

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 17th November 2011**

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

Borough Councillors B Broughton and C Hart

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair

Part 1 – Non confidential information

1182 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Parish Councillor G Stevens

1183 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

1184 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

1185 PUBLIC SPEAKING

(a) The Chairman advised members that he had received no communication from PC Crooks for this meeting.

1186 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20th OCTOBER 2011

(a) Approval and Confirmation

RESOLVED; that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th October 2011 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

(b) Matters Arising

Minute 1163 (k) (15th September 2011)

Councillor Just provided feed back to members on the Neighbourhood Planning training he attended on 9th November. The training was done in conjunction with CPRE. The neighbourhood plan is aiming for more say locally with local knowledge and input. Derbyshire is the first county to have carried out the training.

A website is available for further information – www.planninghelp.org.uk

RESOLVED that the Clerk copy notes from the course and send to members.

Minute 1176 (a)
Erewash Aligned Core Strategy

The Clerk to text the website to members.

Minute 1176 (l)
Grit Bin reporting

Councillor Sisson reported that the snow warden scheme grit has arrived in 25kg bags.

Minute 1177 (a)
Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum

An update was provided by the Chairman on the part night, street lighting scheme and the snow warden scheme.

Further suggestions are being considered such as; on double lamp columns to switch off alternate lights. Reassurance was given that further consultation will take place before any action is taken.

Councillor Hart advised that consideration is being given to the removal of fuses from lamp columns, saving expenditure on decommissioning.

Councillor Farmer and Sisson attended the snow warden training. Both have been issued with gloves, shovels and a reflective jacket. The recommended amount of grit to be used is 10 gm. per square meter. It was suggested that we add a label to the Parish owned bins advising the usage amount.

RESOLVED the Clerk to request permission from DCC to use information labels similar to those in use on DCC provided bins.

Minute 1177 (d)
Planned BT work in Dale Abbey Village

The winter planting, which was put on hold until BT had completed their work, has now gone ahead. This was authorised as the plants were becoming pot bound and time was needed for the roots establish before the frosts. BT have given a date of 30th November for the work to be carried out and advised that we would be able to claim compensation should the planting be damaged.

Minute 1177 (e)
Village Internet Provision

More input is required from people about problems they are encountering with their internet provision. DCC have a budget to provide improvements. A recent consultation showed Erewash to be one of the worst areas to be affected.

Councillor Hart offered to forward a copy of the consultation to the Clerk.

1187 REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Update on grit bins

Members were advised that the grit bin on Ladywood Road will need replacing as it is not possible to replace just the lid.

The original order for a grit bin to be provided at the junction of the Village and Arbour Hill has been progressed with a request to install as soon as possible.

An order has also been placed, through the snow warden scheme, for the free grit bin which will be sited on the gravel at Potato Pit Lane.

(b) Banking Administration

Due to an error by NatWest it will be necessary to complete new forms following the appointment of the new Clerk, all cheque signatories will need to complete a form to update bank records.

RESOLVED that the Clerk circulate the forms for completion and return to NatWest and also request that a copy is retained in the branch. The Clerk is also to make clear the Parish Council's dissatisfaction with the way this issue has been handled.

(c) Footpath Closure Notification

Late communication was received by the Clerk regarding footpath closure notification on Planning Application CD8/0711/48 (minute 1179 20th October 2011). The delay was caused by DCC having the Clerk's details still as Mrs S Dunkley. DCC have now updated their records.

(d) Clerks Day 2012

The Clerk advised members of the above event feeling that it would be of benefit to her in her new role. The event is to be held 11th April 2012 at a cost of £30 per delegate.

RESOLVED that the Clerk make the necessary arrangements for the event.

(e) Donation Acknowledgement and thanks

Erewash Community Transport and Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre both wish to pass on their thanks and appreciation to the Parish Council for the recent £100 donations given to each charity.

(f) December meeting date

It was agreed that the December meeting date be brought forward and will now take place on Thursday the 8th.

(g) EBC free tree's

Members were advised of the scheme being offered again by EBC for fifty free tree's. A decision was made as to the types of tree's required.

RESOLVED that the Clerk complete and return the order form.

(h) War Memorials

Letter received from DCC advising of a scheme to encourage Parish Councils to take responsibility for memorials in their Parish and provided information regarding the use of SmartWater following recent thefts of memorial plaques

RESOLVED that the Clerk respond advising that Dale Abbey Parish Council are aware of their responsibilities regarding war memorials

1188 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

(a) Newsletters

The Chairman advised that the December issue (No.5) was ready for distribution. Enclosed with the newsletter will be a consultation and questionnaire on our future spending priorities.

Arrangements have been made with CO OP garage at Kirk Hallam, the Cat and Fiddle Pub Kirk Hallam and the Carpenters Arms Dale Abbey to act as collection points for completed forms. The documents have also been posted onto the Parish Councils website for residents to complete and return to electronically.

(b) Concurrent Functions meeting

The Chairman updated members on a meeting he and the Clerk attended on 10th November at Long Eaton Town Hall with the Scrutiny Committee in relation to the Concurrent functions review.

Gordon Sanders had previously visited the Clerk to collate information and had been very complimentary about the way our finances were controlled and recorded

(c) Christmas arrangements

Thanks were expressed to Mr and Mrs Cox who have again agreed that Pinxton Puppets can park on their drive for the puppet show.

(d) Remembrance Sunday

The Parish Council have again provided a wreath, the Chairman attended the service and laid the wreath on behalf of the community.

1189 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

Red telephone box Dale Abbey

It was reported that there are broken windows in the box. It was agreed to defer any decision on remedial work until the spring.

1190 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None

1191 FINANCE

(a) Accounts to be authorised for payment

RESOLVED That the following accounts be approved for Payment.

001817 Dallimore Primary School Room hire for October meeting	30.00
001818 Premiere Landscaping Job 1007 Ladywood Road Job 1009 Seating Area Dale Abbey	70.00
001819 The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal (wreath)	19.00

001820 The Gateway Christian Centre (room hire)	13.00
001821 Void	
001822 Mr C just Mileage claim to training course	24.64
001823 Mrs J Cooke – Clerks expenses Mileage, parking,postages and mobile top up.	51.46
001824 J Farmer Job 1005 Dale Abbey	260.00
001825 J Farmer Job 1008 Moor Lane Dale Abbey	67.50
001826 J Smith Mileage claim to Lets Talk Forum and Parish and Town Liason forum	34.26

(b) Income

None

1192 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

(a) Councillor Bown requested that a poster be displayed in the Parish notice board for the Spondon Relief In Need Charity.

Part II – Confidential Information

1193 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.

**1194 MINUTES OF THE CONFIDENTIAL SECTION OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2011**

(a) Approval and Confirmation

RESOLVED that the minutes of the confidential section of the ordinary meeting held 20th October 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Signed 8th December 2011
Chairman to the Parish Council

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