £6,253,144. This results in a band D Council Tax of £192.60 an increase of £12 per Council Tax payer

South Derbyshire District Council On Monday 26th February South Derbyshire District Council approved their portion of the Council Tax showing an increase of 1.95%

- Parish Council Precepts for 2018/19 total £772,513
- The Districts Council Tax base was set at 32,467
- The Council Tax base for Elvaston is currently showing 895 for 2018/19

Parish	Precept 2018/19	Tax Base
Aston on Trent	£33,385	717
Barrow on Trent	£10,994	239
Elvaston	££10,620	895
Shardlow & Great Wilne	£13,670	413
Stenson	£3,000	1,479
Weston on Trent	£13,500	483

- The Councils estimated gross expenditure for 2018/19 including the Housing Revenue Account and Parish Precepts totals £46,052,623
- The Councils estimated income for 2018/19 includes all fees and charges together with housing rents, specific government grants, contributions from reserves and declared surpluses on the collection fund total is £40,111,039

The Political Composition of the Council

The Council announced on Monday night changes to the political composition which is now as follows:

Conservative group 23, Labour group 12, Independent / Non-grouped member 1. Elected member Ray Tipping for Swadlincote ward formally representing the Conservative group has now decided to become an independent member

Future Area Forum meetings in South Derbyshire

It was discussed and proposed to change the current system of Area meetings and merge the Safer Neighbourhood and Melbourne Area Forum into one single meeting

- The agenda setting of a new forum would need to be proactive in order to attract members of the community and the branding of the meetings as part of a communication plan to promote the meetings would be important.
- The meeting would also include an opportunity for a presentation or an open discussion about a pre-determined local issue which could provide for the identification of priorities and an action plan.
- The presentation / open discussion item will be included on the agenda and decided by the previous meeting or by the Chair, SDDC Officers or Community and Voluntary sector should the previous meeting not identify anything.
- The current Safer Neighbourhood grant scheme would be amended to help support these identified priorities and could be used for both community development and community safety. The current scheme has not fully allocated its last two annual budgets.

A suggested Agenda template is as follows: Melbourne Area Forum - Potential Agenda - 7.00pm – 8.30pm

1. Open meeting (introductions and apologies, declarations of interest, chairs announcements, to receive the minutes of the last meeting)
2. Safer Neighbourhood report (Police 7 SSDP) 7 Police questions
3. Local authority Public questions
4. Communities update & Neighbourhood grants
5. Local authority issues
6. Open discussion / presentation on a local / community issue
7. Summary on agreed priorities / actions
8. Date of next meeting & close

Elvaston Castle I have been asked by the cabinet member to approach the Chairman of Elvaston Castle Gardens Trust Peter Robinson to discuss my potential appointment onto the sub committees as the Cabinet member Tony King has a conflict of interest, Tony will stay on the main body of Trustees

Highway Hub projects Earlier this year I requested through Parish Council's in Aston Division any capital projects they would like to see included in the budget. Members have been invited to a meeting in early March to discuss the proposals. The recent Council budget highlighted facts covering the Highways expenditure over the past year under the previous administration found that the expenditure far exceeded the forecast by some £1million during 2016/17 year

Maintenance costs will inevitably rise year on year for projects and we are currently reviewing the Highways budget and keeping a tight leash on all matters relating to any future work. In this case some temporary work will be done to manage urgent pothole repairs, returning later to complete the work in full. The LED lights replacement programme will continue with the now added repairs team to replace blown LED bulbs and lighting. I anticipate that some small projects requested will be included in the forthcoming work programme depending on which funding stream they are allocated to, however, major costly road schemes will have to wait a little longer.

John McElvaney

The Director of legal services John McElvaney will be retiring shortly from his role at DCC on Friday 13th April (an auspicious date)

Chellaston School.

I have received a letter of communication from the Chair of Governors – Nick Hollis and the Headteacher - Kevin Gaiderman from Chellaston Academy dated 13th February outlining the difficulties with the offer of Student places

and teaching staff due to a sudden increase in 30 pupil numbers with very little warning. I have asked for the Cabinet member & Officers for a response and solution at their earliest convenience. This is still outstanding.

Ongoing case work I believe that I am up to date with ongoing issues in Elvaston Parish area which are in the process of being dealt with or completed to your satisfaction.

A resident raised the poor state of Ambaston Lane; Cllr Atkin will follow up on this. The clerk added that such repairs are now very urgent.

08.03.18 Website maintenance. Cllr Mansfield announced that the website is now live and the chairman thanked Cllr Mansfield for his continued input.

09.03.18 Elvaston Communities Group including storage of the new gazebos.

Eve Wilson reminded attendees that a bingo night will be held in the village hall on Friday 16th March (7-7.30pm).

10.03.18 Public participation. Nothing further.

11.03.18 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th February 2018. These were approved and accepted as a true record after which they were signed by the chairman (pp Cllr Strand, seconded Cllr Beadle).

12.03.18 Boulton Moor Housing. Nothing to report.

13.03.18 Flooding and Gravel. Nothing to report.

14.03.18 Police Report

The police website reports 4 incidents at Boulton Moor and 4 in the rural area for January. Details are available at <https://www.police.uk/derbyshire/SS03/crime/>

15.03.18 Chairman's Report. Nothing to report.

16.03.18 Matters for Decision or Discussion

16.1 update on the issue concerning 5 rural village signs. The clerk received a reply from Highways who are reviewing signage issues in general and the creation of a new policy going forward; we await the outcome of its decisions. In the meantime it was **resolved** (under Highway's advice) to not pay the contractor for the signs.

16.2. Car parking issues; discussed earlier.

16.3. Memorial plaque in honour of Peter Waters. **Resolved:** chairman to discuss measurements of a plaque with Caroline Tong and revert to the clerk.

16.4 new notice board at Boulton Moor. **Resolved:** held over.

16.5 footpath map of the area from DCC. Members received DCC's link to its map on its website circulated by the clerk.

16.6 parcels of land for possible tree planting. **Resolved.** Held over although in the meantime liaison with the communities group might prove valuable.

16.7 Update on Ambaston Lane repairs; mentioned earlier by Cllr Atkin.

16.8 Request from the parish church for a financial grant of £350 for upkeep of the churchyard. **Resolved:** granted (pp Cllr Strand, seconded Cllr Russell).

16.9 To invite Hardyal Dhindsa (Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire) to give a presentation. **Resolved:** held over.

17.03.18 Clerk Report

The clerk met a resident at the village green who asked for steps to be placed at the slope on the footpath. Members **agreed** to hold this over to the next meeting.

18.03.18 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment – the following cheques were approved and signed:

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
001249	Paul Fox Landscaping erection of village signs	400.00	80.00	480.00
001251	J Irons – Clerk’s salary February	497.63	-	497.63
001251	J Irons – home allowance & expenses February	336.00	-	336.00
Stand Order	N Mansell - Lengthsman pay February	272.00	-	272.00
001252	HMRC – clerk’s tax February	62.00	-	62.00
001253	DCC – clerk’s pension February	134.43	-	134.43
001254	Cllr Strand – mileage expenses for DD meeting	25.20	-	25.20
001255	St Bartholomew’s church	350.00	-	350.00
	TOTAL	2077.26	80.00	2157.26

(b) Income – none

(c) Bank balance as at 5th March 2018 £34774.22

19.03.18 To consider planning applications:

9/2018/0120 - THE ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AT 4 BARRONS COURT ELVASTON. **Resolved:** no objection.

9/2018/0017 - APPROVAL OF RESERVED MATTERS OF PLANNING PERMISSION REF: 9/2015/0959 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-FORM ENTRY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND ASSOCIATED ACCESS, CAR PARKING, OUTDOOR PLAY SPACE, SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE, SERVICES, LIGHTING, SIGNAGE AND LANDSCAPING AT BOULTON MOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL WOODSFORD DRIVE BOULTON. **Resolved:** no objection.

04/13/00351 - Land north of Snelsmoor Lane, Chellaston, Derby

Proposal: Outline application for up to 800 dwellings (Class C3) with all matters reserved except access; access to be fixed off Snelsmoor Lane and Field Lane, proposing sustainable drainage system providing attenuation ponds/swales, demolition of existing farm buildings, new primary school (Class D1) with playing field, alongside open space including creation of Country Park (including footpath/cycleways, wildflower meadows, public orchard etc.) and Green Infrastructure network. Full application for 405 dwellings (Class C3) including site roads, landscaping, attenuation pond and play area. **Resolved:** clerk to submit objections raised at a previous consultation (outline application 800 and full application 145 houses under the same appl. number) on 23rd November 2014.

20.03.18 Items for Information only. None

21.03.18 Agenda Items for next meeting

- Digital Derbyshire;
- website maintenance;
- Boulton Moor;
- Elvaston Communities Group and storage of gazebos;
- Elvaston Castle Charitable Trust;
- update on the issue concerning 5 rural village signs;
- Adoption (or not) of the flood plan;
- To invite Hardyal Dhindsa to give a presentation;
- Update on Ambaston Lane repairs (if any);
- Update on car parking issues (if any);
- New notice board for Boulton Moor;
- Memorial plaque in honour of Peter Waters;
- parcels of land for possible tree planting;
- footpath steps at the village green;
- Outcome of the recent salary review meeting.

22.03.18 The APM & Ordinary Meetings will be held on 9th April 2018 at **7.00pm**.

Forthcoming meetings in 2018: 14th May (APCM), 11th June, 9th July.

PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

23.03.18. To move the following resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960): *'that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw'*.

24.03.18. Outcome of the recent salary review meeting. **Resolved:** held over.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm.

Signed

Cllr P Bickerton (Chairman)