

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING  
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL  
THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011**

Present: Parish Councillors S Bown, T Davies, A Dunn, P Farmer, C Just  
N Sisson, J Smith, and G Stevens

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair

In attendance: Borough Councillors B P Broughton and C Hart

**Part 1 – Non confidential information**

**1110 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**1111 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**RESOLVED** that the order of business as set out in the agenda be varied to enable the police report to be presented by PC Russell Crooks when he arrives.

**1112 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest.

**1113 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Councillor Bown reported that as a result of fencing works being undertaken at the Cat and Fiddle Public House the Ladywood Road street sign was inside the area fenced off and the grit bin had been moved by the contractors to the other side of the slip road. County Councillor Hart agreed to take this matter up with the Derbyshire County Council as highway authority.

**1114 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 APRIL 2011**

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

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

**(b) Matters Arising**

- (1) Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)  
Arising on minute No. 1098 (a) (19/04/11) the Clerk reported that the Derbyshire branch of the above body met five times a year. The meetings were held at Belper during the afternoons, usually lasting no more than 1.5 hours and the purpose was to comment on planning applications which could be potentially damaging to the countryside. The Chairman asked that any Member interested in serving on the body liaise with the Clerk for contact details.
- (2) Digley Associates – Independent Annual Inspection Service of Play Areas and Sports Facilities.  
The Clerk reported the contents of an email from Digley Associates Ltd regarding the Councils request for the inspection of its play areas and equipment - (Minute No 1098 (d) refers).

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk inform the Company that the Parish Council requires the inspections carrying out for report to its July 2011 meeting. Also that if possible the Company's representative be accompanied by the Council Chairman.

- (3) Electronic Planning – IT Equipment  
Arising on Minute No. 1099 (b) the Chairman indicated that he would under his report later in the meeting detail the equipment he had purchased.
- (4) Potholes, Hagg Lane Dale Abbey  
Councillor Smith reported that Derbyshire County Council had now filled the potholes on Hagg Lane Dale Abbey (Minute No. 1100 (b) refers).

**1115 REPORT OF THE CLERK**

- (a) Erewash Alive 2011**  
The Clerk reported the contents of an email from Erewash Borough Council regarding the above event which offered the chance for members of the community aged over 60 to help define and identify services and ensure that the needs of the residents are understood. The event would take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June at Rutland Sports Park. To assist people to reach the event the organisers would be providing free transport. The pickup points for Dale Abbey Residents were to be the Carpenters Arms Dale Abbey, Godfrey Drive (opposite Cherry Tree Close) Kirk Hallam and Ladywood Primary School Oliver Road Kirk Hallam.

**(b) Parish Council Elections – 5 May 2011**

The Clerk circulated for completion Notification of Personal Interests forms as required by section 81(1) of the Local Government Act 2000.

The forms required completing by 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2011 when one copy of each be returned to the Monitoring Office of the Borough Council.

**(c) Carriageway Resurfacing**

The Clerk reported details of the 2011/2012 carriageway surface dressing sites in the parish of Dale Abbey.

**(d) Rural Action Derbyshire**

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council's membership of the above body be renewed at a cost of £50.00.

**(e) Ladywood Road, Kirk Hallam Planting Area**

The Clerk reported on a telephone conversation with the contractor responsible for maintaining the above area indicating that the two hebe bushes had been killed off by the 2010 increment winter weather.

**RESOLVED** that the contractor be requested to remove the bushes and increase the annual summer planting at the appropriate time.

## **1116 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

By this stage PC Russell Crooks had entered the meeting and was invited by the Chairman to present his report.

He commenced by indicating that his shift working patterns prevented him from attending as many meetings as previously and continued by outlining details of a new safer neighbourhood initiative called "On your doorstep". It was intended under the scheme to visit all dwellings in the parish to give residents the opportunity to raise with members of the Safer Neighbourhood Team any issues of local concern and to pass information to them in confidence about criminal or anti-social behaviour.

The Chairman outlined to PC Crooks the recent road traffic accident which had occurred at the Cat and Fiddle Lane junction and considerable discussion took place on what appeared to be a lack of liaison between the Police authority and Derbyshire County Council as highway authority when it came to passing and recording details of such accidents.

In general it was agreed that –

- PC Crooks would seek details from his Inspector on the reporting procedures for road traffic accidents and feed back to the Chairman.

- The Chairman would raise the situation as an item for the next Derbyshire County Council and Parish / Town Councils Liaison Forum for discussion and possible raising at the Annual meeting of Parish Councils with the Chief Constable.

PC Crooks continued by reporting that Dale Abbey had a low crime rate. During the last speed watch of 30 vehicles which passed through only 3 were exceeding the speed limit. Future speed watch events would be undertaken by Special Constables.

Councillor Sissons then reported to PC Crooks on an incident which had occurred on their land.

The Chairman thanked PC Crooks for his attendance and he in turn asked that members email him with any matters which would require his attention or investigation.

## 1117 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

### **(a) IT Computing Equipment**

The chairman reported that as authorised at Minute No 1099 (b) (19/04/2011) he had purchased for the eventual use of the recently appointed Clerk a printer, extension cable remote mouse, 2 memory sticks and general stationary for use in electronic planning presentations and for general Parish use.

He continued by recommending that the Parish Council should Purchase, for the use of the Clerk, a mobile phone on a pay-as-you-go basis to enable efficient communication with Members as not all Councillors had easy access to e-mail and also for use as the contact number for posting on notice boards at the Parish play areas which is required under the terms of our insurance, as a contact point for the general public

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to purchase a mobile phone for the use by the Clerk for Parish Council business on the basis referred to above.

### **(b) Wirksworth Road Playing Field, Kirk Hallam**

The Chairman reminded the Parish Council of a previous commitment by Three Valleys Housing to provide a metal gate at the entrance to the above playing field in order to prevent unauthorised vehicular access, which had subsequently been withdrawn

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk arrange a meeting on site between the Chairman, Three Valleys Housing and Erewash Borough Council to discuss the possibility of joint funding the provision of a gate.

## 1118 HEALTHY AND SAFETY ISSUES

### (a) A6096 Spondon to Kirk Hallam

Councillor Smith referred to a previous meeting with a Highways Engineer from Derbyshire County Council at which it had been agreed that the County would provide tractor turning signs with distance indicators at places on the A6096. The signs had so far not been provided.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk pursue the matter with Derbyshire County Council.

## 1119 FINANCE

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

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

	£
001763 Premier Landscaping East Midlands (contracts 1007 and 1009)	70.00
001764 B Woodcock (Internal Audit for year Ended 31 March 2011)	100.27
001765 Park Hall Designs (Website Maintenance And printing for the May meetings)	35.93
001766 K M Spencer (postages – details To be circulated at the meeting).	30.45
001767 K M Spencer (Mileage – details to be Circulated at the meeting).	61.30
001768 Erewash Borough Council (year 3 Sponsorship for Hanging Baskets – VAT £121.00).	726.00
001769 Rural Action Derbyshire (Renewal of Subscription).	50.00
001770 F P Farmer (Purchase of computing and Ancilliary equipment VAT £40.48)	242.87

**(b) Income**

None to report

**(c) Parish Council Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2011**

**(1) Report of the Internal Auditor**

The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor had raised one matter in his report to the Parish Council relating to the fact that a financial risk assessment had not been carried out in the last financial year. The Clerk explained the reasons for this and later in the meeting presented such an assessment for the financial year 2011 / 2012

**(2) Receipts and Payments Statement for the Financial Year 2010/2011**

**RESOLVED** that the Receipts and Payments Statement for the Financial Year 2010/2011 be approved for signature and onward transmission to the Audit Commission.

**(3) Local Councils in England Annual Return to the Audit Commission for the year ended 31 March 2011**

**RESOLVED** that the Local Councils in England Annual Return to the Audit Commission for the year ended 31 March 2011 as now presented be approved for signature and onward transmission to the Commission.

**(d) Financial Risk Assessment 2011 / 2012**

**RESOLVED** that the financial risk assessment for 2011 2012 as circulated by the Clerk be received and accepted.

**Part II – Confidential Information**

**1120 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.

**1121 MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING HELD OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 28 APRIL 2011**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of a Special meeting of the Parish Council held on 28 April 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Signed ..... 16 June 2011  
**Chairman to the Parish Council**