

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING  
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL  
THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JULY 2011**

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

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair

**Part 1 – Non confidential information**

**1134 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Parish Councillors S Bown  
Borough Councillors B Broughton and C Hart

**1135 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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

**1136 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest.

**1137 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

(a) The Chairman reported that the gully situated along Arbour Hill / Moor Lane was blocking up, which happens each year. In addition reference was made also to the gully on Potato Pit Lane in the dip before the cutting.

**RESOLVED** a letter to be sent to DCC as highways authority requesting that the gulleys be unblocked.

(b) A concern has been raised regarding the footpath closure on land near Cat and Fiddle Lane. Notices pertaining to this closure were not in the right place. This information has been passed to the Footpath Officer.

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

**(d) Minute No. 1128 (b) TDG Meeting**

The Chairman reported on the discussions held with representatives of TDG at the meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July. From 11<sup>th</sup> May to 27<sup>th</sup> June there had been 15 incidents of HGV's breaking the weight restriction limits; nine of which had been through Dale Abbey with the rest through Stanley Village. The next meeting with TDG will be held in December 2011. Discussion also took place on the continuing use of HGV's

of the lay-by parking on Spondon Road overnight and the lack of hygiene facilities.

## **1138 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 JUN 2011**

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

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 June 2011 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

### **(b) Matters Arising**

#### **Minute 1125**

##### **(a) A6096 Verge Mowing**

An update was given re the Japanese Knotweed situated on the verge adjacent to land owned by Mr & Mrs Noble. The Chair has asked County Councillor Hart to provide information on the County's treatment regime.

#### **Minute 1125**

##### **(b) KINS Meeting**

The next KINS meeting is to be held at Breadsall Village Hall 27/07/11, The Chairman hopes to attend.

#### **Minute 1114 (3) (19/05/11)**

##### **IT Equipment and software**

The Chairman updated members that the price to purchase a Windows XP package for use by the Clerk on the Parish Council lap top was £159.95.

There is a free downloadable version on line which the Clerk will look into as an option.

#### **Minute 1127 (b)**

##### **Tractor turning signs**

The Clerk reported that a letter and hand drawn sketch have been sent to Mr M Hawkins at DCC detailing the locations where the Parish Council consider the above signs should be placed. Communication has been received back to confirm our letter is receiving attention.

## **1139 REPORT OF THE CLERK**

### **(a) Erewash School Sports Partnership**

The Clerk informed Members a reply has been received from Erewash Schools Partnership. In thanks for their proposed offer Minute 1127 (a) 16/06 11. An invoice will be issued in September along with information as to what the schools chose to put the funding towards.

**(b) Christmas Lights Ceremonies**

The Clerk asked if Members wanted any changes to the order of events for the switching on of the Dale Abbey or Kirk Hallam Christmas lights for 2011. The provisional dates are 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December. It was suggested that a Celebrity be invited along this year to be involved with the switch on. The Clerk to contact Radio Derby and the BBC to look into this.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk be authorised to proceed with all the necessary arrangements for the ceremonies based on the format of previous years.

**(c) To consider a request to support a campaign to require major developers to attend Parish Council meetings, in order to explain major planning applications.**

The Clerk reported on a request to support a proposal that seeks new planning guidance to major developers urging them as a matter of planning procedure to attend Parish Council meetings if we so wish to, answer questions and provide resources if to enable us to assess their applications.

**RESOLVED** That the Clerk reply accordingly giving Dale Abbey Parish Councils support.

**(d) Probation Community Payback Trust**

The Clerk read out a letter received from DCC regarding the above scheme. The aim is to clean up sites in local communities and make the general public feel safer and more confident by improving the appearance of local environments. The project will have specific bearing around times such as Halloween and Bonfire Night. It was agreed this was a good scheme to become involved with.

**e) Update on red telephone kiosk Dale Abbey**

Responses received back from Borough Councillors Hart and Broughton re the change of use fee. Consistency of the fee being applied and paid is being investigated by Councillor Broughton.

**f) Digley Associates**

Play area reports had not been received. The Clerk requested that the Chairman agree this item be removed from the agenda.

**RESOLVED** That the reports once received be included on the next agenda.

## **g) DALC Executive Committee Election**

The Clerk read out the three nominations for the above election.

**RESOLVED** that the two votes of the Parish Council be given to the persons now mentioned and that DALC be notified accordingly.

## **1140 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

### **(a) *Electoral Expenses***

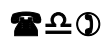
Members completed Electoral expenses forms. These were handed back to the Clerk for return.

### **(b) *Derbyshire County Council Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum.***

The Chairman reported on a meeting he and Vice Chair John Smith had attended Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2011. Members viewed the presentation on the Five Year Financial Plan and Revenue budget 2011/12 which had been presented at the meeting. The meeting had also considered presentations on the powers of Police Community Support Officers and a Little Eaton Village Hall Community project.

### **(c) *Wirksworth Road Play Area***

The Chairman advised that a selection of dates for meetings have been supplied by Three Valleys Housing. Dates are expected from Councillor Louis Booth. The date for the meeting will then be confirmed.



### **Newsletter**

Copies of the mid year newsletter were handed out to Members by the Chairman. Contents include new Clerk information and the two casual vacancies for Kirk Hallam North. Distribution of the newsletter is being arranged.

### **(e) *Scargill Education Trust***

The Chairman reported on his attendance at a meeting of the Trust held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, including a visit to one of the local schools situated in the area of benefit.

## 1141 HEALTHY AND SAFETY ISSUES

None to report

## 1142 FINANCE

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

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

	<b>£</b>
001779 Gateway Christian Centre (room hire for meeting)	13.00
001780 J A Cooke (Clerks Mileage)	47.29
001781 J A Cooke (Postages)	11.76
001782 Premiere Landscaping Contracts 1007 Ladywood Road 1009 Dale Abbey Seating Area	70.00
001783 Park Hall Designs Printing for meeting, website maintenance and newsletter.	111.39
001784 Mr K M Spencer Consultancy fees	641.19
001785 Peter Farmer (Mileage)	29.44
001786 J A Cooke (Clerks expenses)	18.98
001787 James Farmer Job No. 1002,03,05 and 08	921.50
001788 J A Cooke Home as office allowance	54.00

### **b) Income**

None to report

### **c) Income and Expenditure Statement for the three months ended 30 June 2011.**

**RESOLVED** that the foregoing statement showing income and expenditure against approved budgets be received.

**d) Completion of the Annual Audit**

The Clerk reported that the Audit Commission had completed work on the 2010/2011 audit and had certified the Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2011.

In the opinion of the Commission the Annual Return was in accordance with its requirements. One point highlighted which has now been addressed was the introduction of a financial risk assessment.

**RESOLVED** that the approved Annual from the Audit Commission in respect of the 2010/2011 Parish Accounts be received.

**Part II – Confidential Information**

**1143 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

(a)

**1144 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the balance of the meeting as the next item contained confidential and exempt information.

Signed ..... 25<sup>th</sup> August 2011  
**Chairman to the Parish Council**