

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING  
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL  
THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2011**

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

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair

**Part 1 – Non confidential information**

**1171 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Parish Councillors A Dunn  
Borough Councillors C Hart and B Broughton

**1172 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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

**1173 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest.

**1174 PUBLIC SPEAKING**



- (a) Councillor Sisson brought to member's attention the on-going HGV sightings and reporting of this to TDG gatehouse. The Chair highlighted that more positive action would be welcomed from DCC.
- (b) The Chairman reported that PC Russ Crooks will not be attending as he is on duty at Ilkeston Fair.

**1175 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011**

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

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2011 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

**(b) *Matters Arising***

  Minute 1125, an inspection lid has now been placed over the hole previously reported in this area.

- (ii) Minute 1163 (k) Councillor Just to attend the Neighbourhood planning training at South Normanton Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November. The Clerk to send directions and confirm by text.

## 1176 REPORT OF THE CLERK

### (a) Erewash Aligned Core Strategy – Consultation on Strategic Housing Land locations.

The Clerk provided Members with information regarding the above strategy. Information may have future relevance.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk give her details for further communication and text website link to Members to view themselves.

### (b) Giving the Children of Derbyshire a break

The Clerk read out a letter received from the above organisation. It was felt a worthwhile cause to continue supporting. A donation of £100.00 was agreed.

**RESOLVED:** That a cheque for £100 be included under Finance, accounts for payment. The Clerk to forward the donation with a covering letter.

### (c) Queen Elizabeth 11 Field Challenge

Members were updated by the Clerk that the meeting arranged between her and Mr Jamie Leeson of the above did not go ahead due to a system failure and arrangements for the meeting not being received.

The Clerk is to clarify whether the playing field at Dale Abbey is of a size to qualify for the scheme and report her findings back to Mr Leeson for further investigation.

### (d) 2013 Review of Parliamentary constituencies in England

The Clerk read out a letter received regarding the review. If the Mid Derbyshire Constituency changes then under Erewash Jessica Lee MP would be the appropriate contact. Further information regarding the review can be found at:

[www.independant.gov.uk/boundarycommissionforengland](http://www.independant.gov.uk/boundarycommissionforengland)

### (e) 2011 Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership Conference.

The Clerk advised the date for the above conference Sat 5<sup>th</sup> November 2011 10am – 4pm. Councillor Stevens to attend.

**(f) Society of Local Council Clerks – membership for new Clerk.**

The Clerk advised Members that during her handover from Keith Spencer (retired Clerk), he had advised that membership to this Society would be of benefit to the new Clerk having no previous Local Government experience. Further details have been requested.

**(g) Free Jubilee Trees for communities.**

The Clerk provided details of a scheme regarding free trees to mark the 2012 Jubilee which would also benefit the community and environment. It was agreed that this was a worthwhile project and members selected a tree pack from the list provided.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk register Dale Abbey Parish Councils interest in receiving the free tree's.

**(h) Derbyshire Wildlife Trusts concern at National Policy Planning Framework.**

The Clerk provided Members with information regarding the Trusts view that “new Government policy should; remove the presumption in favour of economic development in the draft NPPF. Require local plans to identify Nature Improvement Area's and Protect Local Wildlife Sites.”

The Clerk advised Members of the website – [www.planningforpeople.org.uk](http://www.planningforpeople.org.uk) where concerns can be shared and support given to one of the national petitions.

**(I) Empty grit bin reporting**

The Clerk advised Members of communication received from DCC Re. improvements to information available to the public during the winter. An updated website now displays a dedicated page for winter which can be found at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/snow](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/snow)

To make empty grit bin reporting easier County Council owned bins will have a label fixed on them indicating who to contact. Each grit bin will have its own unique reference number enabling its individual location to be identified

The Town and Parish Council owned bins will also be labelled, reporting can be carried out by: Online form on the website Text Messaging or Phoning Call Derbyshire.

A copy of a label was displayed and it was agreed that this was a useful function and that Dale Abbey parish Council agree to have their bins to be labelled in this way.

This work is planned to commence from 24.10.11

**(j) Update on gully located at the bottom of Arbour Hill.**

Arrangements for the gulley clearance work at the above location had been received and will be carried out in due course.

The work needs to follow the gully line to the bottom of Moor Lane to the bend near the ford. A gulley on Potato Pit Lane has also been identified as being full of silt.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contact DCC and advise them of the whole area needing to be cleared.

**(k) Update on grit bin Ladywood Road**

A reply regarding the repair and possible re-siting of this grit bin has been received from DCC. The maintenance has been referred back as this is the Parish Councils responsibility. If a replacement bin is required an order will need to be forwarded to the Environmental Services Department at DCC. Only after this will any re-siting issues be considered.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk pursue the option of purchasing a replacement lid as well as looking further into a possible repair. Also to query the responsibility of emptying the bin as currently it is being used as a litter bin.

**(l) Update on meeting with Gordon Sanders EBC re Concurrent Functions**

The Clerk reported that the meeting had gone well. Dale Abbey Parish Council were praised on the order in which their financial information was recorded. Details requested included costs for open space maintenance and insurance. Individual visits are being made to all fourteen Parish Clerks, after which a meetings will be held either on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> or Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November between each Chairman and Clerk and the Scrutiny committee at the Town Hall Long Eaton.

This will also be an opportunity for Parish Councils to voice any further concerns they may have relating to Concurrent Functions

**(m) Cemeteries Opening Hours Survey**

A survey has been received regarding the proposal to alter the times cemeteries are open to the public. Currently 7.30am and locked around dusk. The proposal would see them open at 08.30am each morning and locked around 7.30pm or dusk whichever is the earlier.

**RESOLVED:** That Members support the proposals, the Clerk to respond accordingly

**1177 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

**a) Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum**

Members were advised that the next Parish, Town Council and DCC Liaison Forum meeting is to be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Councillor's Farmer and Smith to attend. Updates will be given on the snow warden scheme and the part street lighting scheme.

A training date for the snow warden scheme has been arranged for Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October, Councillor's Farmer and Sisson to attend

**b) Digley Associates update**

Following on from the Digley Associates play area report the Chair has produced a schedule of work, which highlights, in order of priority, the work to be carried out.

Repairs to the Sovereign play equipment in Dale Abbey are scheduled to be carried out week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> October

**c) Lets Talk Forum**

Councillor's Farmer and Smith attended the above meeting held at Scargill School. The Community Warden Manager Scott Cartlidge was in attendance and following a discussion regarding Wirksworth Road play area will instruct the Community Warden for Kirk Hallam to ring or email the Clerk to pursue ongoing concerns.

**d) Planned BT work in Dale Abbey Village**

The Chairman reported a contact he had received from a BT engineer regarding proposed new cabling work from a pole adjacent to the seating area which involved digging up the stone setts. The Chair objected to this and proposed another solution to route the cable behind the planted area.

This was agreed by the engineer and instructions will be issued accordingly. The Chair asked the Clerk to contact Premier Landscapes regarding the winter planting.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contact Premiere Landscapes and instruct them to put the winter planting on hold until further notice

**e) Village Internet Provision**

For information members were informed that Paul Harvey is working to find ways of improving internet provision in the village, the Chair has also been researching ways of making improvements

On the advice of a DCC officer Mr Harvey is conducting a survey to confirm the number of households who would welcome an improvement in the service.

**f) Christmas 2011**

The Chairman reported that he will shortly be contacting the Cat & Fiddle public house regarding the Christmas arrangements and to enquire if they would be willing to provide any sponsorship for the switch on celebrations

The Chairman mentioned the amount of support Mr Keith Spencer had provided the Clerk in this her first year of arranging the Christmas events. He proposed that we should invite Mr & Mrs Spencer to one of the Christmas Lights switch on ceremonies.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk Formerly invite Mr and Mrs Spencer to one of our Christmas lights events.

**g) Newsletter**

The Chairman reported that he was in the process of producing the winter newsletter and asked members to inform him of any items they might wish to be included.

Included with the newsletter will be a consultation survey seeking resident's views on the Parish Councils spending priorities for the financial year 2012-2013.

It is hoped that both documents will be distributed by mid November.

**1178 HEALTHY AND SAFETY ISSUES**

**Community Safety Champions**

The Clerk provided information from the latest edition of The Fire Safety newsletter, specifically the safe use of open fires and wood burning stoves.

Councillor Smith reported that the minor pot holes on Hagg Lane have been marked for repair but larger ones had been missed.

**1179 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Application Code ERE/1011/0005 Erection of porch and the Installation of replacement roof light at 3 Abbey Farm, the Village, Dale Abbey, Derbyshire DE7 4PN.

It was agreed that the Parish Council have no objections to the application, subject to conservation committee approval and that it is built using appropriate materials.

**Application Code CD8/0711/48**

Footpath closure notices have been prematurely posted On Potato Pit Lane Dale Abbey announcing closure of the route from 07.11.2011 to 31.03.2012 which is before planning consent has been approved.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk protest that the notices have been posted before the necessary planning Approval has been granted.

## 1180 FINANCE

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

**RESOLVED:** That the following accounts be approved for payment.

	£
001808 Erewash Community Transport Donation	100.00
001809 J A Cooke Clerks Mileage	12.92
001810 J A Cooke Clerks Postages	9.97
001811 J A Cooke  Clerks Expenses	63.57
001812 J A Cooke Petty Cash for Christmas sweets	70.00
001813 Erewash Borough Council Christmas lights including upgrade	2,800.20
001814 James Farmer Job 1002 Dale Abbey Job 1003 Kirk Hallam	318.00
001815 C Benson Clerks printer inks	18.00
001816 Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre 100.00 Donation	

### **b) Income**

**RESOLVED:** That the receipt of VAT refund in the sum of £149.15 be noted.

### **Income and Expenditure Statement for the three months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011.**

Attention was drawn to the higher than forecast establishment costs, due mainly to the costs associated with the appointment of the new Clerk.

**RESOLVED:** That the attached statement of income and expenditure be approved.

**1181 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

None

**Part II – Confidential Information**

**11 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** That the press and public be excluded from the balance of the meeting as the next item contains confidential and exempt information.

Signed ..... 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
**Chairman to the Parish Council**