



Minutes of the meeting of Elvaston Parish Council held on Monday 12th October 2020
Online meeting facility via Zoom – Meeting ID 897-5982-8446

PRESENT: Cllr S Leuenberger (Chairman), Cllr P Bickerton (Vice Chairman), Cllr B Slater, Cllr C Bennett, Cllr S Spenser, Cllr E Beech, Cllr T Mansfield, District Cllr D Corbin, Lengthsman, F Simnett, Clerk, F Stanbrook (Minutes) and 2 members of public

| Reference | Agenda Item | | Action |
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| 166/2020-21 | Apologies for Absence | Cllr G Dodson, DCCLr N Atkin, DCllr P Watson | |
| 167/2020-21 | Declaration of Interest | Nothing to record | |
| 168/2020-21 | Variation of Order of Business | Nothing to record | |
| 169/2020-21 | Public Participation | Nothing to record | |
| 170/2020-21 | Reports from outside bodies | <p>DCllr Corbin gave apologies for both DCllr Watson and DCCLr Atkin.</p> <p>There is nothing to update from County Council at this time.</p> <p>DCllr Corbin gave information regarding a planning application related to Aston on Trent, there is no scope for this application to progress at this time. There is also an application in the Aston ward for an ice skating/speed skating rink; this also will not progress and will need to be included in the local plan, which it isn't currently.</p> <p>DCllr Corbin spoke of the Local Government devolution and white paper and briefly detailed there is potential from wider government to restructure local government; which could force the tier one and two bodies to become a unitary authority. None of the options currently proposed are acceptable to SDDC and they are currently favouring Vision Derbyshire which is a proposal to government for non-structural reform and supported by the nine district and borough councils. This is a preference as opposed to any sort of unitary reform based on non-structural reform allowing for more control locally on what happens, i.e. housing and planning.</p> <p>A brief report was received from Derbyshire Police in response to a safe and well check requested by the Clerk and the lengthsman in relation to a van which is often present in Elvaston. This check was carried out and there are no further concerns to report.</p> | |
| 171/2020-21 | Councillor Reports | Cllr Bennett has asked for the following questions to be answered at the next meeting: | |



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| | | <p>1. an update regarding a school on Boulton Moor and the planning in relation to the land being a flood plane. Originally we were advised March 2021 as a timescale and an update regarding any delays due to Covid 19 is required.</p> <p>2. will there be pavements installed along the whole of Snelsmoor Lane – it currently stops at the first island, and though there are bus stops present, there is no access to them as there are currently no pavements on either side.</p> <p>3. is it a possibility to open further consultation with The National Trust in relation to Elvaston Castle and the master plan?</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to ask Tony Clarke of Persimmon Homes and a representative of Bellway Homes to attend the next meeting on 9th November 2020 to update on the planning and development of Boulton Moor/Buttercup Leys.</p> | |
| 172/2020-21 | Minutes of meetings from 14th September and 5th October (extraordinary meeting) | <p>The minutes of the previous meetings held on Monday 14th September 2020 and Monday 5th October 2020 were recorded as an accurate representation of the meeting having previously been circulated to all member Councillors by the Clerk. The minutes will be signed as a true and accurate copy by Cllr S Leuenberger when Covid 19 restrictions are lifted. Proposed by Cllr Bennett and Seconded by Cllr Spenser</p> | |
| 173/2020-21 | Clerk's Report | <p>A fairly quiet month has preceded this meeting and core functions continue to be met. We are still experiencing problems with fly-tipping however we are hoping this may calm somewhat with a return to usual procedures at refuse recycling centres.</p> <p>Various reports have been made to Derbyshire County Council Highways in relation to road sweeping and drains along the Borrowash Road at Elvaston Castle, and in conjunction with this, an email has been sent to Tarmac to ask them to complete some remedial work on their land opposite the brick wall on Borrowash Road; in the hope that this will alleviate some flooding issues as we go into the inclement weather.</p> <p>The Parish Plan pop-up consultation events are now all complete and we have been provided with some initial results from the consultation.</p> <p>I attended some budget and finance training on 28th September through DALC which proved to be very informative and will be exceptionally useful as we go forward to budget setting for 2021/22.</p> | |
| 174/2020-21 | Chairman's Report | <p>The Chairman offered thanks to Rachel Scott, Fiona Stanbrook, all members of the parish plan steering group and parishioners for their help in the first phase of the parish plan consultation work. A wide range of issues were identified and will now be formalised in a household survey questionnaire to be delivered to each household. The Chairman has also attended a presentation given by the Director of Conservation and Planning at the Peak District National Park concerning the possible reform of the planning system. This is detailed in a government white paper entitled "Planning for the Future". It has become apparent that our parish consultation whilst initially used for developing a parish plan must also be formalised in the future in a Neighbourhood Development Plan to ensure</p> | |



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| | | <p>that this parish safeguards land use under the criteria of growth, renewal and protection.</p> <p>The Chairman also gave thanks to all councillors, our clerk and our lengthsman for their continued community liaison during these difficult Covid 19 times and for the installation of the lamp post poppies across the parish.</p> | |
| 175/2020-21 | Lengthsman Report | <p>The lengthsman has been out and about across the parish and has dealt with lots of litter. She has also received an email from Alan Grist of SDDC in relation to the numerous drainage reports she has presented – these drains are on a list to be actioned.</p> <p>There have been lots of reports of fly-tipping on Ambaston Lane, these have been swiftly dealt with, along with an assurance that SDDC will do as much as they can to pursue and prosecute perpetrators. There have also been many incidents of bags of rubbish being thrown into the bottom of ditches along Ambaston Lane. Many of these ditches have been dug out to clear them in preparation for rainfall and it was RESOLVED the Clerk will meet with the lengthsman and inspect the ditches, with any further work required to be reported to landowners.</p> <p>The lengthsman raised a concern regarding the installation of the double yellow lines, which appeared overnight in Elvaston with no prior consultation. Unfortunately, these double yellow lines have had a direct and costly effect on an elderly resident of the parish, and due to the installation of the yellow lines, the heating system which had been installed and was due to be connected is now no longer able to go ahead as there will be no availability for the fuel tank to be refilled as the double yellow lines prevent the tanker from stopping at her home. There was also some discussion that the lines were installed on a clearway and are not required. There is also a sign present which states the road will be closed for six months – DCC have agreed this was a typing error, but the sign remains in-situ. It was RESOLVED to forward this information to DCC and ask for some information as to the consultation that was completed prior to the installation.</p> <p>The lengthsman has spent some considerable time in Boulton Moor, and specifically Snelsmoor Lane, along the whole length to the old farm house. The farm house has been severely vandalised recently and is subject to a lot of anti-social behaviour for graffiti and littering as it is an insecure site. It was RESOLVED to ask Bellway Homes to ensure this site is secured as soon as possible, and to ask Tony Clarke at Persimmon Homes to ensure the workers on the site are not adding to the littering issues.</p> | |
| 176/2020-21 | Reports from Other Community Groups | Nothing to report | |
| 177/2020-21 | Parish Plan | There was an extraordinary meeting on 5 th October 2020 and Rachel Scott of RMS Sports Consultants delivered a presentation of the initial findings of the consultation pop-up events. All of these results are recorded in the minutes of that meeting. The next steps are to design a household survey which will be delivered to every household by the | |



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| | | end of November with the survey being delivered predominantly online with an optional hard copy for anyone who is unable to complete an online survey. The Steering Group will meet again on 26 th October 2020 and a further update will be given at the next meeting in November. | |
| 178/2020-21 | Remembrance Day 2020 | It is with great sadness it was RESOLVED that Remembrance Day will be a very scaled back affair this year due to Covid19 restrictions. It was RESOLVED Cllr Leuenberger will receive and lay the remembrance wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at the War Memorial. The wreath has been ordered from RBL and the Clerk will ensure it is delivered to Cllr Leuenberger prior to Remembrance Sunday. Any additional arrangements regarding Remembrance Day should be directed to the Church Warden who will confirm details of any church services. Lamp post poppies have now been installed across the parish in readiness to mark Remembrance Sunday. | |
| 179/2020-21 | Christmas Tree, Lights and switch on event | It was RESOLVED there is no scope to hold a Christmas light switch-on event due to Covid19 restrictions and the rule of 6 in terms of social distancing and gatherings. It was RESOLVED the dressing of the village green should also be postponed for this year with a plan to revisit this on the agenda early in 2021 when there should be a much clearer position regarding ownership of the village green. | |
| 180/2020-21 | Sturges Lane Footpath | There continues to be issues over land ownership of this area and Cllr Slater has now written to DCC footpaths officer to seek clarification which will in turn be forwarded to Ian Hey at SDDC. | |
| 181/2020-21 | Assets of Community Value | To date there is nothing to update on the ACV application for Elvaston Castle. The Clerk has commenced the paperwork to register both the Village Green and the lower green as an ACV. | |
| 182/2020-21 | Tree Survey for TPOs | The Clerk has collated all of the information to supply to SDDC in readiness for an application to be made for TPOs in the parish. There will be a further update at the next meeting. | |
| 183/2020-21 | War Memorial | Following input from residents, Cllr Leuenberger and our lengthsman, the War Memorial is looking neat and tidy and will be maintained as such in readiness for the laying of wreaths for Remembrance Day. Going forwards, it was RESOLVED to complete regular checks of the War memorial to ensure it is maintained in the present condition with any issues rectified as timely as possible. | |
| 184/2020-21 | Correspondence | A complaint has been received from a resident not of this Parish, in relation to the electrified fence which has been erected to protect the cattle on Coronation Meadow. The Clerk visited the site on Sunday morning with the Chairman and the Lengthsman and it was agreed that all Covid restrictions are adhered to in terms of the width of the footpath and there is no requirement for the fence to be moved. Furthermore, the tenant of Coronation Meadow has sought clarification in relation to the public right of way and is not in breach of any clause of the tenancy. It was discussed that this area is not an exercise area for dogs, dogs should be kept on leads and away from the cattle at all times; and all owners should pick up after their dogs responsibly. It was RESOLVED the Clerk will respond to the letter received to this effect. | |



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| 185/2020-21 | Planning Applications & Decisions | <p>New applications as at 12th October 2020 DMPA/2020/0880 – relocation of field access on Snelsmoor Lane – there is currently one access gate which is to become 24ft wide with 2 x 12ft gates, thus doubling the size and it is questioned if this is necessary. The visibility splay for farm vehicles is good. This is also arable land and it is questioned why it needs to be stock fenced. The traffic report submitted with this application is also out of date and there has been no provision made for cyclists along this road.</p> <p>Pending applications as at 12th October 2020 DMPA/2020/0751 – demolition of existing bungalow and outbuilding and construction of detached bungalow and car port and the creation of additional access at The Croft, 4 Main Street, Ambaston (consultation on this application ends on 10th September) – Elvaston Parish Council have raised an objection via the planning portal DMPA/2019/1323 – Demolition of existing garage and erection of a detached dwelling with associated parking and garden on land to the side of 33 Grove Close, Thulston</p> <p>No Approved applications as at 12th October 2020</p> | |
| 186/2020-21 | Finance | The payments and receipts as shown in the finance schedule were deemed correct and approved for payment. The payments will be entered and authorised on Unity Trust and the Chairman will sign the finance schedule when Covid 19 restrictions are lifted. | |
| 187/2020-21 | Budget Setting Meeting | It was RESOLVED the finance committee will meet on Monday 2 nd November at 4.30pm at Aston on Trent Recreation Centre. | |
| 188/2020-21 | Date, time of the next meeting: | The next meeting will be on Monday 9th November 2020 at 7.30pm via an online link using the Zoom platform. The links to both meetings will be notified by agenda. | |

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 21.05pm

Signed _____ Chairman / Vice Chairman

