

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

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

In Attendance, DCllr Peter Watson, CClr Neil Atkin, 3 residents and J Irons (clerk).

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

01.11.17 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr C Hurt and DCllr Hilary Coyle (work commitments).

02.11.17. Variation of Order of Business: None

03.11.17 Declaration of Members Interests: None

04.11.17. Digital Derbyshire. CClr Atkin provided an update in his report below.

05.11.17. Elvaston Castle Charitable Trust. Nothing to report

06.11.17. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Russell stated that the defibrillator pads at the village hall need replacing in December.

Cllr Beadle was pleased to confirm that the missing street sign on Main Road has been replaced but not the one at Yew Tree Lane. A resident had complained that weed killing at Thulston Green resulted in some of the grass around the edges being killed.

Cllr Loakes reported that a resident has tripped on jagged concrete near a water mains cover outside number 20 Grove Close. Two culprits were caught hare-coursing on Sunday night; police were involved and an air-rifle was found.

The chairman noted that the door frame to the shed outside the village hall is loose and may encourage a break-in; clerk to report to Evadne Robbins.

07.11.17. District and County Councillor's reports

District Councillor Peter Watson

1. Congestion arising from car-parking during events held at the Castle are the responsibility of the organiser. DCllr Watson is assessing whether SDDC can erect parking notices to discourage errant parking.
2. DCllr Watson responded to the clerk who asked him to pursue an ongoing enquiry at district council over the erection of a parish sign on Chellaston Lane; this is a Highways issue.
3. A recent incident of fly-tipping on Ambaston took 27 days to clear; this was due to it being a large amount of refuse requiring a bigger lorry to remove it. Such a length of time is uncommon; in 2016 800 incidents were addressed which took on average 2 days to clear. So far this year the average is 4 days.
4. At the recent Gravel Liaison Meeting Tarmac claimed that restoration of the land is being carried out.
5. East Midlands Airport will give a presentation at 7pm on Monday 20th November in Weston Village Hall to the Parish Council on the Airport's flying activities and future developments.
6. the final stage of the Local Plan Part 2 was approved last week although a 6-week 'cooling-off' period continues to allow for possible appeals. Three appeals were raised over Part 1 but all were refused.

Cllr Strand rued the increase in fly-tipping and believed the introduction of charges at land-fill sites has exacerbated it. He thought the Clean Team should not be burdened with this but instead asked whether SDDC would address it. DCllr Watson replied saying district council do not charge for home collections (as Derby City does) but does charge for bulky items. In addition, it has successfully prosecuted offenders of the practice. Cllr Loakes asked if covert

cameras are present in some locations to catch offenders and thought private home security cctv could be assessed to help catch culprits. DCllr Watson will look into and revert.

County Councillor Neil Atkin

Cllr Atkin apologised for his recent absences due to a lengthy illness.

- 1. He offered to respond to Mr Birch's enquiry regarding the provision of Broadband in the area. DCC officers are talking to BT and will visit our villages soon to update.*
- 2. A plan to renovate Elvaston Castle is in progress which involves an application to the HLF for funding to renovate the main and outbuildings. Cllr Atkin will revert soon.*
- 3. The site of an intended new secondary school has not yet been decided; both Thulston Fields and Infinity Village at Stenson are possibilities. The latter is preferred due to TF lying in the greenbelt. Numbers differ over the intended places to be provided (min 2000 pupils) but the school must be ready within 5 years. It is intended to have academy status but must be assessed first. It will cost c£15m and will include playing fields. A new primary school will be built at Chellaston Fields which should be in place by 2019.*
- 4. Cllr Atkin attended an airport meeting on Friday. Cargo firms are expanding and planning permission has been sought for car parks. He also attended a fire authority meeting last week; fire stations will be improved. The station on Ascot Drive is the main control centre for Derbyshire and is a community centre, as is Swadincote's. These newly designed stations will allow for more community safety activities to take place and have been designed to be inviting and welcoming to the public. Community activities that focus on areas such as health, education, housing and employment and crime and disorder are available. An 8-minute response time is the target.*

Cllr Strand asked whether Phase 3 of DCC's broadband connection programme will be complete by 2018. Cllr Atkin said this is the intention and other parishes have successfully received the service.

The chairman thought that access to the Castle car park now being via a card may result in more cars parked on roads, especially as there is an upcoming running event on 10th December. Cllr Atkin believed cars use the main car park on Borrowash road but will check.

Mr Birch thought faster response times could be achieved with a fire-service car carrying basic equipment. Cllr Atkin accepted that this is fine for small incidents but serious fires require the attendance of 1 or 2 engines. The use of fast-response ambulances is currently increasing.

08.11.17. Website maintenance.

Cllr Mansfield announced that he has almost finished the set-up of a new parish website. Until this is ready Cllr Beadle will post future agendas and minutes on the Communities' Group Facebook page; clerk to send these in pdf format.

9.11.17 Elvaston Communities Group including storage of the new gazebos.

Eve Wilson was pleased to report that the bingo evening on 27th October was a success. Attendance was good and several attendees are keen to see another held next year; however the pensioners refreshments event needs to be reconsidered in future. Christmas carols will be sang at the Harrington Arms on 17th December at 6.30pm; a band will be present and a raffle held. Nothing further to report on gazebos.

10.11.17 Public participation No further contribution.

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

12.11.17 Boulton Moor Housing Nothing further to report.

13.11.17 Flooding and Gravel

Mr Birch stated that the northern extension of the Tarmac quarry will open in 2019 although will not operate until demand for aggregates increases. He deemed this a form of opening, closing and opening again once the demand appears hence this does not constitute a formal opening. Kevin is also concerned that conveyors above ground will be noisy, although Tarmac confirmed that working will cease if such noise becomes excessive. Restoration work is ongoing.

14.11.17 Police Report

The police website reports 12 minor incidents at Boulton Moor and 8 in the rural ward for September. Details are available at <http://www.police.uk/derbyshire/DS03/crime/>.

15.11.17 Chairman's Report.

The chairman advertised council seat vacancies on the Boulton Moor Facebook page and received 2 replies although these have not come to fruition. A Christmas meal will be held at the Harrington Arms on 15th December. A Children's Rainbow Hospice run will take place on 10th December at the Castle (starting at 10.30am and lasting 2 hours) and the chairman believes that parking congestion will occur, as mentioned above. He suggests that the first hour of car parking be provided free of charge; clerk to ask Cllr Atkin.

16.11.17 Matters for Decision or Discussion

16.1 Entry signs at Boulton Moor and rural villages. Clerk has applied to Highways for a licence to erect a village boundary sign on Chelleston Lane; and received a reply from Barrett Homes over the possibility of a sign at Colwell Drive. Barrett Homes is still perusing our request. The rural signs will be delivered on Thursday; clerk to inform the installation contractor.

16.2. Car parking issues; covered earlier.

16.3 To adopt recently updated council policies. **Resolved:** accepted.

16.4 Registration of the village green. Cllr Beadle reiterated that the solicitor has lodged the planning application with DCC and matters are progressing. She is also investigating the open space at the Greenway on Woods Meadow and will conduct a Land Registry search to determine whether it is registered.

16.5 Defibrillator issues. Due to the recent tragic death of an Ambaston resident from a suspected heart attack Mr Birch has called for a first-aid/defibrillator course to be held locally. **Resolved:** Mr Birch to investigate the various courses (St. John's Ambulance etc) and produce suggestions either for the next meeting or January's. Cllr Strand thought it wise for the Communities Group to promote it.

16.6 To pass a resolution to sanction the extended absence of a member. **Resolved:** clerk to ask the councillor if he wishes to resign.

16.7 arrange a hedge trim to utilise the Rights of Way grant. Clerk announced that he has arranged this with the contractor (which the grant will fund); Cllr Russell confirmed that the work was done earlier in the week.

16.8 Memorial plaque in honour of Peter Waters. Eve Wilson kindly suggested that a bench in the sensory garden be used for this purpose to which members **agreed**. The chairman added that council will supply a brass plaque once the bench has been cleaned.

16.9 budget review. **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting, a finance committee meeting to be held in the interim.

17.11.17 Clerk Report

1. Clerk asked DCC about a possible road layout change between Alvaston and Thulston, who are not aware of any changes being planned. Clerk then asked Derby City Council and awaits a reply. However, a resident in tonight's meeting said notices are now displayed; the road is closed from 8pm-6am for 6 nights.

2. Clerk asked SDDC on 11th Oct to trim a cherry tree outside 39 Grove Close and the chestnut tree on the village green. Cllr Russell commented that this had not been done; clerk to remind SDDC.

3. the reply from DCC regarding the trees on Ball Lane reads *'our tree inspector has carried out an inspection and reports that the trees are healthy and free from problems overhanging the highway. A highway inspector has also visited site and no actionable defects have been found on the footway therefore at the present time no action is required. Please be assured that both the trees and the footway condition will continue to be monitored and action taken as necessary'*. Clerk to reply asking for trees to be pollarded to ensure that the telephone cables are not stretched in high winds etc.

4. Noel Baker Academy will no longer be providing an external printing service from January.

5. Clerk asked the contractor to trim both the village green and the footpath on Ball Lane; Cllr Russell confirmed that this has been done as mentioned above.

6. Kevin Birch attended the recent Elvaston Liaison Meeting in October where discussion took place over the restoration of 'The Avenue' (Elvaston Avenue) as a s106 condition attached to Tarmac's Planning Permission to quarry the northern extension. He is concerned that there is a heritage argument for retaining The Avenue and restoring it to its original form and thought The Avenue should be opened up and accessible to all. Further, restoring the missing trees (Lime or preferably Oak) along The Avenue addresses the issue. Kevin has asked DCC about these issues and awaits a reply.

18.11.17 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils – newsletters. Members confirmed that they had received recent circulars from the clerk.

19.11.17 Finance

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

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
001233	J Irons – Clerk’s salary October	995.06	-	995.06
001233	J Irons – home allowance October	36.00	-	36.00
Stand Order	N Mansell - Lengthsman pay October	544.00	-	544.00
001234	HMRC – clerk’s tax October	124.20	-	124.20
001235	DCC – clerk’s pension October	268.86	-	268.86
001236	Vic Venus – village hall mowing June - November	126.50	-	126.50
	TOTAL	2094.62	-	2094.62

(b) **Income** none.

(c) **Bank balance as at 31st October 2017** **£34, 486.24**

20.11.17 To consider planning applications:

Consultation.

9/2017/0196 - OUTLINE APPLICATION (ALL MATTERS RESERVED) FOR THE ERECTION OF TWO DWELLINGS AT 41 GROVE CLOSE THULSTON. Still pending although Cllr Beadle confirmed that this appears on the SDDC website but application forms cannot be accessed.

21.11.17 Items for Information only. Clerk circulated 1 item.

22.11.17 Agenda Items for next meeting

- website maintenance;
- Boulton Moor;
- Elvaston Communities Group and storage of gazebos;
- Elvaston Castle Charitable Trust;
- Possible resignation of a member;
- First-aid and defibrillator course;
- Registration and ownership of the Greenway open space;
- Update on car parking issues and BM signage (if any);
- Plaque for the sensory garden bench;
- Budget review;
- Apologies for absence from the next meeting from Cllr Strand.

23.11.17 The next Council Meeting is on Monday 11th December 2017 at 7.30pm.

Forthcoming meetings in 2018: 8th January, 12th February, 12th March, 9th April (APM & Ordinary).

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

Signed

Cllr P Bickerton (Chairman).