

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 8th December 2011**

Present: Councillors P Farmer, J Smith, T Davies, C Just
N Sisson, A Dunn, S Bown.

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair

Part 1 – Non confidential information

1195 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Councillor Broughton
Borough Councillor Hart

1196 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

1197 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

1198 PUBLIC SPEAKING

(a) PC Russ Crooks in attendance and reported on the following -

Theft of grit bin – enquiries made and area searched however bin not located. For any incidents similar to this then the public are requested to call 101, the call can be directed through to PC Crooks if he is on duty. Anything looking suspicious should be reported. 999 is to be used in emergencies.

PC Crooks can also be contacted via his web page which is accessible as follows -

Google Derby Police, select my local Police choose Ilkeston rural option. Details of PC. Crooks and his team.

There has been an increase in metal theft of late. Dealers are instructed to ring the Police if excessive amounts taken in.

PC Crooks encouraged the use of burglar alarms or dummy boxes on residential properties.

1199 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17th NOVEMBER 2011

(a) Approval and Confirmation

RESOLVED; that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th November 2011 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

(b) Matters Arising

**Minute 1177 (d)
Planned BT work in Dale Abbey Village**

A date of 30th November was given for this work to be carried out, however to date work has not commenced.

**1187 (a)
Update on grit bins**

Price quotes are being obtained from DCC for the replacement of the Ladywood Road grit bin.

An update on the provision of the grit bin at the junction of the Village and Arbour Hill is currently being awaited.

After the recent theft of the grit bin provided through the Snow Warden scheme, DCC have advised that a replacement is not possible.

RESOLVED; that the Clerk follow up the progress on the grit bins. Also to write advising of the Parish Councils disappointment that through theft we are left without an additional grit bin.

1200 REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Banking Administration

The Clerk advised that all relevant forms have now been sent off for processing. NATWEST have sent copies of all paperwork to the Clerk. Confirmation is awaited of updated signatories.

(b) Erewash Borough Council Free Tree update

Confirmation has been received by the Clerk that Dale Abbey Parish Council have been awarded fifty free trees under the above scheme. Dates and collection arrangements have also been provided.

(c) Theft of grit bin

The Clerk reported that the free grit bin awarded to the Parish Council through their signing up to the snow warden scheme has been stolen. It was last sighted on the evening of Thursday 1st December and was reported stolen the following morning. This has been reported and a crime reference issued. It was agreed that better arrangements are needed in the securing of the grit bins.

(d) Concurrent Functions Review

The Clerk read out a letter received from Gordon Sanders Erewash Borough Council, regarding the recent concurrent functions review. A reduction of 5% is to be imposed for the 2012/2013 financial year

(e) Borough and Parish Councils Forum meetings

A review is being done of the amount of meetings held per year and the times meetings are held. The Clerk asked members for their preferences.

RESOLVED; the Clerk respond advising three meetings per year held in the evening.

(f) Proposed Diversion of Public Bridleway 30 (part) Parish of Dale Abbey

The Clerk advised that late receipt of the above was due to correspondence being sent to the recently retired Clerk. It was proposed by the Chairman and agreed by members to hear and review the proposal.

The Land owner is seeking the diversion so as to allow access for users without compromising the security of livestock.

RESOLVED; that the Clerk respond advising that the Parish Council have no objections.

(g) Fire Safety Champions

The Clerk advised on communication received to update records and whether the Parish Council wished to continue receiving and by which method to receive information.

RESOLVED; that the Clerk reply accordingly advising of the Parish Councils wish to continue receiving posters and newsletters.

1201 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

- (a) The Chairman reported on a meeting he and the Clerk attended at Wirksworth Road on Tuesday 29th November. The meeting was attended by Scott Jeffery Neighbourhood Warden for Kirk Hallam, from Erewash Borough Council.

Since the meeting the Clerk has received communication from Scott Jeffrey advising the following

Difficult to take any action due to Multi ownership of the site. Police have confirmed less anti social behaviour on the area in the last year. The road damage has been reported to Natalie Bailey (Housing Officer) Three Valleys Housing who will deal with this issue.

(b) Consultations and Newsletters

The closing date for replies to the Parish Councils consultation is 12th December. The Chairman advised he had hoped to report on the results, but due to the December meeting date being brought forward a week this has meant the consultation is still open. A report will be brought to the January meeting.

(c) Christmas lights switch on 2011

The Chairman reported on the successful events at Dale Abbey and Kirk Hallam along with the lighting upgrade at Kirk Hallam. It was agreed that a PA system is required at both events next year.

It was suggested that the lights be switched on first at Dale Abbey which would provide additional light to read the hymn sheets by and a review of the programme of events for next year.

Thanks were extended to Mr and Mrs Cox for the use of their drive by Pinxton Puppets.

As in previous years it was agreed that any remaining sweets be sent to the Kirk Hallam Children's Centre.

RESOLVED; that remaining sweets be sent to Kirk Hallam Children's Centre with best wishes from Dale Abbey Parish Council.

1202 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

It was reported that a van had been damaged by hitting an overhanging tree at the bottom of Woodpecker Hill, investigations will take place to establish if an owner of the tree can be identified.

1203 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The DCC Bridleway over part of Public Footpath No.48 off Potato Pit Lane – Parish of Dale Abbey. Public Path Creation Order 2011.

The Parish Council wish to apply the same comments to this application as they did to previous applications CD8-0711-48. We are however pleased to note the use of the term “bridleway” (legal status) rather than the term “multi-user green way” which has no status in law.

1204 FINANCE

(a) Accounts to be authorised for payment

RESOLVED That the following accounts be approved for Payment.

	£
001827 Premiere Landscaping Job 1007 Ladywood Road Job 1009 Seating area Dale Abbey	70.00
001828 Gateway Christian Centre Room hire for December meeting £13 Donation for Christmas lights event £30	43.00
001829 Park Hall Designs Printing of newsletters £72.00 Printing of consultations £72.00 Website maintenance £30.00	174.00
001830 Pinxtion Puppets (provision of shows at Christmas Lights events).	320.00
001831 Ilkeston Brass (donation for playing at the Christmas Lights events).	100.00
001832 J Cooke (quarterly allowance – use of home as office).	80.00
001833 J Cooke – Clerks expenses	34.38
001834 Johnstone Publishing Ltd (Advert Christmas Lights event) (VAT 27.36)	164.16

001835	Park Hall Designs (Printing of Carol sheets for Christmas events)	39.00
001836	J Heraty (Provision of refreshments at the Christmas lights event)	82.10
001837	Cat and Fidle ((Provision of refreshments at the Christmas lights event)	62.39
001838	DALC Clerks Day 2012	30.00
001839	J Smith Mileage for delivery of newsletters	8.77
001840	A Dunn Postages of newsletters	4.32

(b) Income

None

- (c) Projected Out turn of Income and Expenditure for 2011/2012 and the setting of the Concurrent functions budget and precept 2012/2013.

The Council considered the written report of the Clerk on the above matters.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the concurrent functions budget for 2012/2013 in accordance with the Borough Council guidelines be set at £14, 525.00 (pre determination by Erewash Borough Council)
- (2) that the precept for 2012/2013 be set at £6,000.00

- (d) Authorisation to void cheque 001807 Rural Action Derbyshire £50.00. Due to a duplicate payment.

It was noted that due to a duplicate invoice being sent the above payment was issued for a second time. The payment was not processed and the cheque returned to the Clerk.

1205 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- (a) None**

Part II – Confidential Information

1206 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.

Signed 19th January 2012
Chairman to the Parish Council