

Minutes of the ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th September 2017 at the VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

Present: Cllrs P Bickerton (Chairman), R Strand and Mansfield.

In Attendance: DCllrs Hilary Coyle and Peter Watson, 6 residents and J Irons (clerk).

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Cllr Mansfield kindly took the minutes in the absence

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

01.09.17 To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs C Hurt (work commitments), Loakes (holiday), Russell (holiday) and Beadle (holiday). S Spenser CCllr Neil Atkin

02.09.17. Variation of Order of Business: item 4 was moved to item 6.

03.09.17 Declaration of Members Interests: None

06.07.17. Digital Derbyshire.

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06.07.17. Elvaston Castle Charitable Trust.

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04.09.17. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Beadle highlighted a missing street sign at Yew Tree Lane, clerk to report. She noted that the hedge on Main Road has now been trimmed.

Cllr Strand rued that debris had appeared at the allotments but tenants hired a digger to remove it; tenants have since spoken to the culprit. Consequently a new padlock has been fitted to the gate but Cllr Strand has only 1 key; members **agreed** the council should fund the purchase of 10 new keys, one of which is for the Communities Group. Cllr Loakes confirmed that builders at Ambaston have offered to remove the existing village sign in readiness for a new one at no charge.

05.07.17. District and County Councillor's reports

District Councillor Peter Watson

1. DCllr Watson apologised on behalf of the attending district and county councillors for being slightly late due to part of the A50 being closed, which resulted in a detour.

2. The Flood Liaison Meeting held on 22nd June was successful with all agencies in attendance. The works to Ambaston are due to be completed before Phase 2 of the OCOR scheme begins but this is not confirmed; outline planning only has been submitted. Once Phase 2 begins, protection for Ambaston must be secure although EA have alluded to this albeit without intent at present.

3. A fly-tipper caught dumping around 80 tonnes of rubbish in South Derbyshire was given a fine and a six-month suspended jail sentence after SDDC applied to the court for a prosecution. In addition his vehicle was seized.

4. The consultation on Local Green Spaces Development plans will accept comments until 7th August.

All amendments have been made to the Local Plan Part 2 and the changes appear in a new document, consultation of which lasts from 7th July – 18th August. The Plan should be finalised by September which sees the completion of an 8-year assessment.

County Councillor Neil Atkin

Condolences.

I would like it recorded for the record to ask the Parish Council to forward my sincere condolences to Peter Waters family after he passed peacefully away recently (funeral notice in the Derby Telegraph)

He made a significant contribution to all matters in village life in particular the issues relating to the River Trent and Elvaston Quarry over the years

He will be sadly missed by all who knew & worked with him.

1.

To bring matters to date I have forwarded the letter from Kevin Birch to Digital Derbyshire. Officers have responded to Kevin's questions and he has submitted further enquiries needing clarification.

Following this response I have arranged to meet Digital Derbyshire early next week to pursue progressing the Broadband deal for the affected Parishes.

Will send a copy of the full response when all the facts are known.

2.

I am still awaiting a response from the Cabinet member Tony King to update me on progress from the Trustees of Elvaston Castle and their recent meeting.

There being no other business to date due to Council staff taking annual leave for holidays in August.

Best regards

1. The Castle has its own fibre broadband line and so as Digital Derbyshire does not fund this it cannot be pursued.

DCC continues to endeavour to supply broadband to the area and modelling will be undertaken in the next few months.

2. Parking charges have been scrapped in Matlock with the possibility this will be rolled-out county-wide.

3. Staff changes are afoot at county hall to save £300k. The chief executive and a senior director position will be terminated. A new post of strategic director will be discussed on 26th July. 588 other posts are to be retired but some replacements will occur over the next 4 years.

4. Councillor Atkin has been appointed to several outside bodies save for the Elvaston Castle Trust; Tony King will attend these meetings. Councillor Atkin met Peter Robinson, a local trustee, who had received a quote of £200k to refurbish the Gothic Hall. Costs of £8m have been mooted for renovations of the Castle although the final figure could be £40m. The shortfall may derive from HLF and other grants. The car-parking machine will be re-assessed and redundant farm buildings may be converted to chalet cabins to encourage tourism. Outbuildings at the Castle may be turned into craft shops which could produce an income of c£500k per year. The first wedding event took place last Saturday and 20 more are planned for the rest of the year although these may disturb residents living close to the walled garden. The high wall in the walled garden will be repaired. Showers will be reinstated at the caravan park and a shop is proposed.

Mr Birch asked about car-parking charges; Councillor Atkin asked Mr Birch to email him with his concerns but added that this is in the hands of the trustees. Eve Wilson asked if stables can be included within the craft shops; Councillor Atkin said this is not intended at present. Mr Jeffries asked if the old racket courts could be revamped; Councillor Atkin suggested he put his request in an email.

5. Highways are looking at the footpath provision at Snelsmoor Lane; Councillor Atkin will revert once he has an update.

07.07.17 County and district councillors left at 8.05pm.

08.07.17. Website maintenance.

Cllr Mansfield had sent the clerk an email advising that we renew the present domain through the existing website provider for now; clerk has done this.

9.07.17 Elvaston Communities Group including storage of the new gazebos.

Eve Wilson said a summer break is forthcoming so no events are planned. A new website is being created and Eve showed council the template. The Group's constitution will be examined again soon and she asked members for their comments, especially the inclusion of new items. A fun dog show featuring the German Shepherd Club will be held on Sunday 6th August. Discussion over the gazebos to be held over to the next meeting.

10.07.17 Public participation

Mr Shaw complained that vehicles travelling on Borrowash Road to the recent steam rally were close to running pedestrians over; this would have been avoided if the hedges had been cut. Clerk to ask SDDC. A ticket machine at the Castle had been vandalised.

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

12.07.17 Boulton Moor Housing

The chairman reported that grass is beginning to grow after being re-seeded at the open space area on Colwell Drive, however it is still fenced off.

13.07.17 Flooding and Gravel

Mr Birch had attended the Flood Liaison meeting on 22nd June where he reported the jet-skiers at Ambaston. The minutes of the FLM confirmed that SDDC will report these to the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership. He also questioned the OCOR flood alleviation works at Ambaston as mentioned above at minute (05/07/17).

Mr Birch raised the run-off from Boulton Moor contributing to raised water levels in the villages and is concerned about the width of channels. Cllr Russell offered to show him the culvert running under the A6.

14.07.17 Police Report

The police website reports 9 minor incidents at Boulton Moor and 7 in the rural ward for June. Details are available at <http://www.police.uk/derbyshire/DS03/crime/>. Other recent incidents include:

Mike Tong reported that a handbag was stolen from Stables Cottage;

Cllr Beadle said a battery was stolen from the vicarage;

Cllr Loakes reported that diesel was taken from a builder's site at Ambaston; and

A resident noted that charity bags (collecting for Air Ambulance etc) had been taken from pavements recently.

15.07.17 Chairman's Report. A charity walk of c5miles is intended on 29th July beginning at the Harrington Arms at 9.30am; residents are welcome to join the group.

16.07.17 Matters for Decision or Discussion

16.1 Entry signs at Boulton Moor and rural villages. Clerk reminded both SDDC and David Wilson Homes seeking permission for the installation of 2 new boundary signs at Colwell Drive and Snelsmoor Lane on 7th July. After discussion members agreed on a contractor quote for removal of 5 rural signs; and to order 5 new signs. Cllr Loakes was pleased to report that the builders at Ambaston offered to remove that sign free of charge.

16.2 car parking issues and signs. Clerk reminded DCC over possible installation of no-parking signs on 7th July and still awaits Highway's reply stating if these would be legal after sending them photos of those on Elvaston Lane.

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.

16.5 Jet-skiers on the quarry lagoon at Ambaston. Discussed earlier although Mr Birch added this activity is Tarmac's

responsibility to rectify. Criminal damage must have taken place before the police will investigate, otherwise it constitutes a civil action only. However, a new security company has been appointed who claim it will attend the scene within 20 minutes of being notified of such activities. It also offers to conduct regular patrols.

. **Resolved:** agreed.

17.09.17 Clerk Report

1. A resident at Sevenlands Drive complained about a plethora of learner
2. After the clerk applied to the

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

19.09.17 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 |
| | TOTAL | 3343.63 | 246.00 | 3589.63 |

- (b) **Income**

None

- (c) **Bank balance as at 31st August 2017** **£38,908.89**

20.07.17 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.

9/2017/0847 - THE ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AT 30 MAIN STREET AMBASTON

9/2017/0834 - THE CONVERSION OF THE GARAGE INTO LIVING ACCOMMODATION AT 8 MOUNTFIELD WAY BOULTON MOOR.

9/2017/0811 - DEMOLITION OF ATTACHED GARAGE AND THE ERECTION OF A DETACHED DWELLING WITH DETACHED GARAGE AND PARKING AREA AT 32 WILLOW CROFT BOULTON MOOR.

9/2017/0822 - APPROVAL OF RESERVED MATTERS FOR ACCESS, APPEARANCE, LANDSCAPING, LAYOUT AND SCALE TO FACILITATE THE REORIENTATION OF 9 DWELLING OF PLANNING PERMISSION REF: 92015/0612 (BOULTON MOOR PHASE 1C) AT LAND AT SK3931 5448 SNELSMOOR LANE CHELLASTON.

9/2017/0826 - APPROVAL OF RESERVED MATTERS OF PLANNING PERMISSION REF: 9/2015/1104 FOR THE RE-PLAN OF PART OF THE SITE AND THE ADDTION OF 1 DWELLING,(BOULTON MOOR PHASE 1D) ON LAND AT SK3931 5448 SNELSMOOR LANE CHELLASTON.

9/2017/0891 - THE ERECTION OF A FIRST FLOOR SIDE EXTENSION AND CONVERSION OF EXISTING WORKSHOP TO A RESIDENTIAL ANNEXE 55 MAIN STREET AMBASTON. **Resolved:**

Resolved: no objection.

21.09.17 Items for Information only. Clerk circulated 2 items.

22.09.17 Agenda Items for next meeting

- website maintenance;
- Boulton Moor;
- Elvaston Communities Group and storage of gazebos;
- Elvaston Castle Charitable Trust;
- To place Elvaston Charitable Trust further up the agenda;
- Registration of the village green;
- Update on car parking issues and signs, and BM signage (if any);
- to adopt recently updated council policies;
- Jet-skiers at Ambaston.

23.09.17 The next Council Meeting is on Monday 9th October 2017 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

Signed

Cllr P Bickerton (Chairman).

Dear Lewis,

In point 1 of Freeth’s letter I challenge why, despite being for information only, they felt it acceptable to send the previous valuation to DEKM; this had not been agreed between the directors either. Mr Jeffries concludes that it ‘would be inappropriate for the reports to be provided’. This statement must stand for all 3 reports therefore he should not provide any, including the one from 28th April 2011 as mentioned in his letter to DEKM on page 2. I maintain that if Mr Jeffries is adamant on providing a valuation for information it should be the latest Mather Jamie one; this was created on the same basis and subsumes the contents of the previous (apart from the valuation figure itself). Consequently he can have no argument with this.

On point 2, grudgingly I accept the premise although must state that Mrs Cornish has suggested the company pay for other, non-related business issues in the past -including the intended mediation session between the parties 2 or 3 years ago .

Regards,

Jonathan

9/2017/0968 - THE FELLING OF TWO SYCAMORE TREES COVERED BY SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 09 AT 4 STURGES LANE THULSTON.