

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 21 APRIL 2011**

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

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair

In attendance: Mrs D Daykin. Member of the public.

Part 1 – Non confidential information

1093 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillors C Hart and B Broughton and Parish Councillors N Sisson and G Stevens.

1094 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

1095 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

1096 PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Clerk reported the receipt of an e.mail from PC Russell Crooks who could not attend because of shift working. He would be present at the meeting on 19 May but in the meantime wished to draw to the attention of the Parish Council a Speed Watch to take place on Moor Lane, Dale Abbey on 26 April from 4.30 pm to 5.00 pm.

1097 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 MARCH, 2011

(a) Approval and Confirmation

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17 March, 2011, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(b) Matters Arising
(i) Borough Blitz

The Chairman referred to the success of the litter pick in Dale Abbey held on Saturday 19 March 2011 (Minute No. 1085 (b) (ii) refers).

(ii) Parish Council Clerks – PAYE Implementation

The Chairman reported on the action he had taken to enable Douglas Tonks Ltd to register and manage the Parish Councils payroll with H M Revenues and Customs (Minute No. 1086 (c) refers).

(iii) The Derbyshire County Council (Addition of a Bridleway between Far Lane – Parish of Ockbrook and Potato Pit Lane – Parish of Dale Abbey including upgrading lengths of footpath) Modification Order 2011 – Correspondence from Interested Persons.

Arising on Minute No. 1086 (f) (17/3/11) the Clerk reported upon a Freedom of Information Act request which he had received and dealt with. The request was for copies of correspondence received, the letter sent by the Parish Council to the County Council and a certified copy of the relevant Minute.

1098 REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)

The Clerk reported receipt of correspondence from the CPRE inviting the Parish Council to renew its membership at a cost of £29 and also seeking volunteers to serve on the Derbyshire Committee.

RESOLVED

- (1)** that the Parish Councils membership of the CPRE be renewed at a cost of £29 and
- (2)** that the Clerk seek further information from the body as to the commitment which would be required to serve on the Derbyshire Branch Committee.

(b) Erewash Schools Sports Partnership

Further to Minute No. 1086 (d) (17/3/11) the Clerk invited the Parish Council to consider again the making of a financial donation to the above organisation.

RESOLVED that the Clerk enquire of the Partnership how any donation from the Parish Council would be ring fenced for use in the three

schools in the Parish and what, potentially, it would be used for.

(c) Parish Elections 2011

The Clerk reported that there would not be a contested election in any of the three Parish Wards which made up the Parish Council. Those who had submitted Nomination Papers would be returned to office uncontested.

There were two vacancies in the Kirk Hallam North Parish Ward which would be filled after the elections on Thursday 5 May. The Borough Council would trigger the procedure for the filling of those vacancies.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council place on record its sincere appreciation of the efforts of Parish Councillor John Heraty during his years in office, he having decided not to seek re-election.

(d) Digley Associates – Independent Annual Inspection Service Of Play Areas and Sports Facilities

RESOLVED that scheme 3, the details of which were read by the Clerk, be the selected inspection at a cost of £45 per site + VAT and that the Parish Playing areas at Dale Abbey and Kirk Hallam be included, the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

1099 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

(a) County Council and Parish/Town Council Liaison Forum

The Chairman reported that the meeting of the above Forum scheduled for 14 April, 2011 had been cancelled and was to be rearranged on a date in June.

(b) Electronic Planning – IT Equipment

The Chairman explained the need to supplement the IT equipment provided free of charge by the Borough Council by the purchase of a printer, extension lead, mouse and memory stick

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to spend up to a total of £150 on the foregoing items.

1100 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

(a) Junction Cat and Fiddle Lane and A6096

The Chairman and Vice Chairman Councillor Smith had met a representative of Derbyshire County Council on site on 18 April to discuss the Parish Council's concerns regarding traffic movements and sight problems at the above junction.

It appeared that the County representative was unwilling to do little more than keep sight vision clear by hedge trimming but did undertake to re-consider a speed limit reduction on this section of the A6096.

It was reported that the day after the site meeting there was a serious road traffic accident at the junction involving four vehicles.

RESOLVED that the Clerk contact the Derbyshire County Council representative, requesting him to contact the Police authority for details of the accident, and also requesting him to revisit his previous decisions regarding the junction.

(b) Potholes, Hagg Lane, Dale Abbey

Councillor Smith referred to a number of potholes on Hagg Lane which required repair.

RESOLVED that the Clerk notify Derbyshire County Council of the works required.

1101 FINANCE

(a) Accounts to be authorised for payment

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment.

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| 001753 | Dallimore Primary School (hire of the hall 17/3/11) | 25.00 |
| 001754 | Gateway Christian Centre (hire of Centre for April meeting) | 13.00 |
| 001755 | Johnston Publishing Ltd (advert for Clerk's post (VAT £28.15) | 168.91 |
| 001756 | Park Hall Designs | |

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| | (printing for the meeting) | 11.13 |
| 001757 | K M Spencer (Mileage) | 19.23 |
| 001758 | K M Spencer (Postages) | 34.25 |
| 001759 | Park Hall Designs (website maintenance) | 20.00 |
| 001760 | James Farmer (grass mowing Kirk Hallam & Dale Abbey) | 198.00 |
| 001761 | CPRE (Subscription renewal) | 29.00 |
| (b) Income | | |
| | VAT | 436.22 |
| | Precept | 6,400.00 |
| | Concurrent Functions | 14,525.00 |

1102 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the balance of the meeting on the ground that the item to be considered next contains confidential and exempt information.

Part II – Confidential Information

1103 POST OF PARISH CLERK

The Chairman took the Parish Council through the process of appointing to the post of Parish Clerk, including reference to the Job Description, Person Specification and Contract of Employment.

The shortlisted candidates would be interviewed on the morning of Tuesday 26 April.

RESOLVED that a Special meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday 28 April, 2011 to receive and consider recommendations from the Recruitment Sub Committee in connection with the appointment.

Signed 19 May, 2011
Chairman to the Parish Council