

Minutes of the ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th November 2018 at the VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

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

In Attendance: CCllr Neil Atkin, DCllr Peter Watson, 9 residents and J Irons (clerk).

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

01.11.18 To receive apologies for absence:

E Beech (otherwise engaged) and DCllr Hilary Coyle. James Byng resigned on 25th October.

02.11.18 Variation of Order of Business: none

03.11.18 Declaration of Members Interests: none

04.11.18 Comments on the Elvaston Castle Action Group Presentation on 8th October:

Rachel Scott (in attendance) asked whether the council would formally write to the county council to support its proposal which was **agreed**; this to be sent to DCC before its Cabinet meeting on 10th December (see CCllr Atkin's report below). She will hold a presentation event which can be advertised through flyers and on the website; Rachel will draft the flyer and circulate to members before distribution.

DCllr Watson supports the Castle's Action Group proposals and is trying to garner the same from his colleagues at district council.

Cllr Strand thought that the Castle Action Group had provided positive comments and considered that they and the parish council share the same sentiment.

05.11.18 Digital Derbyshire:

The Digital Derbyshire Programme Manager wrote an update as follows;

With regard to the delivery of fibre broadband to Elvaston, Thulston and Ambaston, I can advise that all three areas have been included within the next tranche of deployment through the Digital Derbyshire programme.

The timescales for these areas to be enabled are between January 2020 and June 2020, however there is a possibility that these timescales may be brought forward. BT will be undertaking detailed planning and site surveys over the coming months, and once these have been undertaken, we will be able to provide a more detailed breakdown in terms of timescales and deployed technology.

Cllr Strand is dismayed and disillusioned that this process has taken such a long time and suggested that if no progress had been made by the New Year then another meeting at Matlock should be arranged.

06.11.18 Councillor's Reports:

Cllr Strand remarked that the hedge at the corner of Main Road near the caravan park is overgrown and impedes pedestrian passage; clerk to write to the resident.

Cllr Mansfield had received complaints from parishioners over the lack of large and small WW1 commemoration poppies in the area. The clerk received one by email to which he explained that council were too late in ordering these.

Cllr Beadle noted a problem with Big Blue Rocket's broadband service because the old mast was dismantled, a new one erected but this too encountered lack of signal. She received an explanation from BBR, part of which said 'in the coming weeks, we are planning to assemble a 15 meter mast that will provide a higher clearance zone than is currently available. The equipment on the farm requires a much needed update to stay in line with the current generation. We expect Elvaston remarked to receive better signal strengths with a new base unit and antenna assembly with plans to replace existing antennas with Generation 2 equipment for all our customers in both Thulston and Elvaston'. Cllr Beadle will post the full reply on Facebook.

07.11.18: District and County Councillors' report:

DCllr Peter Watson.

1. Waste collection in Christmas week is scheduled to occur on Tuesday but as this is Christmas Day green and brown bins will not be emptied and black bins will be postponed; all is explained in the leaflet to be circulated soon.
2. The consultation over Green Spaces will conclude on 19th November, comments are welcome.
3. in answer to a resident's (in attendance) enquiry regarding sports facilities DCllr Watson noted that the area has 40 football, 1 rugby and 12 cricket pitches, 5 tennis court venues, 13 bowling clubs, canoeing opportunities at Twyford, swimming pool at Etwall, clay pigeon shooting in some locations and the Velodrome Park in Derby.
4. The 1st round of allocations for Community Grants finishes on 22nd November; most of the funds have now been placed.
5. DCllr Watson will arrange a Persimmon liaison meeting to be held prior to the next council meeting on 10th December. The chairman mentioned that there has been no update on the bridge between Pool Close and Field Lane; DCllr Watson suggested this be raised at that meeting.

Cllr Neil Atkin

1. An SDDC officer recently inspected fly-tipped waste at the church ground and found evidence of identity; a prosecution of the offender looks likely.
2. Cllr Atkin has been appointed to as vice-chair to the airport's Independent Consultative Committee.
3. Highways has investigated the possibility of speed signs on Snelsmoor Lane and decreed that this may be an issue for SDDC. It might also be finance constrained.
4. Work on the 1st phase of Derby's flood defence (a 13.2 km stretch of the River Derwent from north of Darley Abbey through to Alvaston Park) includes new flood defence walls starting at Darley Abbey and working along the river through Chester Green. It is expected to be completed by the end of December 2019. Mr Birch commented that EA has deferred responsibility to the City council while Cllr Strand was under the impression that work was to be started in our rural areas before it commenced in the City.
5. A DCC Cabinet meeting will be held on 10th December to discuss a public consultation over the Castle Action Group's plans for Elvaston Castle. Cllr Atkin has suggested that a working party be formed at Matlock to investigate DCC's Master Plan. Strengthening of the garden walls will begin in January at a cost of c£46k. When asked by the chairman whether he would support the Action Group's counter proposal Cllr Atkin **confirmed** that he would; this can be documented in the upcoming flyer.

08.11.18 Website Maintenance: Cllr Mansfield has created pages on the site onto which the clerk has uploaded historic minutes and financial information. Cllr Mansfield has created a page for flood plan documents and will add the Action Group's flyer once agreed. He also created a page for council's policies which the clerk can now upload. The Facebook feed from the site is void. WW1 commemoration photographs will be inserted soon.

09.11.18 Elvaston Communities Group:

Eve Wilson thanked the Group for creating yesterday's WW1 event within 2 days; and Cllr Beadle for offering refreshments after the service. She is keen to see the Group and council resolve any problems in the area together through joint collaboration. Two councillors presently sit on the Group's committee which forges a link between the parties. A Gazebo had been stolen recently which was insured but an excess needs to be paid. Eve wondered where liability lay. Cllr Mansfield suggested that this be discussed at the next meeting with the Group. Christmas carols will be held on 16th December at the Harrington Arms at 7pm; a brass band will attend and any donations are welcome. Ideas of support for charities during next year are also sought. The chairman thanked the Group for its WW1 event and was pleased to see a good turnout of residents. He asked whether the group will support the Action Group's proposal; Eve said the Group would write to Matlock . Finally Eve thanked attendees at the 'apple day' held on 20th October at Beechwood Caravan Park.

10.11.18 Public Speaking:

A resident is concerned about the increase in traffic and congestion around Buttercup Leys as more housing is built; the chairman replied saying he will raise it at the upcoming Persimmon liaison meeting.

11.11.18 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th October 2018: These were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman (pp Cllr Strand and seconded Cllr Beadle).

12.11.18 Boulton Moor Housing: Persimmon liaison meeting to be held on 10th December at 6.45pm.

13.11.18 Flooding and Gravel:

Kevin Birch is in the process of having his flood plan booklet printed after which they can be distributed around Ambaston. Derby University will print the leaflet, letter and plan for £82.50; with envelopes and print labels this should total under £100 which council **agreed** to fund. The leaflet is now on the website and includes emergency telephone numbers. Kevin has added a useful contacts page which includes an email address (info@elvastonfloodplan).

At the last quarry meeting it was agreed that 500 tons of gravel will be excavated at Ambaston after which 7 years may elapse before Tarmac need to apply for an extension of time for further extraction. Mr Birch referred to Tarmac's opening of the Northern extension to the quarry. There were traffic issues created when loading and unloading heavy plant that blocked Ambaston Lane about which he wrote to Tarmac and the County Council. Tarmac needed to have completed 21 conditions prior to the start of the project, one being the development of a plan for preserving the integrity of the Avenue as a landscape feature and its management in the ensuing 20 years. An arboreal review and 20 year 'Tree and Avenue Management Plan' starts this year. Mr Birch confirmed that DCC has no objection to oak trees being planted and to reduce hedges to 2m in height to enhance views from the Castle. When he meets Tarmac next April he will discuss access points to and from the Avenue.

14.11.18 Police Report: September - 15 reports of minor incidents in Boulton Moor and 1 in the rural ward.

15.11.18 Chairman's Report:

The chairman again thanked the Communities Group for its WW1 event and for holding the 'apple day'; and to Cllrs Strand and Beadle for their input over the former. He reminded councillors that another member is needed for the BM ward after the recent resignation; the clerk confirmed he has posted a notice of vacancy and invitation to residents for an election on the BM notice boards. The chairman confirmed that this council supports the Castle Action Group's proposals.

16.11.18 Matters for Decision or Discussion:

1. Car parking issues. Some members completed the questionnaire from DCC suggesting options for implementing more permanent measures, such as yellow lines. Clerk was granted a time extension for comments but reiterated that members should submit their comments soonest.
2. Avenue of trees at the Castle; discussed earlier.
3. Parcels of land for possible tree planting. **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting.
4. Update on bridge between Pool Close and Field Lane (if any). **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting and to be raised at the Persimmon liaison meeting.
5. To adopt the modified clauses in the new standing orders. **Resolved:** after a minor amendment these were adopted.
6. To consider the quotes for installing steps on the village green. **Resolved:** clerk obtained 2 quotes and will meet a 3rd contractor later this week. In addition the SDDC grounds manager will assess the area soon to ensure access is maintained for its grass mowers.
7. Reply from Highways regarding VAS signs/ chicanes on Main Road. Highways has refused the installation of signs or chicanes. However, members note that a police speed camera van is regularly parked on Main Road.
8. New 'welcome' sign at Colwell Drive. Clerk met the City Council inspector and discussed 3 possible sites for the sign, one within the City boundary and the other 2 lying within the county/district area. However, tonight clerk received confirmation that City will not allow it on their land. Clerk now to enquire at county and district councils.
9. To raise the Ambaston Lane repairs with the county councillor. **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting and to ask the county councillor within his reporting slot.
10. To discuss the possibility of online banking. **Resolved:** clerk to enquire at the bank.
11. To consider a Grant Application from the Elvaston Castle Action Group and waive requisite clauses in council's Grants Policy. **Resolved:** the grant application for £500 (and hence suspension of the clauses) was agreed in principle (pp Cllr Mansfield, seconded Cllr Russell) but first the finer points must be discussed at another meeting to be arranged soon.
12. To consider a Grant Application from the cricket club. **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting.
13. Budget review. **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting.
14. Photos of members to be taken. **Resolved:** Cllr Strand took photos of members present and the clerk which he will forward to Cllr Mansfield for insertion on the website.

17.11.18 Clerk's Report:

1. Dangerous Ash tree branch at 41 Grove Close. Martin Buckley, SDDC's tree officer said no TPO exists and the tree can be felled. Cllr Russell has conveyed this to the resident.
2. New waste bins. SDDC await a new supply of bins from the contractor. Large generic waste bins to be placed at Pool Close/ Mountfield Way, Sevenlands Drive/ Buttercup Leys and at the Borrowash Road bridge.
3. Update on the replacement of the bus shelter on the A6 near Thurlston Grange. This is under an insurance claim which has not yet been finalised.
4. Allotment issues. Cllr Strand furnished the clerk with the latest list and plot numbers of tenants. All rentals have now been received and one plot remains vacant.
5. The deadline for ordering poppies from the British Legion was 11th September and unfortunately council missed this date (i.e. had not decided whether to participate) which was mentioned earlier. The clerk received an email from a disappointed resident at the lack of support (around Thulston and Elvaston) for this year's Armistice Remembrance day to which he responded saying we were too late to order these.
6. Clerk reported a leaning and damaged road sign at the junction of Broad Lane and the A6 to Highways for repair.

18.11.18 Finance:

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

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
001289	J Irons – Clerk's salary October	711.14	-	711.14
001289	J Irons – home allowance October	18.00	-	18.00
Stand Order	N Mansell - Lengthsman pay October	285.60	-	285.60
001290	HMRC – clerk's tax October	193.41	-	193.41
001291	DCC – clerk's pension October	208.34	-	208.34
002192	Nunsfield House –clerk employment meeting 15 th October	15.00	-	15.00
002193	Royal British Legion – poppy appeal	150.00	-	150.00
002194	Community Heartbeat Trust – new battery for HA defibrillator	235.00	47.00	282.00
002195	ATD Audio Visual: inspection of VH, HA & Ambaston defibrillators	73.50	14.70	88.20
	TOTAL	1889.99	61.70	1951.69

- (b) **Income** – allotment rents £30.00
Western Power wayleave 4.60
- (c) **Bank balance as at 6th November 2018** £ 30204.23

19.11.18 To consider planning applications:

9/2016/0166 - OUTLINE APPLICATION (ALL MATTERS TO BE RESERVED) FOR THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR UP TO 550 UNITS, A 2 FORM ENTRY PRIMARY SCHOOL, STRATEGIC ROAD LINKS (CONNECTING BOULTON MOOR PHASE 1 AND SNELSMOOR GRANGE) PUBLIC OPEN SPACE INCLUDING CHILDREN'S PLAY PROVISION, SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE AND LANDSCAPING AND ANCILLARY SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE (BOULTON MOOR PHASE 2) ON LAND AT SK3931 2744 MILL HILL BOULTON MOOR. **Resolved:** to be discussed at the Persimmon liaison meeting.

20.11.18 Items for Information: no major items of interest had been received.

21.11.18 Agenda items for the next meeting:

- update on car parking issues (if any);
- parcels of land for possible tree planting;
- update on the bridge on the footpath between Pool Close and Field Lane (if any);
- update over quotes for installing steps on the village green (if any);
- update on Colwell Drive signage issue (if any);
- To raise the Ambaston Lane repairs with the county councillor;
- Update regarding online banking;
- to consider a Grant Application from the cricket club;
- budget review;
- To sign (or not) clerk's contract for 2018/19.

22.11.18 Date of next meeting: the next Council Meeting will be held on Monday 10th December at 7.30pm. Members are advised that the Persimmon liaison meeting will be held 45 minutes prior to this at 6.45pm. Part 1 of the meeting closed at 10.00pm.

PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

23.11.18. 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’.*

24.11.18 24. To approve minutes of the recent clerk’s salary review meeting held on 15th October and to sign the clerk’s contract for 2018/19. **Resolved:** the review was agreed and the contract will be signed (or not) in the next meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.20pm.

Signed

Cllr P Bickerton (Chairman).