

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 16TH JUNE 2011**

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

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair

Part 1 – Non confidential information

1122 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Parish Councillors A Dunn, N Sissons, G Stevens,
Borough Councillors B Broughton and C Hart

1123 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chairman proposed that the order of business as set out in the agenda be varied, as he intended raising under Part 11 Confidential information of the meeting, an item relating to the Clerks pay.

1124 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

1125 PUBLIC SPEAKING

(a) A6096 Verge Mowing

Reference was made to issues experienced by an operative of Derbyshire County Council when verge mowing an area adjacent to Milvale on A6096 Ladywood Road. The area had previously been identified as carrying Japanese knotweed.

RESOLVED that the Councils Contractor Premiere Landscaping East Midlands be requested not to mow the area of verge in question.

(b) KINS Meeting

The Chairman reported that PC Russell Crooks was unable to attend this or the July meeting of the Parish Council but had asked if a Member of this Council would be prepared to attend the next KINS meeting to be held at Breadsall Village Hall 27/07/2011.

1126 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2011

(a) *Approval and Confirmation*

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19 May 2011 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

(b) Matters Arising
Road Traffic Accidents Reporting

Minute 1113

It was advised that the Ladywood Road sign and grit bin adjacent to the Cat and Fiddle Public House had now been moved back into an appropriate position following recent works.

Arising on Minute No.1116 (19/05/11)

The Clerk updated members on an email received from Borough Councillor Carol Hart regarding accident statistics and non injury accidents. Details had been received from Chief Superintendent Andy Hough on how the Police authority recorded road traffic accidents.

The Chairman provided Members with further information on the subject; as P C Russ Crooks had explained that the system used by the Police traffic office reported non injury accidents only.

The system, known as WING, flagged accident information to which DCC have access to. The Chairman could raise this point at next Thursdays Parish / Town Councils Liaison Forum but will discuss the issue with Councillor Carol Hart first.

IT Equipment and software

Minute 1114 (3) (19/05/11)

Relating to the recent IT purchases the Chairman advised members that he and the Clerk were investigating the possibility of purchasing a Windows XP Package for use on the Parish Councils lap top. This package is more compatible with the systems of outside bodies and is more user friendly than the current basic software installed on the lap-top.

Independent Annual Inspection Service of Play Areas and Sports Facilities

The Clerk reported that Digley Associates had been informed of the need to complete and submit reports on their inspections of the Wirksworth Road Kirk Hallam and Moor Lane Dale Abbey playing facilities before the July meeting. The company had also been informed of the Chairman's request to accompany the inspector on their visit, subject to availability.

1127 REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Erewash School Sports Partnership

Discussion took place on what level of sponsorship the Parish Council should consider and if the sponsorship would be ring fenced for one of the schools in the Parish. The Partnership does not work with the Gateway Christian School, but can work with Dallimore Primary and ST John Houghton Secondary.

The Clerk read out to members a list of suggestions for Sponsorship for their consideration.

RESOLVED It was agreed in principal that the Parish Council should finance a programme at both Dallimore Primary School and St John Houghton School to an amount of £50.00 for each and that the Partnership be requested to approach the schools to ascertain which programmes they would like the donations to contribute to

(b) A6096 Kirk Hallam to Spondon

(*) Tractor turning signs

Further to Minute No 118 (a) (19/05/2011) The Clerk reported to members receipt of an email from Mr M Hawkins Highways Engineer from Derbyshire County Council asking if the Parish Council would produce a plan indicating where the signs were needed and he would then consider the most appropriate course of action.

Councillor Smith produced a hand drawn plan (not to scale) indicating the position of the two proposed signs and one additional sign to advise speed limits.

RESOLVED that the Clerk supply details of the proposed siting of the signs to the Highways Engineer.

(c) Part Night Street Lighting – Consultation from Derbyshire County Council

The Clerk informed Members of a communication received from DALC informing us that DCC are currently considering ways of reducing energy costs. One initiative is to reduce night time street lighting in some areas.

RESOLVED That the Parish Council would support part night street lighting providing that accident black spots remained lit, Derbyshire County Council to be informed.

1128 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

(a) *Red telephone box Dale Abbey*

The Chairman reported that planning permission for change of use for the telephone box was required and that the cost was usually £335.00. However as a Parish Council we would receive a concession and the cost would reduce to £177.50. This was still considered to be an outrageous cost for the retention of such an iconic item.

The Clerk suggested a representation be made to the Borough Councillors for the addition of another category for dealing with such requests.

RESOLVED that the Clerk make representations to Borough Councillors Hart and Broughton on the level of the charge.

(b) *Meeting with TDG*

The Chairman reported that the half yearly meeting with TDG scheduled for Monday 13th June had been cancelled and would be rescheduled for some time in July

(c) The Chairman reported that he and Vice Chair, Parish Councillor Smith would be attending the Derbyshire County and Parish/Town Councils Liaison Forum Council forum next Thursday 23rd June 2011.

(d) The Chairman is preparing the mid-year newsletter, He outlined a number of items he intended to include along with details of the two current vacancies on the Parish Council.

If members have any items, please pass them on to the Chairman for inclusion.

1129 HEALTHY AND SAFETY ISSUES

(a) A6096 Lay-by

Councillor Smith Outlined the circumstances in which occupants of a camper van had requested permission to park overnight on Hagg Lane Dale Abbey. The lay-by on the A6096 was fully occupied by HGV's awaiting overnight access to the TDG site at West Hallam.

The Chairman indicated that he had intended to raise this matter at the next TDG meeting but in the context of Health & Safety regarding the lack of toilet facilities.

1130 FINANCE

(a) *Accounts to be authorised for payment*

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment.

	£
001771 Gateway Christian Centre	13.00
001772 Park Hall Designs (Website Maintenance And printing for the June meetings)	26.13
001773 J A Cooke (Clerks Mileage)	26.20
001774 J A Cooke (postages)	9.02
001775 Dallimore Primary School Hire of the hall 19 th May 2011	25.00
001776 Premiere Landscaping Contracts 1004 A6096 Spondon Road 1007 Ladywood Road 1009 Dale Abbey seating area	335.00
001777 James Farmer Grass mowing Kirk Hallam and Dale Abbey	594.00
001778 DALC (Clerks Induction training)	15.00

(b) *Income*

None to report

Part II – Confidential Information

1131 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

(a) Electrical Testing including Equipment

The Chairman informed the meeting of information he had obtained regarding electrical (pat) testing of buildings and equipment.

1132 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

1133 PAYROLL ADMINISTRATION – DOUGLAS TONKS LTD

The Chairman reported upon the circumstances under which it is now necessary to pay the Clerk on a monthly basis rather than quarterly as had been originally planned as the system, operated on the Parish Councils behalf by Douglas Tonks Ltd was not flexible enough to accommodate this.

Signed 21 July 2011
Chairman to the Parish Council