

MINUTES OF THE ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th April 2016 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

Present:

Cllr Bickerton (Chairman), Cllr R Russell, Cllr R Strand, Cllr M Beadle, J Irons (clerk) and 4 members of the public.

In Attendance:

County Cllr R Davison and DCllr Peter Watson.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

01.04.16 Declaration of Members Interests

None.

02.04.16. Variation of Order of Business

None.

03.04.16. DCllr Peter Watson

Adding to his earlier annual report DCllr Watson furnished the meeting with the following;

1. SDDC's corporate plan has been approved and will be published on its website in May. This year it includes not only statistics but performance monitoring undertaken by the council.
2. Derby City looks set to house a small number of Syrian refugees.
3. The women's cycle race which passes through South Derbyshire on June 18th will include many activities and encourages bike-riding.

Cllr Rob Davison gave a combined annual and monthly report.

1. DCC is in contact with BT over provision of rural broadband but no time-scale for implementation has been agreed. That said, coverage in the area should reach 98% by 2018.
2. Cllr Davison was disappointed that the HLF bid to help finance renovations at the Castle fell through. Nevertheless, the 10-year plan is in place.
3. He believes the proposed secondary school should be built on the north side of the river Trent; Melbourne state they wish it to be nearer to them.
4. He is hesitant of a combined authority (city/ district and county) for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire because they must have an elected mayor. Cllr Davison does not wish to see counties abolished and unitary authorities taking their place.
5. The County increased its council tax by 3.99%, 2% of which is apportioned to social care needs; this will save some services but not all. As people are living longer the burden will only grow. Despite this latest rise there remains a 75% shortfall in care funding.
6. The next Quarry Liaison Meeting will be held on 26th April (although Cllr Strand thought it to be 20th). Restoration of the site remains an issue.

The chairman thanked all district and county councillors for their attendances over the last year.

04.04.16. Boulton Moor Housing

Nothing to report.

05.04.16. Digital Derbyshire.

Cllr Strand was pleased to report a good response from residents who completed questionnaires over DD's request for information, especially from those in Ambaston. Cllr Strand will now ask DD if it wants these summarised. He also said that an alternative supplier of broadband (Big Blue Rocket) launches in the area this week. The chairman thanked Cllr Strand for his input.

06.04.16. Police Report

The clerk said that no incidents had been logged on the police website for February. Cllr Loakes reported a damaged car at 1 Main Street, Ambaston the previous Saturday night of which the police had been informed. A bike was stolen at another address of which police had not been told. The chairman asked the clerk to remind PCSO Guest of our monthly meetings and ask her to attend the next.

07.04.16. Elvaston Castle Development Board.

Cllr Strand said more meetings had been held recently. The Management Committee being formed as a charitable trust will be in place by the year-end. DCC has commissioned a consultant to report on the ongoing development. Tenders have been received from parties wishing to run the café and the result will be known in a week. At the next meeting on Thursday Cllr Strand will suggest another presentation be held at the village hall in conjunction with the Communities Group which Eve Wilson thought to be a good idea. He will also clarify which items are classed as confidential and those that are not and will revert to Eve.

08.04.16. Elvaston Communities Group.

Eve Wilson reported a good turnout of residents at the public meeting on 24th March who were asked what sorts of activities they wished to see promoted. Some of these may be appropriate to the parish council. This coming Saturday sees an open garden event at the sensory garden with refreshments. The village fete will be held on 30th May. Cllr Russell has printed a new list of events to be displayed on the notice boards which she gave to the clerk.

09.04.16. Public Speaking

None.

10.04.16: To approve the minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th March were approved (pp Cllr Strand, seconded Cllr Russell), accepted as a true record and signed off immediately by the Chairman.

11.04.16: Flooding and Gravel

Cllr Strand declared he could not attend the next Quarry Liaison Meeting at Shardlow village hall.

12.04.16: Matters for Decision or Discussion

12.1 Purchase of speed/slow down stickers on Wheelie bins. **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting.

12.2 Erection of a 'Boulton Moor' sign on Colwell Drive. Clerk wrote to Highways and awaits a response. **Resolved:** to raise this again at the next meeting.

12.3 Possibility of dog fouling prevention notices at the Castle and cutting of Stables Drive hedge. **Resolved:** Cllr Russell to ask Gill Forester about the former; and the clerk to write and thank Gill for cutting the hedge recently.

12.4 Village green registration. Cllr Beadle produced the necessary Land Registry and accompanying forms needed for an application. **Resolved:** Cllr Beadle to obtain a quote from Geldards solicitors to make the application.

12.5 SDDC's supply of car parking notices and parking issues in general. **Resolved:** those members attending the Safer Neighbourhood Meeting in June to ask attendant police officers.

12.6 Checking of the defibrillators. **Resolved:** in times when Cllr Russell cannot conduct checks Cllr Strand will inspect the device sited at the Harrington Arms and Cllr Beadle will check the one at the village hall. Cllr Russell has given log-on details of the Community Heartbeat Trust to these 2 members and made CHT aware of this arrangement. East Midlands Ambulance Service is responsible for the device at Ambaston and CHT is asking EMAS for details of it. In the meantime Cllrs Russell and Loakes will inspect the device.

12.7 Adoption of this year's risk assessment was **approved** and then signed by the Chairman and clerk.

- 12.8 Adoption of a Grants Policy. **Resolved:** clerk to circulate once again to members for further perusal.
- 12.9 To consider a grant application from Elvaston Communities Group in the sum of £530 to support the Castle's sensory garden. This was **approved** (pp Cllr Beadle, seconded Cllr Russell).
- 12.10 To consider a grant application from Elvaston Communities Group in the sum of £179 to support the Annual Horticultural Show. This was **approved** (pp Cllr Loakes, seconded Cllr Russell).
- 12.11 To sign the internally audited accounts for year 2015-16. These were **agreed** and then duly signed by Chairman and clerk.

13.04.16 Councillor's Report

Cllr Strand was pleased to see hedges near to the bus stop on London Road had been cut and did not now impede vision. However he was dismayed to see belated advertising signs on roads, especially around the Thulston traffic island, and feels the advertiser is obligated to remove these once the event date had passed. Clerk to seek advice from Highways.

Cllr Loakes is critical of the 'Ramathon' organisers and said that litter from last year's event has still to be collected. Clerk to inform the organisers to collect or suffer the cost of council arranging collection.

Cllr Russell sent the old defibrillator pads to a 3rd world charity now that the pads have been replaced with new.

14.04.16 Clerk's Report

1. On 22nd March clerk reported a pothole in the junction at Yew Tree Lane to Highways. However, during tonight's journey to the village hall he noticed that this is yet to be done.

2. Clerk asked the website designer to add both a notice to advertise a Boulton Moor member vacancy on the website and the members' Code of Conduct. The clerk thought that the Communities Group page needs updating which Cllr Beadle offered to do.

3. To consider a notice board on the new estate at Snelsmoor Lane. The clerk provided details of a reputable manufacturer of such boards and asked members to view its website. Clerk will also bring further details to the next meeting.

15.04.16 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Members confirmed that they had received recent circulars from the clerk.

16.04.16 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment – cheques to be approved and signed

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
001148	J Irons – Clerk's salary March	507.20	-	507.20
001148	J Irons - clerk home allowance	18.00	-	18.00
001148	J Irons – expense – 3 x 12 books post stamps	19.44	-	19.44
Stand order	N Mansell - Lengthsman pay March	192.00	-	192.00
001149	HMRC – clerk's tax March	56.80	-	56.80
001150	SDDC - bus shelter cleaning x 2	138.00	27.60	165.60
001151	Diane Malley – payroll services 2016/17	102.00	-	102.00
001152	Community Lincs insurance – policy 2016/17	316.78	-	316.78
	TOTAL	1350.22	27.60	1377.82

(b) Income

DCC Rights of Way Grant 2015/16	£ 385.00
Bank interest (year)	14.64
1 st instalment of this year's precept from SDDC	5620.00

(c) Direct Debits

The above R of W grant and precept.

Bank balance as at 31st March 2016 **£29766.93**

17.04.16 To consider planning applications:-

9/2015/0261 -RETENTION OF INCREASED HEIGHT OF PART OF THE ROOF TO ALLOW FOR INTERNAL ALTERATIONS AT 33 MAIN ROAD ELVASTON. **Resolved:** no details had appeared on the SDDC website therefore members will pass any comment to the clerk (if any) when these become available.

18.04.16 Items for information only

One major item had been received by the clerk (invitation to the SDDC Civic Council Meeting on 26th May).

19.04.16 Agenda items for the next meeting.

- Broadband;
- Elvaston Communities Group;
- Elvaston Castle Development Board;
- Boulton Moor Housing;
- Provision of a notice board at Snelsmoor Lane;
- Possibility of road closures for the women’s cycle race on 18th June;
- Purchase of speed/slow down stickers on Wheelie bins;
- Installation of dog fouling prevention notices at the Castle;
- Adoption of a Grants Policy;
- Response (if any) from Highways over erection of a welcome sign on Colwell Drive;
- Response (if any) from Highways over excessive amounts of advertising notices at Thulston traffic roundabout;
- Outcome of an extraordinary meeting (if held) to discuss the provision of a clerk’s pension.

20.04.16 The Annual Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 9th May 2016 at **7.30pm**

The Chairman closed Part 1 the meeting at 8.50pm

PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

21.04.16 – to consider a resolution under the public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960) to exclude members of the press and public in order to discuss the following item.

22.04.16. – Outcome of the finance committee’s meeting to discuss the provision of a clerk’s pension. **Resolved:** an extraordinary meeting to be held at the chairman’s house for further discussion on 28th April at 8pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm

Signed

Cllr P Bickerton (Chairman)