

Minutes of the ELVASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10th December 2018 at the VILLAGE HALL, ELVASTON

Present: Cllrs R Strand (Chairman) , M Beadle, R Russell, and T Mansfield.

In Attendance: Cllr Neil Atkin, DCllr Peter Watson, 6 residents and J Irons (clerk).

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

01.12.18 To receive apologies for absence:

P Bickerton (otherwise engaged), S Spenser (work commitments) and E Beech (unwell).

02.12.18 Variation of Order of Business: none intended although district and county councillors gave their reports before those of parish members.

03.12.18 Declaration of Members Interests: none

04.12.18 Elvaston Castle Action Group

Rachel Scott had sent the clerk 3 questions to be addressed which the clerk then circulated. These questions are listed below and council's responses appear in bold type:

1. The Group attended the full council meeting at Derbyshire County Council last Wednesday where they read out a brief statement. Councillor Simon Spencer (Deputy Leader) and Councillor Lewis (Leader) gave an address about matters at Elvaston which included reference to the chaotic parking in the villages, especially when events are run. Unfortunately these speeches used up the entire 15 minute debating time and the opposition Councillors were unable to speak or raise any questions, which was disappointing.

In response the Parish Council will forward an addendum to the previous support letter to DCC reiterating the Group's complaints made on parking etc and that a new access road and car park would not improve this situation.

2. Unfortunately Councillor Atkin declared a conflict of interest at the full council meeting last week as he sits on an Elvaston Castle and Gardens Trust subcommittee. **Cllr Atkin raised this issue tonight stating that he can neither vote nor speak at future council meetings. He admits that the 15-minute slot allocated to the Group was unfair and was disappointed with DCC's treatment of the attendees. The issue will be discussed at the Cabinet meeting on 20th December where the Master Plan will be approved (or not). That said even if approved it will not necessarily be implemented. A business plan is to be formed in due course. DCllr Watson mentioned that he will facilitate comments between the Action Group and DCC but will not express a personal opinion.**

3. Could I also propose that a representative of the Elvaston Castle and Gardens Trust starts to attend Parish Council meetings regularly in the New Year to provide a regular report on Elvaston Castle and Country Park and the amended master plan? **The chairman thought this a good idea and members agreed; clerk to invite a trustee(s). Cllr Atkin agreed with asking trustees for updates.**

Residents made comments over errant car-parking and overspill from car-parks, especially during the Woodland Festival, and car-parking fees at the Castle.

05.12.18 Digital Derbyshire: nothing to report.

06.12.18: District and County Councillors' report:

DCllr Peter Watson.

1. Funding for local sports facilities within parishes has been successful and the Cricket Club was a beneficiary of this.

2. DCllr Watson announced changes to the OCOR implementation and will meet Derby City Council soon to discuss the Ambaston flood bank. The chairman rued that it seems Derby City has conducted flood prevention work in the city before addressing issues downstream. DCllr Watson assured that if problems arise he would contact EA.

3. He thanked the parish council for inviting him to meetings throughout the year and wishes members and residents a happy festive period.

Cllr Neil Atkin

Cllr Atkin recently circulated a 12-page document to Aston ward parishes outlining how and where money had been spent in the area. Cllr Strand commented that too little progress had been made over broadband delivery to our villages.

07.12.18 Councillor's Reports:

Cllr Strand asked whether the overgrown hedge at the corner of Main Road near the caravan park had been trimmed. The clerk did not know but had written to the residents. He is dismayed that the missing bus shelter on the A6 (subject to an insurance claim) has not yet been replaced; clerk to enquire again at SDDC. The chairman noted that several potholes have appeared in Grove Close; clerk to report to Highways.

Cllr Mansfield raised a particular complaint from a parishioner over the lack of large WW1 commemoration poppies in the area. As reported in the last meeting the clerk replied and explained that council were too late in ordering these.

08.12.18 Website Maintenance: Cllr Mansfield has added new content and suggestions for more is welcomed. Members' photos have been added and their contact details will be uploaded soon. In collaboration with Kevin Birch Cllr Mansfield has created a page for flood plan documents which are accessible and flood alerts for residents are intended.

09.12.18 Elvaston Communities Group:

Eve Wilson explained that discussion over gazebos will take place at tomorrow night's Group meeting. Christmas carols will be held on 16th December at the Harrington Arms at 7pm where raffle prizes can be won. January's meeting will include debate over events and charities; she suggested another war memorial commemoration in order and thought fitting tributes may include a seat bench on the green and/or personalised poppies. Cllr Mansfield thought a weather-proof permanent board containing names of the fallen to be appropriate; and the chairman wished any commemoration to include those that fell in WW2. Eve envisages donations to Treetops Hospice and the Sure charity and welcomes suggestions of other charities.

The website is operating and photos displayed. Both Eve and the chairman believe that assets and their storage may benefit from a combined effort between the Group and council; however the clerk warned of mixing assets between 2 separate bodies which, as far as insurance matters are concerned, is not possible. Hence, Eve suggested that this be discussed at the next Group meeting.

Cllr Beadle asked when flower troughs will be planted, Eve replied saying this will be carried out in Spring. Cllr Beadle and other members thought it advantageous to recruit more members from the BM ward, especially as the development progresses; clerk to enquire over the statutory rules governing the number of members for admission to council.

10.12.18 Public Speaking:

Mr Birch wishes to have the Persimmon meeting minutes made public. He is concerned about traffic speed along Snelsmoor Lane and wishes to see a 40mph limit along it. After contacting Cllr Atkin it seems Highways disagree and want to monitor speeds instead; the chairman added that we will see the latest outcomes from Persimmon's activities and assess after that.

Another resident thought that addressing the car-park and new road should be of paramount concern to DCC. He was pleased to announce that the brook is now flowing freely. Also, the bus shelter on A6 opposite the Castle gates has a broken light; clerk to inform Highways. He thanked members for their input throughout the year.

11.12.18 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th November 2018: These were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman (pp Cllr Russell and seconded Cllr Mansfield).

12.12.18 Boulton Moor Housing: Persimmon liaison meeting was held earlier this night at 6.45pm.

13.12.18 Flooding and Gravel:

Kevin Birch circulated a copy of the flood plan to members and has distributed copies around Ambaston. He suggested Cllr Loakes become another warden and has asked DCC for 500 sand bags to protect homes in the event of flood. The most vulnerable residents should be considered and identified informally without accruing their details. If the Ambaston bank becomes overtopped he will inform Cllr Bickerton in the first instance. Kevin will review the plan each year. The chairman thanked him for his efforts and input.

14.12.18 Police Report: October – 5 reports of minor incidents in Boulton Moor and 2 in the rural ward.

15.12.18 Chairman's Report: none

16.12.18 Matters for Decision or Discussion:

1. Car parking issues. Cllr Beadle submitted DCC's questionnaire asking for preferences over yellow lines around the village; we now await DCC's decision.
2. Avenue of trees at the Castle; no update although Mr Birch mentioned that he will raise it when he meets Tarmac next April.
3. Parcels of land for possible tree planting. **Resolved:** to be removed from future agendas. A tree on Grove Close has been damaged; clerk to report to SDDC.
4. Update on bridge between Pool Close and Field Lane (if any). **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting.
5. To consider the quotes for installing steps on the village green. **Resolved:** SDDC will allow steps to be installed providing sufficient room exists for their grass mowers. **Resolved:** clerk to ask whether its contractors are willing to gain access from the footpath at Grove Close instead. Subsequently clerk to meet a 3rd contractor for another quote for the steps.
6. New 'welcome' sign at Colwell Drive. A County Council inspector has looked at the site although more inspections are now needed.
7. To discuss the possibility of online banking. **Resolved:** to move accounts from the Nat West to the Unity Bank, Cllr Mansfield to send details to the clerk
8. 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 at the last meeting. Cllr Mansfield to enquire to whom the cheque should be made although further discussion is needed over whether to pay this in one tranche or on receipts.
9. To consider a Grant Application from the cricket club. **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting.
10. Budget review. **Resolved:** to be discussed at a budget meeting in January.
11. To arrange a meeting with the lengthsman regarding next year's contract of employment. **Resolved:** clerk to invite the lengthsman to the budget meeting in January.

17.12.18 Clerk's Report:

1. Clerk Asked Matt Holford at SDDC for "no littering" signs for placement at Boulton Moor (to add to those on Sevenlands Drive).
2. Kevin Birch informed the clerk he had asked County Highways to refill the grit bin at Ambaston Lane/ Main Street and had removed empty bottles dumped in it. He confirmed that county refilled this at their expense. Kevin asked the clerk about other bins in the Parish; the clerk replied to say he had checked and confirmed they were full.

18.12.18 Finance:

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

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	Total
001296	J Irons – Clerk's salary November	569.40	-	569.40
001296	J Irons – home allowance November	18.00	-	18.00
Stand Order	N Mansell - Lengthsman pay November	285.60	-	285.60
001297	HMRC – clerk's tax	18.20	-	18.20
001298	DCC – clerk's pension November	141.15	-	141.15
001299	Cllr R Strand – allotment gate key	4.25	-	4.25
001300	Cllr P Bickerton – Action Group presentation flyers	65.00	-	65.00
001301	Kevin Birch - printing of Parish Flood Plan leaflets & envelopes.	86.50	-	86.50
	TOTAL	1188.10	-	1188.10

(b)	Income – none	
(c)	Bank balance as at 5 th December 2018	£ 28407.39

19.12.18 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:** *discussed at the Persimmon liaison earlier this night meeting where Mr Stewart ((SDDC Development Team Officer) said this is currently being revised and subsequently determined by Derby City Council.*

Application No: 04/13/00351 Location: Land North Of Snelsmoor Lane, Chellaston, Derby Proposal: OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION - for up to 800 dwellings (Class C3) with all matters reserved except access; access to be fixed off Snelsmoor Lane and Field Lane, a sustainable drainage system of attenuation ponds/swales, new primary school (Class D1) with playing field, alongside open space including creation of country park (including footpath/cycleways, wildflower meadows, public orchard etc.) and Green Infrastructure network., FULL PLANNING APPLICATION - for 405 dwellings (Class C3) including site roads, Infrastructure, landscaping, attenuation ponds and play areas. **Resolved:** *discussed at the Persimmon liaison meeting earlier this night where Mr Stewart said this is due for decision by SDDC early next year and is dependent on traffic modelling*

9/2018/1229 - THE ERECTION OF EXTENSIONS AT 29 MAIN ROAD ELVASTON. **Resolved:** no objection.

20.12.18 Items for Information: no major items of interest had been received. The latest DALC Circulars had been sent to members.

21.12.18 Agenda items for the next meeting:

- update on car parking issues (if any);
- to consider forming a sub-committee to review BM s.106 and other issues;
- 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;
- to consider the Grant Application details for the Action Group;
- Outcome of the budget review meeting including clerk's and lengthsman's contracts.

22.12.18 Date of next meeting: the next Council Meeting will be held on Monday 14th January 2019 at 7.30pm.

Part 1 of the meeting closed at 10.00pm.

PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

23.12.18. 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'.*

24.12.18 To sign the clerk's contract for 2018/19. **Resolved:** this will be discussed and signed (or not) at the budget meeting on 2nd January at Cllr Strand's house to which the lengthman will be invited. In the meantime clerk to circulate both the updated budget and the clerk's contract template to members.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05pm.

Signed Cllr Paul Bickerton (Chairman).