

Minutes of the ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13th February 2017 at the VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

Present: Cllrs P Bickerton (Chairman), T Mansfield, S Spenser, P Loakes and M Beadle.

In Attendance: Cllr Rob Davison, DCllr Peter Watson, 6 residents and J Irons (clerk).

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

01.02.17 To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs R Strand (holiday), R Russell (unwell) and DCllrs Hilary Coyle and Neil Atkin.

02.02.17. Variation of Order of Business

None.

03.02.17 Declaration of Members Interests

None

04.02.17 District and County Councillor's reports

County Councillor Rob Davison

1. Cllr Davison received a reply from Vikki Webb at DCC regarding the start of the Elvaston Quarry extension works due to start in 2018. The noise from the intended conveyer concerns residents in Ambaston and it is proposed to site it 4m below ground level. Following the consultation in 2006 no further noise assessments are required. Cllr Loakes is particularly worried about noise, especially if the top of the conveyer rises above the 4m level and would like this clarified; the actual belt and rollers may protrude above ground level generating dust and noise. Cllr Davison offered to enquire from where the 4m is measured. Kevin Birch is sure there will be noise if the 4m level is breached and will revert to members once he has seen the letter version of the above email received by Cllr Davison from Vikki Webb. Cllr Davison added that compliance by Tarmac must be assured.
2. DCC set its forthcoming year's budget last week, which remains the same as last year's (1.99% council tax increase with a 2% surplus charge for social care). That said, the latter is in crisis and so cuts to services will continue.
3. On request of Aston-on-Trent and the Safer Neighbourhood Forum he had contacted the Police and Crime Commissioner over the public's frustration that police will not share individual addresses with Neighbourhood Watch/ social media despite the victim being willing to divulge it. Cllr Davison received a reply which he will circulate to members and asked for it to be posted on the parish website.
4. A resident asked of any progress over erecting car-parking signs to reduce errant parking and congestion. The clerk had news which he offered to explain at minute 14.5; and Cllr Davison will mention it in his next newsletter.
5. Cllr Davison recently visited the intended sites for locating 2 new boundary signs at Boulton Moor with Cllr Russell and the clerk.

District Councillor Peter Watson

1. The Local Plan Part 2 has been approved and sent to the Secretary of State for examination.
2. A recent planning application for 2 Main Street, Ambaston was discussed and approved by the planning committee.
3. A technical amendment has been made to the OCOR (Our City Our River) application but this will not impact on Elvaston or Ambaston. One resident commented that recent works in Derby may have affected downstream areas; DCllr Watson was unaware but will ask EA. Funding of Phase1 is secure; there are 3 phases to the project.

4. DCllr Watson asked the chairman of the location of a bridge he was due to inspect. It stands between Meadow Nook and Poole Close, over Thulston Brook. DCllr Watson agreed to meet the chairman on site later in the week. A resident highlighted a health & safety issue because children play in the brook when it has dried.
5. DCllr Watson attended the recent EMA liaison meeting. The airport continues to progress and growth is expected to reach pre-2008 levels. DHL cargo service is building a cargo centre which will be 2nd largest in the world. Complaints over noise have decreased. The airport's Community Fund is open to new applications for small grants to fund local projects.
6. DCllr Watson invites comments over waste collection services during the Christmas period, which was deemed unacceptable in some parishes.

District Councillor Hilary Coyle.

In her absence DCllr Coyle sent the clerk a report.

At present the council are undergoing the budget meetings and approving them for the coming year. The council tax has been set at 1.95%, the same as last year, by the Finance and Management Committee and this should be confirmed at Full Council on the 1st March. The Infinity Garden Village expression of interest will be going to the Environment and Development committee on the 2nd March.

05.02.17 Public participation

A resident is concerned that an electrical junction box inside the bus shelter on the B5010 near Broad Lane has its door open; clerk to tell Highways.

06.02.17 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January 2017. These were approved and accepted as a true record after which they were signed by the Chairman (pp Cllr Beadle, seconded Cllr Spenser).

07.02.17 Police Report

The clerk reported that 11 minor incidents in Boulton Moor and 5 in the Rural Ward had been logged on the police website for December. Details are available at <http://www.police.uk/derbyshire/DS03/crime/>.

08.02.17 Website maintenance

Eve Wilson met the Group's website developer, Andy Fern, who agreed to meet parish councillors regarding updating the council's site. In answer to Cllr Mansfield the clerk confirmed that the current web developer has given permission for the castle logo that appears on the existing parish council site to be used on a new site (and the new signage).

09.02.17 Boulton Moor Housing

The chairman reported that dredging of the Thulston Brook had been ongoing for about a week but mud remains on the road and around the workings. If not tidied he will tell the clerk who can contact the city council. He and DCllr Watson arranged to meet this coming Friday to view the bridge at Thulston Brook as mentioned earlier.

10.02.17 Elvaston Communities Group

Eve Wilson circulated posters to members showing dates of upcoming events (Big Band Dance Night, Village Fete and Bingo Night); clerk to insert in notice boards. The fete especially attracts car parking problems so must be monitored. Eve wants to involve the community so will produce a flyer of the poster (to include information about the Group and contact details) to deliver to households. She wondered if the village green may be used for events. Cllr Beadle replied saying council own half of the green and is currently progressing ownership of the remainder. The next Group meeting will discuss its constitution; 4 public meetings will be held each year, the first to be held on 23rd March at the village hall.

Mike Tong reminded attendees of the garden club presentation this coming Thursday at 7.30pm. Cllrs Beadle and Mansfield asked whether the garden club would tend to any proposed planters fitted under the new village and BM signage to which Mike replied it would.

11.02.17 Flooding and Gravel

Kevin Birch announced he has sent a flood plan to DCC and EA although has not received a reply to date; he added that he will circulate this to members. Kevin has tentatively developed a website as an information guide to flooding. Kevin believes a public consultation is needed before the plan can be adopted; the clerk was unsure whether this was the case at Shardlow but will check and revert.

The clerk had received a copy of the technical amendment mentioned by DCllr Watson above and had sent it to Kevin, who replied saying that it relates to minor works within the City and there is nothing that affects either Elvaston or Shardlow. Kevin awaits a reply from Sarah Banks (OCOR Project Officer) about the timing of the agreed enhancement of the Ambaston Flood Bank.

12.02.17 Elvaston Castle Development Board

In his absence Cllr Strand sent a report to the clerk to say he had attended the last Elvaston Castle Development Board meeting and wished to update council with the following items. It is his final report as an Elvaston Castle Development Board member. Cllr Mansfield read it out to attendees:

1. Members of The Elvaston Castle Charitable Trust have now been recruited and letters of acceptance sent out. There are a total of 10 trustees, 4 from the Development Board, 5 new trustees with a County Council representative. I did not seek to transfer from the Board to the Trust. It is understood that one of the new trust members is a resident of Ambaston and so our wish that we have local representation on the Charitable Trust has been honoured. The Board has now met its target of setting up and recruiting the trust on schedule.
2. Weddings - Much interest has been generated for weddings to be held in the Gothic Hall. DCC has been successful in obtaining a grant of £270k for refurbishing the ground floor of the Castle. This may provide the opportunity for wedding ceremonies to be held in other castle rooms.
3. Tea Rooms - The final details are still under discussion but it is still anticipated the tea rooms will open under new tenants by the Spring
4. Toilets - Refurbishment of the Castle toilets will commence in March for completion in 12 weeks. Portaloos will supplement the toilets near the shop during this period.
5. Caravan Park - The drainage issues in the caravan park have now been resolved and the lease is now being looked at.
6. Nursery Garden Walls - Commencement of work to restore this wall is imminent with completion expected by next year.
7. Coach House and 'Classroom'. Renovation work will commence late May/early June.

13.02.17 Chairman's Report None.

14.02.17 Matters for Decision or Discussion

14.1 Village entry signs at Boulton Moor and rural villages. Clerk is progressing with installation of 2 new boundary signs at Colwell Drive and Snelsmoor Lane. The EA site identified on Colwell Drive is actually owned by David Wilson Homes, with which the clerk is in contact. Clerk awaits SDDC's reply over possible planning permission that may be required for the Snelsmoor Lane location.

After measuring the rural signs again clerk deemed it advisable to order larger new signs, to which members **agreed**. Members also **agreed** that all signs should be fitted with new legs and planters beneath.

14.2 storage of the Communities Group's new gazebos. Cllr Mansfield suggested a group be formed to hold meetings between interested community groups to progress the issue. **Resolved:** to be placed as an agenda item for future meetings.

14.3 bank mandate: required signatures for the bank mandate were obtained from Cllrs Loakes and Beadle. The following resolution was passed in accordance with the mandate's requirements: *'the authorised signatories in the current mandate, for the accounts detailed in section 2, be changed in accordance with sections 5 & 6 and the current mandate will continue as amended'* (pp Cllr Bickerton, seconded Cllr Beadle).

Also, as the mandate must be signed by 2 existing signatories (and only one was present) members passed the following resolution: *'that the clerk visit Cllr Russell at home to obtain her signature on the mandate'* (pp Cllr Bickerton, seconded Cllr Beadle).

14.4 registration of the village green. Cllr Beadle awaits the return of completed questionnaires from several residents that are required by the Land Registry.

14.5 car parking issues – discussed earlier.

14.6 allotment rents: members **agreed** to maintain the current rental of £15 per plot per year (pp Cllr Loakes, seconded Cllr Mansfield).

14.7 litter picking along Ambaston Lane and into the village. This will be discussed during the lengthsman’s appraisal soon to be held.

14.8 invitation of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire to a parish meeting. **Resolved:** Clerk to again invite Hardyal Dhindsa, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire, to a future meeting so that members can ask for his views on car-parking, increased crime in the area and lack of attendance of PCSO’s at parish meetings.

15.02.17 Councillor’s Reports

On behalf of the village hall committee Cllr Mansfield will invoice council for its use of the hall in the past year based on 2 & half hours per meeting. He noticed that a warning sign on Ambaston Lane is leaning; clerk to report to Highways. Cllr Mansfield rued that Cllr Hurt’s attendance to meetings is sparse and wondered if another advertisement should be posted to encourage another member. The chairman thought this made little difference as BM is already a member short. Clerk said that the vacancy is posted on notice boards but will update the advertisement.

Cllr Beadle asked the resident concerned to cut the hedge that encroaches over the public footpath on Thulston village green; presently users have to go down the steep slope which can be very slippery. The resident confirmed he will cut it.

In her absence Cllr Russell sent the clerk 2 items of interest but notably she was aware of Eve Wilson’s meeting with Andy Fern and has his contact details if needed.

16.02.17 Clerk Report

Clerk highlighted SDDC’s new Public Spaces Protection Order for the benefit of attendees; this had previously circulated to members.

17.02.17 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils – newsletters

Members had received recent circulars from the clerk.

18.02.17 Finance

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

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
001190	J Irons – Clerk’s salary January	477.40	-	477.40
001190	J Irons - clerk home allowance January	18.00	-	18.00
Stand Order	N Mansell - Lengthsman pay January	192.00	-	192.00
001191	HMRC – clerk’s tax January	60.80	-	60.80
001192	DCC – clerk’s pension January	123.58	-	123.58
001193	Mywheeliebin – speed stickers for waste bins	99.99	-	99.99
001194	DALC annual subscription for 2017/18	403.71	-	403.71
	TOTAL	1375.48	-	1375.48

(b) **Income**
None.

(c) **Bank balance as at 31st January 2017** **£30,127.57**

(d) As only one bank signatory was present members passed the following resolution: *‘that the clerk visit Cllr Russell at home to obtain her signature on the above cheques’* (pp Cllr Bickerton, seconded Cllr Beadle).

19.02.17 To consider planning applications:

9/2017/0045 - PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, WITH EAVES OF 2.5 METRES AND MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 3.98 METRES EXTENDING 4.5 METRES FROM THE REAR WALL AT 35 SEVENLANDS DRIVE BOULTON MOOR. **Resolved:** no objection.

9/2017/0072 - LISTED BUILDING CONSENT FOR THE REBUILDING OF PART OF THE NURSERY GARDEN BOUNDARY WALL AND TO CARRY OUT ESSENTIAL REPAIRS TO ALL OTHER SECTIONS AT ELVASTON CASTLE COUNTRY PARK BORROWASH ROAD ELVASTON. **Resolved:** no objection.

9/2016/1322 - THE ALTERATION AND EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING CRICKET PAVILION AND ASSOCIATED WORKS AT CRICKET GROUND ELVASTON CRICKET CLUB BORROWASH ROAD ELVASTON. **Resolved:** no objection.

9/2017/0021 - IMPROVEMENTS AND INCREASES TO VOLUME OF THE EXISTING DRAINAGE DITCHES AT THULSTON FIELDS FARM SNELSMOOR LANE THULSTON. **Resolved:** no objection.

9/2017/0051 - THE ERECTION OF AN EXTENSION, PORCH AND GARAGE AT 11 SILVER LANE THULSTON. **Resolved:** no objection.

9/2016/0887 - THE DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUNGALOW AND ERECTION OF A TWO STOREY DETACHED DWELLING AT 2 MAIN STREET AMBASTON. **Resolved:** no objection although DCllr Watson mentioned this in his report (see above).

20.02.17 Items for Information only. The clerk circulated 1 item of interest.

21.02.17 Agenda Items for next meeting

- website maintenance;
- Boulton Moor;
- Elvaston Communities Group;
- Elvaston Castle Charitable Trust;
- Invitation of PCC;
- Registration of the village green (questionnaires);
- Update on car parking issues and signs, and BM signage (if any);
- Storage facility for gazebos (as a main AGENDA item);
- Outcome of clerk's and lengthsman's appraisal (if held).
- Apologies for absence from the next meeting received from Cllr Loakes.

22.02.17 The next Ordinary Council Meeting is on 13th March 2017 at **7.30pm**.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm.

Signed

Cllr P Bickerton (Chairman).