

# **Minutes of the ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at the VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON**

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

**In Attendance,** DCllr Peter Watson, 2 residents and J Irons (clerk).

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

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

### **01.10.17 To receive apologies for absence**

Cllrs S Spenser C Hurt and R Strand (work commitments), CCllr Neil Atkin and DCllr Hilary Coyle (work commitments).

### **02.10.17. Variation of Order of Business: None**

### **03.10.17 Declaration of Members Interests: None**

### **04.10.17. Digital Derbyshire. Nothing to report.**

### **05.10.17. Elvaston Castle Charitable Trust. Nothing to report**

### **06.10.17. Councillor's Reports**

Cllr Russell believed that a cherry tree at 39 Grove Close should be trimmed, the resident has asked SDDC for 2 years without success. Clerk to contact district council.

Cllr Beadle highlighted missing street signs at Yew Tree Lane, Ball Lane and Grove Close. Clerk has reported (and reminded ) SDDC of the first 2 but not the latter which appears to have disappeared recently. She criticised drivers for parking cars in front of residents' gates, footpaths, Ambaston Lane and Silver Lane during the recent Woodland Festival event at the Castle on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September. She believes traffic cones might deter this practice; DCllr Watson thought it either the responsibility of either the organiser or the police and offered to investigate.

Cllr Mansfield noted that the hedge next to the village green has now been trimmed by the resident. Members thought the footpath here is not wide enough; clerk to ask DCC Rights of Way to inspect. The Golden Gates Gallop was run on the previous day by c175 participants; all had applied online. He thanked the Communities Group for its agreement for use of the gazebos. Cllr Mansfield assumed that the cricket club car-park could be used for parking at the Castle during events; Cllr Russell offered to speak to Gill Forester but only after the next meeting where CCllr Atkin's input may first be gleaned.

Cllr Loakes rued the fly-tipping on Ambaston Lane; the clerk had been aware and had reported it to the Clean Team. He noted that a resident of Ambaston has an asbestos roof on a wall in his garden and has asked Tarmac to remove or repair it (due to being on Tarmac's land). However, the resident has not received a reply from the company. Cllr Loakes has dealt previously with a person at Tarmac over the jet-ski issues and will contact him.

### **07.10.17. District and County Councillor's reports**

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

1. DCllr Watson is convinced that car-parking charges at the Castle are excessive and hence counterproductive.
2. the clerk asked him to pursue an ongoing enquiry at district council over the erection of a parish sign on Chellaston Lane; clerk to send the details to him again.
3. At a meeting last week the inspector found that the Local Plan Part 2 contained legally incorrect items; it will be resubmitted and hopefully be finalised by 2<sup>nd</sup> November.
4. The next Gravel Liaison Meeting will be held tomorrow at Shardlow Village Hall.
5. The site of an intended new secondary school has not yet been decided although Thulston Fields is a possibility.
6. Noise from night flights continues to blight some villages, especially Weston. DCllr Watson has arranged a meeting, which will be attended by airport representatives, at Weston on 20<sup>th</sup> November and which will include a question and answer session. Other parishes are welcome to attend.

7. The race track now has a responsible operator who is raising the bund to around 10' in an effort to reduce noise. That said, most noise disturbance emanates from rock concerts held there.

8. DCllr Watson will peruse any local planning applications if asked by council.

### **County Councillor Neil Atkin**

In his absence Cllr Atkin sent the following to the clerk:

*1. On the matter regarding the increase of parking charges at Elvaston Castle which I am very annoyed about and have asked for an explanation as no prior consultation took place. There are other ways of raising funds for the Castle without the need to put up parking charges.*

*2. I will update you on the options for a new secondary after a meeting this morning at Matlock.*

### **08.10.17. Website maintenance.**

Clerk has asked the site's provider several times to attend to an ongoing problem that does not allow documents to be uploaded, but without reply. Clerk to contact him again, Cllr Beadle provided his phone number.

### **9.10.17 Elvaston Communities Group including storage of the new gazebos.**

Eve Wilson announced a bingo evening on 27<sup>th</sup> October at the Harrington Arms at 7.30pm. All equipment has been supplied and she stressed that this is not purely a pastime for more mature residents. Flyers will be delivered in the villages but not at BM; this will receive greater attention next year to raise the Group's profile. Further, she hopes that council will become more involved too.

Eve wondered if car-parking can be arranged at the cricket ground when the fete is due to be held. Cllr Mansfield thought this unlikely as this event takes place during the cricket season. He added that Cllr Atkin ought to be involved in this discussion (as mentioned above).

The sensory garden is looking splendid. Eve will arrange a carol singing night for the 17<sup>th</sup> December although a nativity play will not be performed this year. The gazebos are currently stored in a resident's garage in Ambaston but are becoming damp; also the insurance of them is to be discussed further.

### **10.10.17 Public participation**

A resident complained that car-parking times at the Castle are too short which encourages drivers to park on roads. He said that the Derby Telegraph announced a change to the road system, running from Elvaston to Alvaston although public notices are absent in the area; clerk to ask Highways.

**11.10.17 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017.** These were approved and accepted as a true record after which they were signed by the Chairman (pp Cllr Russell, seconded Cllr Beadle).

### **12.10.17 Boulton Moor Housing**

A resident had complained about vandalism although this has since gone quiet and the police had been informed. Another resident complained of a neighbour problem; the clerk referred her to a department of Derby City Council. As council is still a member short at BM clerk will produce a new advertisement for the notice boards and send it to the chairman and Cllr Beadle to post on the Communities' Group Facebook page.

### **13.10.17 Flooding and Gravel**

Mr Birch was absent the meeting but told the clerk he has received a response from the EA over a draft parish flood plan submitted a few months ago. He also sent apologies for the Elvaston Quarry Liaison meeting tomorrow night. Cllr Strand has already tendered his apologies in advance.

### **14.10.17 Police Report**

The police website reports 9 minor incidents at Boulton Moor and 2 in the rural ward for July; and 7 minor incidents at Boulton Moor and 2 in the rural ward for August. Details are available at <http://www.police.uk/derbyshire/DS03/crime/>.

### 15.10.17 Chairman's Report.

The chairman believes a tribute to the recently deceased Peter Waters would be fitting, in the form of a memorial bench, plaque or other commemoration. Both the sensory garden and at the new village sign at Ambaston were mooted as sites. Members **agreed** to discuss at the next meeting while Eve Wilson will raise it with the Communities Group committee.

The German Shepherd Club has enquired about insurance for its equipment stored in the outbuilding at the village hall; the insurer decided that the door to the building should be replaced. Members **agreed** that the GSC should discuss this with the VHC; Cllr Mansfield added that it should be discussed at the next village hall meeting. A quiz night will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm at the Harrington Arms and flyers will be distributed to advertise.

### 16.10.17 Matters for Decision or Discussion

16.1 Entry signs at Boulton Moor and rural villages. Clerk has asked and reminded SDDC several times of the possibility of a village boundary sign on Chellston Lane but without reply. Clerk now to send DCllr Watson the details for him to chase as mentioned above. Likewise no replies were received from David Wilson Homes over council seeking permission for a sign on Colwell Drive; clerk to continue to chase. The 5 new rural signs are now ready and members **agreed** to the contractor's quote to install; clerk to arrange delivery and installation.

16.2. Car parking issues and signs. Clerk received Highways' reply over possible installation of no-parking signs around Thulston and Elvaston similar to those on Elvaston Lane, Alvaston. These signs are not permitted under the regulations therefore no more signs may be erected. Further, the existing signs will remain in situ until they expire and will not be renewed.

16.3 To adopt recently updated council policies. **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting.

16.4 Registration of the village green. Cllr Beadle confirmed that the solicitor has lodged the planning application with DCC; matters are progressing and any objections must be received by the county council on or before Thursday 9 November 2017. The clerk met a resident at the Greenway at Woods Meadow last week who asked whether bollards could be placed around the green space although the clerk considered an application for registration here. Cllr Beadle will conduct a Land Registry search to determine whether it is already registered.

16.5 Jet-skiers on the quarry lagoon at Ambaston; presently not posing a problem.

16.6 members **agreed** to contribute £150 to this year's RBL poppy appeal.

16.7 Hedge cutting and general trimming of Thulston village green. **Resolved:** clerk to ask the contractor to cut and to ask SDDC whether it will trim the chestnut tree on the green.

### 17.10.17 Clerk Report

1. Clerk delivered council documents to the records office in Matlock for years 2001 – 2017 on 25<sup>th</sup> August.

2. After a complaint from a resident on Ball Lane clerk informed DCC on 22<sup>nd</sup> August of overhanging branches that interfere with telephone lines and which would also pose a problem on the road if any should fall.

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

### 19.10.17 Finance

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

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
001222	J Irons – Clerk's salary July	497.63	-	497.63
001222	J Irons – Clerk's salary August	497.43	-	497.43
001222	J Irons – expenses July & August - see attached sheet	170.51	-	170.51
Stand Order	N Mansell - Lengthsman pay July	272.00	-	272.00
Stand Order	N Mansell - Lengthsman pay August	272.00	-	272.00
001223	HMRC – clerk's tax July	62.00	-	62.00
001223	HMRC – clerk's tax August	62.20	-	62.20
001224	DCC – clerk's pension July	134.43	-	134.43
001224	DCC – clerk's pension August	134.43	-	134.43
001225	Paul Fox Landscaping – removal of village signs	350.00	70.00	420.00
001226	Alexander & Co. Solicitors LLP: registration of village green	891.00	176.00	1067.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3343.63</b>	<b>246.00</b>	<b>3589.63</b>

N.B. as the above payments were made outwith a council meeting in September members ratified these.

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
001227	J Irons – Clerk's salary September	497.63	-	497.63
001227	J Irons – Clerk's home allowance September	18.00	-	18.00
Stand Order	N Mansell - Lengthsman pay September	272.00	-	272.00
001228	HMRC – clerk's tax September	62.00	-	62.00
001229	DCC – clerk's pension September	134.43	-	134.43
001230	Grant Thornton LLP – external audit 2016/17	100.00	20.00	120.00
001231	Jeff Whitaker – new padlock & keys for allotment gate	36.00	-	36.00
001232	RBL poppy appeal (as agreed earlier)	150.00	-	150.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1252.06</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>1272.06</b>

- (b) Income  
Allotment rent £ 15.00
- (c) Bank balance as at 30th September 2017 £35,606.26

**20.10.17 To consider planning applications:**

9/2017/0944 - LISTED BUILDING CONSENT FOR THE RE-ROOFING OF A SLATED REAR SECTION OF ROOF AT THURLESTON GRANGE LONDON ROAD THULSTON. **Resolved:** no objection.

9/2017/1026 - THE ERECTION OF A DETACHED GARAGE AT AMBASTON LANE FARM AMBASTON LANE AMBASTON.

**Resolved:** no objection.

Consultation.

9/2017/0196 - OUTLINE APPLICATION (ALL MATTERS RESERVED) FOR THE ERECTION OF TWO DWELLINGS AT 41 GROVE CLOSE THULSTON. Still pending.

**21.10.17 Items for Information only.** Clerk circulated 2 items.

**22.10.17 Agenda Items for next meeting**

- website maintenance;
- Boulton Moor;
- Elvaston Communities Group and storage of gazebos;
- Elvaston Castle Charitable Trust;
- Registration of the village green and ownership of the Greenway open space;
- Update on car parking issues and signs, and BM signage (if any);
- to adopt recently updated council policies;
- Memorial plaque in honour of Peter Waters.

**23.10.17** The next Council Meeting is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Signed .....

Cllr P Bickerton (Chairman).