

# **MINUTES of the ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at the VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON**

## **Present:**

Cllr P Bickerton (Chairman), Cllr R Russell, Cllr R Strand, Cllr M Beadle and Cllr T Mansfield.

## **In Attendance:**

DCllr Peter Watson, CCllr Rob Davison, 4 residents and J Irons (clerk).

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

## **PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

### **01.01.16. Apologies**

Cllrs C Hurt and S Spenser (work commitments).

### **02.01.16. Variation of Order of Business**

None.

### **03.01.16 Declaration of Members Interests**

None

### **04.01.16 Digital Derbyshire**

Nothing to report

### **05.01.16 Police Report**

The clerk reported that 3 minor incidents in Boulton Moor and 2 in the Rural Ward had been logged on the police website for November. Details are available at <http://www.police.uk/derbyshire/DS03/crime/>.

### **06.01.16 District and County Councillor Reports**

#### **County Councillor Rob Davison**

1. CCllr Davison had nothing new to report but is keeping track of any upcoming events with issues such as removal of road humps on Church Drive, broadband provision, Elvaston Castle and an impending council tax rise of 2% or more.
2. He will attend the Local Plan Part 2 presentation at this village hall on 28<sup>th</sup> January.

#### **District Councillor Peter Watson**

1. Public consultation events over the Local Plan Part 2 continue until 12<sup>th</sup> February (one of which is mentioned above). It addresses small housing sites and settlement boundaries of certain villages; comments are encouraged and welcome. SDDC must make recommendations over the inspector's findings which will take place from end-February to mid-March. Confirmation of the form taken by the LP part 1 will be decided in May.
2. The intended site of the primary school to be installed at Boulton Moor was moved in order to be within the catchment of all 3 phases of housing development. That said, this has not been agreed yet and DCllr Watson will revert. It is unlikely the Park & Ride scheme will be built and the intended site for shops/ community centre may also be moved. Phase 1 of the development now has a limit of 1200 dwellings that may be built.
3. EA has confirmed that the flood bank at Ambaston will be raised to 500mm and DCllr Watson will discuss the issue again with EA again at a meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January at Shardlow. EA state that the bank will be raised before phase 2 of the OCOR scheme begins.
4. The Secretary of State has approved the building of a crematorium near Aston on Trent.
5. Upcoming meetings include: 19<sup>th</sup> January (2pm) – EA/DCC at Shardlow village hall;  
26<sup>th</sup> January – Melbourne Safer Neighbourhood and Area Forum at Stanton-by-Bridge village hall;

9<sup>th</sup> March – parish waste & recycling meeting at SDDC.

6. DCllr Watson will attend the next airport liaison meeting.

As in the last meeting Cllr Strand had concerns over the changed site for the proposed primary school and the playing fields at Boulton Moor; regarding the latter he wondered if houses were going to be built on the original site. Cllr Mansfield asked of the possibility of a secondary school; DCllr Watson replied to say one is required in south Derbyshire, the location of which is as yet undecided although the most realistic sites will either be in Stenson or Sinfin.

#### **07.01.16 Public participation**

An Ambaston resident claimed that EA will not conduct any improvement to the flood bank and certainly nowhere near the 500mm intended. As mentioned above DCllr Watson will raise this with EA and rued that recently Biffa/DCC could not confirm the level of bank intended.

Another resident thought the new road markings at the Thulston traffic roundabout were confusing. He wishes to see hedges near to the showground on the B5010 cut; clerk to ask the farmer.

**08.01.16 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015.** These were approved and accepted as a true record once a minor amendment had been made after which they were signed by the Chairman (pp Cllr Russell, seconded Cllr Beadle).

#### **09.01.16 Boulton Moor Housing**

Clerk received a message from Persimmon Homes saying it allows the council to erect a public notice board at Snelsmoor Lane. **Resolved:** clerk to ask PH if it will pay for the board.

#### **10.01.16 Elvaston Communities Group**

Eve Wilson reported the success of the recent coffee morning arranged by Elle Bickerton which raised £401 for charity (Big Build Tanzania) and was pleased to see the involvement of younger people. The website is almost live; the first item to be added will be the WW1 exhibition. The Group is planning many activities through the Facebook page including a big-band 40's evening. The Chairman thanked Eve for her input and especially for hosting the coffee morning.

Cllr Russell suggested holding a first aid course to which Eve will look into. A resident added that if such a course is held defibrillator training should be included. The Chairman thought delivery of flyers to households would promote the event.

#### **11.01.16 Elvaston Castle Development Board**

Cllr Strand was unable to report after last week's Board meeting. Clerk to invite the Chairman of the Board to attend the next meeting.

#### **12.01.16 Flooding and Gravel**

Nothing further to add.

#### **13.01.16 Chairman's Report**

A fund raising quiz night event is planned to be held at the Harrington Arms on 22<sup>nd</sup> February in aid of Child Reach – Tanzania.

#### **14.01.16 Matters for Decision or Discussion**

**14.1** To consider speed/slow down stickers on Wheelie bins and VAS signs. Clerk obtained and circulated quote for the wheelie bins; and asked Highways for a quote for VAS signs, which it failed to do. **Resolved:** Cllr Mansfield to arrange to buy a sample of stickers to be tested on bins; and clerk to ask Highways again for a VAS quote.

**14.2.** Clerk asked Gill Forester whether prohibition dog fouling notices are acceptable placed around the Castle grounds but received no response **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting.

**14.3** finance committee’s decision on the forthcoming year’s precept, to sign form A requesting this from SDDC and to sign the form requesting the concurrent expenses grant (s136) for 2015/16. **Resolved:** the 2016/17 precept level is set at £10820 and the 2 relevant forms were duly signed by Chairman and clerk.

**14.4** Cllr Russell produced the deeds which contained some information regarding the village green. **Resolved:** Cllr Beadle to enquire at her place of work (Geldards solicitors) and assuming a conveyancing solicitor is prepared to inspect them, Cllr Russell to deliver the deeds for their perusal.

**14.5** Whether to opt in to new auditing procedures for smaller authorities in 2017/18 and the cost of doing so. DALC advised that the cost of such has not yet been decided.

**14.6** Possible co-option of a resident to the council. **Resolved:** Mr Paul Loakes was accepted to the council by a unanimous vote and hence signed his declaration of acceptance of office and register of interests forms. The Chairman welcomed him to the council.

#### **15.01.16 Councillor’s Reports**

Cllr Strand highlighted that the defibrillator at the Harrington Arms could not be accessed via its code; Cllr Russell offered to examine and will either remind the local resident who inspects it of the code or have council consider another person to regularly check it.

Cllr Mansfield is annoyed that an advertising hoarding stands on road signs at the junction of Broad Lane and A6; clerk answered to say he reported this to Highways last week and received a reply (see below). Also, a 30mph sign in Elvaston village needs repair; clerk wrote to Highways a few weeks ago but will remind them.

Cllrs Beadle and Mansfield between them noted 3 instances of errant car parking, 2 at Grove Close and the other at Silver Lane. Cllr Russell offered to apply to SDDC for ‘inconsiderate parking’ notices that may be placed on windscreens; and the Chairman offered to raise the matter at the next Safer Neighbourhood meeting.

Cllr Russell reported a pothole at Grove Close; clerk to inform Highways. She also noticed an incident of fly-tipping on Ambaston Lane and will report it to the SDDC clean team.

#### **16.01.16 Clerk Report**

1. A resident rang SDDC to voice concerns over possible flooding that may result from blockages at Thulston Brook. SDDC inspected the culvert under the Main Road (B5010), under the Private Castle drive and the brook, and from the footpath adjacent to Grove Close. All seemed fine with water flowing very well. No issues or restrictions to the brook were evident.
2. Clerk sent the SDDC Flood Liaison meeting minutes (last year) and agenda (July) to Kevin Birch and Peter Waters at Ambaston who presently oversee flooding issues there.
3. Clerk notified Highways of 2 private signs that are an obstruction in Shardlow and Thulston; the company advertises Mini Diggers for hire. The one on the A6 at Thulston opposite Broad Lane obstructs road traffic signs. Highways confirmed they will investigate.
4. Clerk uploaded Cllr Hurt’s details onto the website (without photo) but could not upload tonight’s agenda because the website technician did not respond to the clerk’s request for help.

#### **17.01.16 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils – newsletters**

Members had received recent circulars from the clerk.

#### **18.01.16 Finance**

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

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Tot493£
001133	J Irons – Clerk’s salary in December	493.40	-	493.40

001133	J Irons – Clerk's home allowance	18.00	-	18.00
001134	N Mansell - Lengthsman pay in December	174.00	-	174.00
001135	HMRC – clerk's tax in December	53.40	-	53.40
001136	Fox Grounds Maintenance – cutting village green	450.00	90.00	540.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1188.80</b>	<b>90.00</b>	<b>1278.80</b>

(b) **Income**  
None.

(c) **Direct Debits**  
None

**Bank balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015                      £26,159.04**

**19.01.16 To consider planning applications:**

None

**20.01.16 Items for Information only**

A couple of items of interest were circulated by the clerk

**21.01.16 Agenda Items for next meeting**

- Boulton Moor;
- Broadband;
- Elvaston Communities Group;
- Elvaston Castle Development Board and visit of the Board's Chairman (if offer accepted);
- Purchase of speed/slow down stickers on Wheelie bins and VAS signs quote;
- Possibility of dog fouling prevention notices at the Castle;
- Outcome of the finance committee's meeting with the lengthsman and provision of a clerk's pension;
- Allotment rentals;
- Outcome of the Safer Neighbourhood meeting (including any comments over car parking notices);
- Checking of the defibrillators at the Harrington Arms and at Ambaston;
- To sign the clerk's 2016/17 contract of employment.

**22.01.16** The next Council Meeting is on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman closed Part 1 of the meeting at 9.25pm

**PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**23.01.16** – 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.

**24.01.16** – Outcome of the finance committee's meeting with clerk and lengthsman. The meeting with the clerk was held on 8<sup>th</sup> January with new terms **agreed**. It was **agreed** that a meeting with the lengthsman be arranged week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> January.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm

Signed .....

CLlr P Bickerton (Chairman).