

# **Minutes of the ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at the VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON**

**Present:** Cllrs P Bickerton (Chairman), R Strand, M Beadle (taking minutes) and Simon Spencer.

**In Attendance,** CCllr/ DCllr Neil Atkin, DCllr Peter Watson 2 residents.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introduced Emma Beech, a resident from Boulton Moor who would like to become a Parish Councillor for the Boulton Moor Ward.

Emma gave her resume – she has lived in Boulton Moor for 2 years. She started “Spotted Boulton Moor” on FaceBook, has lots of free time. Has experience maintaining websites. Ran a mental health centre and has worked with children and horses. She enjoys engaging with people and is happy to speak in public. **Resolved:** Cllr R Strand proposed that Emma becomes a Parish Councillor and Simon Spencer seconded. The Parish Councillors introduced themselves to Emma and welcomed her.

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

**01.06.18 To receive apologies for absence** Cllrs T Mansfield and B Russell and Dr J Irons - clerk (holiday). Paul Loakes was not present.

**02.06.18. Variation of Order of Business:** Item 6 was bought forward to item 3.

**03.06.18 Declaration of Members Interests** None declared

### **04.06.18 Councillor’s Reports:**

1. DCllr Watson advised he is looking into how many recreation facilities and open spaces we have in the area, cricket, football etc.
2. He has been invited to join Elvaston Castle sub-committee as an adviser and would like to know the Parish Council’s feelings on the proposed new road.
3. He mentioned the Community Fund with regard to Elvaston Cricket Club’s proposed planning application as they were unsuccessful with Heritage Funding Application.
4. Melbourne Area Forum will be held in Barrow tomorrow 12<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm. This will run straight on with the police section of the meeting and will be over by 8.30pm.
5. After attending the Boulton Moor Housing Liaison Group Meeting last week he feels that things are considerably better and attitudes are good. He spoke to the Contracts Manager after the meeting and spoke of the brook on Field Lane. They said “Persimmon” cannot help, however they would be amenable to put some pipes over the brook to walk over and make a “farmer’s crossing”. Persimmon’s name could not be put to this work however. Before this is done, landowner’s permission would have to be given.

In response, Cllr Strand confirmed that the Boulton Moor meeting was a very positive meeting. However, he is concerned about the Section 106 monies and what they are being used for. He did not get the clear message that the money was going towards LOCAL amenities. With regard to the Park and Ride, what is the purpose, why do we need one? Will it be paid for by S106 monies as local residents will not use it? Lastly Cllr Strand confirmed he did not agree with the entrance to the Elvaston Castle being on the roundabout on the A6, especially with the amount of new houses and the proposed park and ride. The roundabout is already very congested.

DCllr Watson confirmed that he would arrange for a Planning Officer to attend a Parish Council Meeting regarding the S106 monies and suggested the September meeting. He will also look at the provision of post boxes. Suggested we start the meeting earlier to facilitate this.

CCllr Neil Atkin gave his apologies for not attending the Master Plan meeting, however he did not know about it. CCllr Atkin is involved with the Elvaston Castle consultation at both County and District level. He is happy to hear views. New Officer Sue Brailsford has replaced Alison Thomas.

With regards to the planning application for repairs to the coach house, Cllr Atkin confirmed that this application had nothing to do with the Master Plan and the work is to make the building watertight.

Cllr Atkin is also aware that the new access road will cause problems. He is aware that there could be problems with the construction traffic and officers are looking at this.

He thanked Cllr Beadle for the email with regard to parking in Elvaston village during the Village Fete. He has spoken to officers and the Highways Manager is going to visit Elvaston to carry out a site visit and will put a report together. He will bring this to the Parish Council for approval, hopefully at the next Parish Council Meeting. He did emphasise that this is completely separate from the Elvaston Castle Master Plan. It has been suggested that Elvaston Castle Trust introduce a Management Team to look at the traffic situation.

Cllr Atkin notified that there is an event at Elvaston Castle on Saturday, held by the Rotary Club, of which a cabinet member is a member.

In response, Cllr Strand asked for the Highways site visit to be extended to Grove Close in Thulston.

A member of the public suggested that the Police Traffic Manager should be contacted but there was a difference of opinion as to whether the police could enforce parking problems.

#### **05.06.18 Elvaston Castle**

The Chairman advised that the Elvaston Castle Consultation Meeting was very well attended. Cllr Strand thought it worked well with some good questions and enough niggles to keep them on their toes. It was very positive and hopes the residents thought the same. Thanks was given to Cllr Strand for arranging in Cllr Bickerton's absence. It was suggested that the Parish Council should make a speedy response to the presentation. Cllr Strand will circulate the last response by email and all other councillors should give their suggestions for further responses. Cllr Beadle thought that something should be mentioned about what the public would like to see, shops etc. Clerk to thank Peter Robinson for coming addressing the community again.

#### **06.06.18 Digital Derbyshire**

Cllr Beadle mentioned that Open Reach had been out and looked at removing the pole in a resident's garden in Thulston. It was wondered whether this was a sign that things were starting to be surveyed.

#### **07.06.18 Councillor's Reports**

1. Cllr Spencer said that he thought the Fete was a great day and well attended.
2. Cllr Beadle confirmed she had purchased flowers for Rosie as thanks for her cutting the hedge at the war memorial and she was very pleased with these. She also reported that the grass on the Thulston roundabout was very long. It was blocking the view of drivers approaching the roundabout which could end up being very dangerous.
3. Cllr Strand also said he thought the Fete went very well. He also mentioned that the gate on the allotments had broken and someone may need to look at the post. Cllr Strand also noted that the bus stop on Shardlow Road had been taken away and re-tarmaced, but wondered whether we are going to get a replacement bus stop.
4. Cllr Beech thanked all for voting her onto the Committee.

#### **08.06.18 Website Maintenance**

The following was agreed:

- Councillors' details need to be put on
- The Clerk needs to put on all historic minutes and agendas
- Spelling mistakes need to be sorted out
- Cllr Beech volunteered to assist with website maintenance
- Cllr Strand to take photos at September meeting and all Cllrs to produce a write-up on themselves

#### **09.06.18 Elvaston Communities Group**

- Eve Wilson thanked everyone for their accolades.
- Eve has met with Gill at Elvaston Castle re the parking at the Fete and they have said will work closer with the Communities Group in future. The Cricket Club hold the Lease and have to apply to Elvaston Castle to get permission to run the Fete. Cllr Strand said a risk assessment should be put in then the Castle can be held responsible.

- Elvaston Castle have said one more year for the fete and then they don't know what will happen.
- Don't want the fete to get much bigger but thought more demonstrations and games would be good.
- It was suggested more food stalls and games. Also, if games are being played, i.e. cricket, could the residents be advised so that they get a chance to play.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June there is a Coffee Morning for Marie Curie
- The Apple Festival will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> October.
- Eve gave apologies with regard to the plaque for Peter Waters. Paul Loakes to get a date from relatives for plaque to be unveiled.

**10.06.18 Public Speaking**      None

**11.06.18 To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018.** These were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman (pp Cllr Strand and seconded by Cllr Spencer).

**12.06.18 Boulton Moor Housing**

Matters were previously discussed with regards to the tour of the site. Trigger points for facilities were questioned. Peter Watson to arrange meeting for June 2019. Issues still outstanding are dog bins and post boxes.

Cllr Beech said the main concerns are:

- Lack of children's play facilities
- Buses
- Dog bins
- Post boxes
- State of road – not tarmacked properly and left unfinished which made it hard for people with prams etc.

**Resolved:** Clerk to contact Tony Clarke at Persimmon and Peter Watson regarding the road surfaces and pavements.

**13.06.18 Flooding and Gravel**

Kevin Birch produced a booklet with regards to flooding and asked for feedback from the Parish Council.

He is trying to get a Personal Plan from the Environment Agency and will forward for approval. He would like to get this booklet distributed before the winter.

Kevin attended the local Flood Liaison Meeting and Cllr Strand gave his apologies. The Northern extension is mandated to start work before October 2019. Tarmac said opening will depend on development of HS2. There are 21 conditions to satisfy before starting. There is a District Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June at Swadlincote.

**14.06.18 Police Report** April – 8 reports of minor incidents in Buttercup Leys and 3 in the rural ward.

**15.06.18 Chairman's Report**

The dog club will be contacting the Village Hall Committee regarding the cutting of the grass at the village hall as this has not been done.

Members of the Parish Council should have keys for the noticeboards. The clerk to get another set of keys cut.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Beech.

**16.06.18 Matters for Decision or Discussion**

1. Car parking issues – this has already been discussed and DCllr Atkin is addressing this.
2. Avenue of tree at the Castle – The type of tree was discussed. Could we get a public right of way? Kevin will discuss with Tarmac
3. Parcels of land for possible tree planting – no discussion
4. Update on Ambaston Lane repairs – 250 potholes have been mended. Kevin has sent letter of thanks.
5. Update on GDPR regulations – none
6. To consider a new waste bin and 'no traffic' sign at Buttercup Leys – this was discussed and agreed that Cllr Beech would look at where these could be situated and report back at the next meeting.
7. Update on bridge between Poole Close and Field Lane – already mentioned in Cllr Watson's report
8. To adopt the modified clauses in the new standing orders – to be discussed at next meeting
9. SDDC's reply over steps on the village green – Cllr Beadle read the letter of response and it was agreed that we would get a quote to get it done ourselves.

10. Request from the cricket club for a financial grant – we are waiting for Grant Application to come back from the Cricket Club.

**17.06.18 Clerk’s Report**

SDDC wrote on 31<sup>st</sup> May and advised that they do not know who’s responsibility this traffic is and to confirm location. Jonathan responded the next day.

**18.06.18 Finance**

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

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
001269	J Irons – Clerk’s salary May	497.43	-	497.43
001269	J Irons – home allowance & expenses May	159.31	-	159.31
Stand Order	N Mansell - Lengthsman pay May	285.60	-	285.60
001270	HMRC – clerk’s tax May	62.20	-	62.20
001271	DCC – clerk’s pension May	134.43	-	134.43
001272	Paul Fox - removal of village signs (Elvaston)	25.00	5.00	30.00
001273	Robert Lewis Signs – new notice board Colwell Drive	800.00	160.00	960.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1963.97</b>	<b>165.00</b>	<b>2128.97</b>

(b) Income – allotment rent £ 30.00  
 HMRC – reimbursement VAT 2017-18 on 14<sup>th</sup> May 619.00  
 (c) Bank balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 £33656.33

Cllr Strand has another Allotment rent.

**19.06.18 To consider planning applications**

REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW EXTERNAL STAIRCASE TO THE GRADE 11 LISTED COACH HOUSE RANGE AT ELVASTON CASTLE COUNTRY PARK. **Resolved:** Cllr Strand proposed that this is supported and Cllr Beech seconded. All Councillors agreed for the work to be carried out in view of purely maintaining the structure of the building.

**20.06.18 Items for Information** None

**21.06.18 Agenda items for the next meeting** As per previous meeting.

**22.06.18 Date of next meeting** – The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday 9th July at 7.30pm.

**PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**23.06.18.** 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’.*

**24.06.18 Update on signage.** Cllr Beadle read response from Highways. For the purpose of the minutes the clerk can now confirm he is negotiating with the supplier and if necessary its solicitor.

**25.06.18 Outcome of recent finance meeting (if held).** It was agreed that the decision made in February was correct.

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

Signed ..... Cllr P Bickerton (Chairman).