

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING  
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL  
THURSDAY 15TH September 2011**

Present: Parish Councillors S Bown, T Davies, P Farmer, C Just  
N Sisson and J Smith.

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair  
Borough Councillor B Broughton  
Borough Councillor C Hart

**Part 1 – Non confidential information**

**1158 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Parish Councillors A Dunn and G Stevens

**1159 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

There were no requests to vary the order of business as set out on the Agenda.

**1160 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest.

**1161 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

(a) The Chairman advised members that he had received no communication from PC Crooks for this meeting. PC Crooks himself would not be attending as he is on leave.

**1162 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25th August 2011**

**(a) *Approval and Confirmation***

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2011 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

**(b) *Matters Arising***

**Minute 1125 (a) A6096 Verge cutting**

The Clerk advised that Contractors involved with this area are aware of the details regarding the treatment regime of the spraying.

## 1163 REPORT OF THE CLERK

### (a) MacMillan Coffee Morning

The Clerk advised members of details received for the above event. The leaflet will be displayed in the Dale Abbey Notice board.

### (b) RHS Britain in Bloom

The Clerk provided members with details from the Royal Horticultural Society re Britain in Bloom. The Parish Council have in the past been involved in East Midlands in Bloom but not Britain in Bloom.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will forward to members a copy of the letter she has received for further consideration.

### (c) Request for grit bin

The Clerk made members aware of a request received via the Parish Council mobile for a grit bin to be placed at the top of the cul-de-sac on Ladywood Road. Reasons for the request were considered. It was felt there are not enough houses to warrant an additional grit bin.

**RESOLVED** The Clerk to approach the Highways Agency for approval of moving the existing grit bin to re-site it half way up into the cul-de-sac. Attention will also be bought to the damage recently reported to the bin.

Also to follow up Keiths request for a grit bin at Dale Abbey.

### **Planning Application update CD8/0711/48 Midshire Way**

The Clerk reported back to members on the replies received regarding the legal description of a Multi User Green-way. It was agreed that the description should be left as a Bridle-path after confirmation of the users were discussed.

**RESOLVED** The Clerk to respond to the contact at EBC and advise that the description is left as a Bridle-path. Also to

request an update on the site-visit we said yes to having.

**(e) DCC Proposed revisions for road gritting**

The Clerk updated Members on further information received on Town/Parish Councils Winter Services and the Snow Warden Scheme. Due to cuts to spending over the next four years, ways to improve the gritting of Derbyshire's roads are being looked at whilst costs incurred through this service are cut. 1,555 miles of road will still be gritted but they will be split into two categories. A Primary Network, a Secondary Network and add a Tertiary category. After discussion Members agreed to the categorisation of roads.

Participation into the winter service scheme was agreed to for Dale Abbey, however it was felt that the commitment was too great for Kirk Hallam.

**RESOLVED** That the Clerk complete the relevant forms and questionnaire and return to Matlock for the 30<sup>th</sup> September deadline.

**(f) The Queen Elizabeth 11 Fields Challenge**

The Clerk provided Members with details from Fields in Trust (The National Playing Fields Association, regarding nominations for the Queen Elizabeth 11 Fields Challenge from Parish Councils. This is a campaign to protect outdoor recreational spaces. Ownership of the site must be held by the organisation putting the field forward to become a Queen Elizabeth 11 field. Therefore the site at Moor Lane Dale Abbey will be put forward in principal pending a visit to the site to confirm it's eligibility re it's size.

**RESOLVED** That the Clerk reply showing the Parish Councils interest to the scheme and request a visit to pursue the campaign.

**(g) Bus shelter request at Cat and Fiddle Bus Stop**

A request has been passed to the Parish Council by BC Michelle Booth for a bus shelter at the existing Cat and Fiddle bus stop site. A discussion was held regarding the request however at this time it was deemed too onus and too expensive for the Parish Council to make this provision.

**RESOLVED** The Clerk inform Michelle Booth of the Parish Councils decision. **3**

**(h) Campaign to protect Rural England**

The Clerk reported on a letter received from CPRE Campaign to Protect Rural England regarding effective and useful communication to the Parish Council. Members were asked to choose the specific type of information they would like to receive.

**RESOLVED** The Clerk to confirm contact details for the Parish Council. Request information on Regional Group meetings and also any local planning/development information that could impact on the countryside.

**(i) Rural Action Derbyshire**

Membership of Rural Action Derbyshire is due for renewal. The Clerk gave a summary of the benefits of continuing the membership.

**RESOLVED** That the membership be renewed for 2011/12 at £50.00.

**(j) Community Erewash Transport**

The Clerk reported on a letter received regarding a funding application for uniform. Members considered this to be a worthwhile donation to make as the service is of great benefit to the community and it is good to see the service out and about.

**RESOLVED** That a donation of £100.00 be arranged.

**(k) DALC Circular – Neighbourhood Planning**

The Clerk reported details of three free training road shows. The training is in conjunction with CPRE and the Government. A grant has been given to NALC to provide free training. Currently there is one place per Council. Numbers are restricted to 72 places per road show.

The road shows are to be held on -

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at Hulland Ward (outskirts Ashbourne)

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at Barrow on Trent

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at South Normanton

The times for each road show are 6pm for a 6.30pm start with a finishing time of 8.45pm. A free buffet tea available.

Members will decide who will attend nearer the time.

**RESOLVED** The Clerk to inform DALC a member from Dale Abbey Parish Council will attend. Name to be advised.

## **1164 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

### **a) Digley Associates play area inspection report**

Members were shown the annual playing fields inspection report provided by Digley Associates. The inspection on the equipment has been carried out to European standards. Every apparatus has had a risk assessment carried out and scored against relevant criteria. In some areas of the risk assessment, due to changes in legislation there is no action to be taken.

From the report the Chairman provided members with a further report showing the action points. A detailed discussion followed regarding the programme of maintenance. It was agreed that the programme is followed and work be completed to the set time scales.

Communication has been made with Sovereign re some of the repair work. The Clerk is to look into the provider of the bow top fencing at Dale Abbey.

### **b) Parish Council mobile telephone.**

The mobile phone provided for use by the Clerk has proved very useful and a worthwhile method of contact to members and the public. The top-ups on the pay as you go scheme are not cost effective. The Clerk has been quoted a staff deal at TESCO of £10 a month which will give 750 minutes talk time and 5000 texts. It is also possible for the current mobile number to be kept.

**RESOLVED** That the Clerk make the relevant arrangements to change to this deal.

### **c) Proposed changes to banking**

The changes made recently to the bank mandate form are now being implemented. This will enable the Clerk to use the online banking service to view statements. The Chairman proposed to further improve efficiency and cut postal costs that the Clerk look to making payments to contractors electronically.

**RESOLVED** That the Clerk establish this and update members on it's progress.

### **d) Mowing of church verge**

The contractor responsible for the cuts in this area has raised a point relating to the difficulty now of mowing the area just inside

the gate. Additional stones have been placed around the verge along with two bushes being planted. **5**

The Clerk has checked the job specification for this area and there is nothing specifically detailed for this site.

It has historically been mown by the Contractor as a gesture of good will from the Parish Council.

A discussion was held to clarify whether to continue this mow. A decision was taken to no longer mow this area.

**RESOLVED** The Clerk to advise the Contractor to no longer mow this area.

## **1165 HEALTHY AND SAFETY ISSUES**

None

## **1166 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None

## **1167 FINANCE**

### ***(a) Accounts to be authorised for payment***

**RESOLVED** that the following accounts be approved for payment.

	<b>£</b>
001797 Park Hall Designs Website maintenance	75.00
001798 Digley Associates Limited Annual play area inspections	108.00
001799 Gateway Christian Centre Room hire for meeting	13.00
001800 Premiere Landscaping Job No. 1007 Kirk Hallam Job No. 1009 Dale Abbey	70.00
001801 Clerk allowance payment Use of home as office	80.00
001802 Keith M Spencer Consultancy fee and ink cartridge	145.38

001803	J A Cooke Clerks mileage	21.70
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001804	J A Cooke Postage and parking	12.58
001805	James Farmer Job No. 1002 Dale Abbey Job No. 1003 Wirksworth Road	318.00
001806	P Farmer Chairmans mileage	17.42
001807	Rural Action Derbyshire Membership renewal 2011/12	50.00

***b) Income***

None to report

**Part II – Confidential Information**

**1168 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

(a) The Clerk read out an email received from Ian Gooding advising of the date for the Licensing of Rev Gary Dundas. Official invites will be received by all for Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 10.45 at St Michaels & All Angels Church, Stanton by Dale.

Also Harvest Thanksgiving service at All Saints Dale Abbey at 3pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

Councillors are also welcome to the Remembrance Service at All Saints, Dale Abbey at 3pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

**1169 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the balance of the meeting as the next item contained confidential and exempt information.

**1170 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> August 2011**

***(a) Approval and Confirmation of confidential minutes***

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2011 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

Signed ..... 20<sup>th</sup> October 2011  
**Chairman to the Parish Council**

