

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL
20 JANUARY 2011**

Present: Parish Councillors S Bown, T Davies,
P Farmer, P Harvey, J Heraty,
J Smith and G Stevens

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair

In attendance: Borough Councillor Mrs C Hart. Representing Stanton-by-Dale Parish Council Parish Councillors C Gallagher, I Gooding, R Homer and B Skelston and Clerk G Blackmore.

Part 1 – Non confidential information

1057 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors A Dunn, C Just and N Sisson.

1058 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED that the order of business as set out on the Agenda be varied to enable discussions with representatives of Stanton-by-Dale Parish Council on possible joint working arrangements in connection with the Stanton Regeneration to be taken as the next item.

1059 STANTON REGENERATION – JOINT WORKING

The representatives of both Parish Councils present discussed the situation regarding the proposed regeneration of the Stanton site, particularly in relation to the lack of information from the Saint Gobain representatives on such matters as traffic calming proposals, highways and general infrastructure issues and traffic analysis modelling results. Certain of the matters discussed also involved both Derbyshire County and Erewash Borough Councils.

The Representatives of Saint Gobain were supposed to be reporting back to the Stanton-by-Dale Parish Council on the proposed £8m of traffic calming initiatives but had so far failed to do so.

The meeting agreed that –

- joint working arrangements between both Parish Councils involving the full Memberships of each authority should be established

- regular joint meetings should be held as and when information regarding the Stanton proposals emerges
- invitations to the respective meetings of each authority should be issued as routine when new information arises which requires consideration
- the joint working arrangements should extend to a full public meeting to obtain residents views if necessary and
- the foregoing proposed arrangements would not tie each authority into joint decision making – each authority would come to its own conclusions on proposals as and when they emerge.

1060 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Harvey declared a personal interest in relation to any discussions, including those in the foregoing Minute, regarding the proposed Stanton regeneration, by virtue of his Chairmanship of GreenSqueeze.

1061 PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Chairman referred to several shed and one garage break ins which had occurred in Dale Abbey village. PC Russ Crooks was unable to attend the meeting.

1062 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 DECEMBER, 2010

(a) *Approval and Confirmation*

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 December, 2010, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(b) *Matters Arising*

Grit Bin, The Village, Dale Abbey

Arising on Minute No 1052 (f)(16/12/2010) the Clerk reported that the Highway Care Manager of Derbyshire County Council was of the view that to site the proposed grit bin at the splayed entrance to Lamas House would cause an obstruction to passing pedestrian traffic. The location on the verge near to the junction of The Village remained his preferred location. The Clerk also reported that he had requested the County Council to fill the other grit bins at Dale Abbey and Kirk Hallam as soon as possible.

RESOLVED that the view of the Highway Care Manager be endorsed and that the Clerk make arrangements for the siting of the grit bin accordingly.

1063 REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) ***Timetable of Meetings 2011/2012***

RESOLVED that the timetable of meetings for 2011/2012 be approved, posted on the Councils website and circulated to the Gateway Christian Centre, Dallimore Primary School and PC Russell Crooks.

(b) ***Sexual Entertainment Venues***

RESOLVED that the consultation letter from Erewash Borough Council in connection with the proposed licensing of the above venues be noted.

(c) ***Great Poppy Weekend – June 2011***

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the National Chairman of the Royal British Legion encouraging individuals and groups to celebrate the Legion's 90th Birthday over the weekend of 10-12 June 2011.

RESOLVED that the Chairman enquire as to whether the Gateway Christian Centre will be organising a celebration and, if so, offering for the Parish Council to become involved.

(d) ***Red Telephone Kiosk – Planning Position Relating to Change of Use***

The Clerk had circulated with the Agenda a copy of a letter from the Planning Division of Erewash Borough Council indicating that to use the recently adopted red telephone kiosk as a village information point would require planning permission for a change of use.

RESOLVED that the views of the Borough Council be noted and the Clerk authorised at the appropriate time to submit a planning application for a change of use.

(e) ***Grounds Maintenance Contracts – Additional Items***

The Clerk would be inviting quotations in late February for the Council's various grounds maintenance works and questioned whether Members would wish to see additional works included or existing specifications changed.

Discussions centred around the provision of planters at the village signs on Arbour Hill and Woodpecker Hill, raising of the tended area at the Kirk Hallam sign on the A6096 by the use of large stones for infill and the tending of the area around the red telephone kiosk following the completion of a cultivation licence with Derbyshire County Council.

RESOLVED that the Chairman, in consultation with the Vice Chairs, be authorised to draft specifications for the above works for report to the February 2011 meeting.

(f) *E-on – Household Pack for Use During a Power Cut*

The Clerk reported that he had received from E-on Central Networks a demonstration pack containing items a household should have during a power cut.

The pack contained an analogue corded telephone, a torch, a wind-up mobile phone charger, a battery operated radio, a foil blanket and a reusable hand warmer.

RESOLVED that the Clerk enquire whether the packs are available for purchase by residents and, if so, the cost.

(g) *Assessing Surface Water Flooding in Derbyshire*

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from Derbyshire County Council requesting the Parish Council to indicate on a plan provided known incidences of various types of flooding in the Parish for return by 28 January 2011, if possible.

RESOLVED that the Chairman, in consultation with the Vice Chairs and the Clerk, mark up the plan accordingly for return to the County Council.

(h) *Borough Blitz*

RESOLVED that a date of Saturday 19 March be requested from the Pride in Erewash Co-ordinator, Erewash Borough Council for a litter pick in the village of Dale Abbey.

(i) Campaign to Protect Rural England

The Clerk read the contents of a letter from the Derbyshire branch of the above Organisation seeking interest in the filling of the position of Chairman and also serving on the Committee.

RESOLVED that the contents of the letter be noted.

(j) Select List of Contractors

The Clerk reported an approach from Bloomin' Gardens and Landscapes Ltd of Church Gresley, Derbyshire for inclusion on the Councils select list of contractors for ground maintenance works.

RESOLVED that the Clerk invite the company to submit appropriate financial and technical references for consideration.

1064 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

(a) Parish Council Newsletter

The Chairman reported that it had not been possible for the Scouts to deliver the Parish Newsletter prior to the Christmas lights switching on dates in December 2010 because of the inclement weather conditions. The Chairman would agree delivery dates as soon as possible.

(b) Hermits Wood

The Chairman reported that Mr S Leleux had not been invited to this meeting to discuss the Parochial Church Council's adopted management plan for Hermits Wood, Dale Abbey, because of the need to meet earlier the representatives of Stanton-by-Dale Parish Council. He would, however, be invited to the February 2011 meeting.

1065 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Whilst there were no planning applications for consideration the Clerk did report that ERE/1010/0007 – Creation of a motor-cross track at Acorn Way, Morley had been refused by the Borough Council.

1066 FINANCE

(a) Accounts to be authorised for payment

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment.

		£
001729	Dallimore Primary School (Additional charge for use of school for the October 2010 meeting)	5.00
001730	Premier Landscaping East Midlands (Contracts 1007 and 1009)	70.00
001731	Park Hall Designs (Website maintenance and printing for the January meeting)	35.54
001732	K M Spencer (Salary January 2011)	469.78
001733	K M Spencer (Mileage)	10.82
001734	K M Spencer (Postages)	7.92
001735	J Heraty (Christmas refreshments)	26.80

(b) Income

None to report

(c) Financial Income and Expenditure Statement for the 9 months Ended 31 December 2010

RESOLVED that the foregoing Income and Expenditure Statement circulated by the Clerk be noted.

1067 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

None

Part II – Confidential Information

None

Signed 17 February 2011
Chairman to the Parish Council