

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 21 JANUARY, 2010**

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

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair

Part 1 – Non confidential information

918 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Borough Councillor C Hart.

919 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

920 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Harvey declared a personal interest in any discussions which may emerge on the proposed Stanton regeneration, by virtue of his Chairmanship of GreenSqueeze.

921 CHANGE OF MEETING VENUE

RESOLVED that this Parish Council meeting be held in the Childrens Room at the Carpenters Arms, as a result of the unavailability of both the Dallimore Primary School and the Gateway Christian Centre.

922 PUBLIC SPEAKING

(a) P C Russell Crooks was unavailable to attend this meeting although there was nothing substantial to report from his viewpoint. He would however attend the next meeting to be held on Thursday 18 February 2010.

923 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER, 2009**

(a) Approval and Confirmation

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(b) Matters Arising

(i) Christmas Lights

The Clerk reported the views of a resident of Ladywood Road, Kirk Hallam regarding the Christmas Lights.

He went on to report a telephone conversation with the Engineer at Erewash Borough Council regarding the age and state of some of the existing lights. The lights at Dale Abbey were down from 600 to 400 because two sets malfunctioned and the Ladywood Road lights were boosted by the use of some of the Borough Council stock.

The Engineer had offered to price up some additional replacement lights for the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that the offer of the Engineer from Erewash Borough Council to price up some replacement lights be accepted.

(ii) Parish Council's Website

Councillor Harvey sought the views of the Parish Council on the development of the proposed blogsite which he was organising. He had circulated by e.mail to some Members his latest front page which would allow the public to make comments. Some discussion took place on what would happen if some comments received were abusive and the view was expressed that all comments received should be channelled through the Parish Clerk.

Councillor Harvey explained that no individual could edit any wording on the site and the blog could be developed into a website by a website designer.

Some Members indicated that they had not yet seen the latest design circulated by Councillor Harvey.

The recently circulated Newsletter to parishioners had sought views on the website.

Discussion also took place on whether the Parish Council should continue to produce a further Newsletter.

RESOLVED

- (1) that any views from Parish residents on the existing website be reported by the Clerk to the next meeting.
- (2) that Councillor Harvey continue to develop the blogsite, to run alongside the existing website, ensuring that contributors cannot post e-mails direct to the blogsite.
- (3) that a Parish Newsletter be produced on a six monthly basis.

924 REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) *Members Training*

The Clerk reported that a training event on the law and good practice for Parish Councils organised by the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils was to be held on Monday 15 March, 2010 at Breadsall Village Memorial Hall.

RESOLVED that five places be booked on the training course at a cost of £15 per place (£75 total) and the Clerk circulate to the five members concerned the details he has received from DALC regarding the course.

(b) *Meeting of Parish Councils with TDG, West Hallam*

The Clerk reported that TDG, West Hallam had obtained planning permission on 2 units working 24 hours a day, 52 weeks of the year.

It had been suggested to TDG that the Company should engage in communication with its neighbours, including Parish Councils, in an attempt to address some of the problems arising from vehicles visiting the site breaking speed and weight restrictions on route.

As a result the Chairman and the Clerk, together with representatives of Stanley and Stanley Common and West Hallam Parish Councils had attended a meeting at the TDG site on 12 January, 2010.

The meeting agreed a uniform procedure for reporting traffic violation incidents, routing these through the Parish Clerk for report to Trading Standards, Community Police Officer, TDG General Manager and Mrs M Fox, Clerk to Stanley and Stanley

Common Parish Council. She was to record all incidents to establish if patterns were emerging regarding the traffic violations. All incidents would be reported to the next joint TDG/Parish Councils meeting.

The Chairman continued by outlining proposed improvements to signing at the TDG site, and that Trading Standards would be requested to report incidents to the Highways Division at the County Council in an effort to persuade them to review and hopefully improve existing signage. The Chairman had also mentioned the meeting to PC Russell Crooks.

The day after the meeting the Chairman reported to TDG (and the Clerk) the details of a weight restriction violation through the village which the TDG General Manager dealt with immediately.

RESOLVED that the reports presented be noted.

(c) *HGV Incident – 22 September, 2009*

The Clerk reported on the contents of an e.mail received from Trading Standards, Derbyshire County Council detailing the action taken and the outcome relating to the above weight restriction violation incident reported by a parishioner.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(d) *Tree – Grass Triangle, The Village ,Dale Abbey*

The Tree Officer, Erewash Borough Council, had inspected the above tree and confirmed that it appeared in good health. There was some minor deadwood throughout the crown which she could arrange to be removed.

The Christmas lights, still in the tree, were due to be removed not later than 22 January, 2010.

RESOLVED that the offer of the Tree Officer, Erewash Borough Council, to arrange for the removal of the deadwood be accepted.

(e) *Website Hosting Renewal*

Park Hall Designs had submitted details for the website hosting renewal in the total of £61.95 which represented a saving on a previous proposal.

The switch in hosting arrangements meant that the website was likely to be off-line for two or three days during the switch over.

RESOLVED that the website hosting be renewed on the terms referred to above

(f) *Play Field, Dale Abbey*

The Clerk reported that Sovereign Play Designs Systems Ltd were to deliver to the Chairman's property on 25 January the items required for carrying out the outstanding equipment repairs. The actual repairs would be undertaken on Monday 1 February 2010.

(g) *Erewash Core Strategy – Preferred Options Stage*

The Clerk had received from Erewash Borough Council a report and supporting papers (394 pages) on the Erewash Core Strategy – Preferred Options Stage.

The options for consultation document was to be published on 28 January 2010 for an 8 weeks consultation period which would conclude on 25 March.

The Clerk reminded the Council that it had already requested an evening meeting presentation with the public present, to which a response from the Borough Council was awaited.

Following the preferred options consultation stage a proposed submission draft would be published for representations in September 2010.

(h) *Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill*

Further to previous consideration of the above, the Clerk reported that the Bill had been adopted as a Private Members Bill by Alistair Burt M.P.

Parish Councils were now being asked to request Members of Parliament to urge the relevant Government Ministers to support the Bill and, if required, agree to give the Bill extra time or to speed up procedure to ensure it becomes law in this Parliamentary Session.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the local Member of Parliament seeking support for the above action.

(i) *Stanton Regeneration*

The Clerk circulated to each Member a letter from Liz Blackman MP, attached to which was a letter from the Director for Regeneration and Community, Erewash Borough Council,

setting out the latest position on the Stanton Regeneration proposals from that Councils point of view.

(j) Requests for Grit Bins

The Clerk reported the receipt of e.mailed requests from a resident at Highfield Drive, Kirk Hallam, and County Councillor Mrs M Booth in respect of Ridgeway Drive, Kirk Hallam, for the provision of grit bins.

Discussion also ensued regarding the provision of a grit bin at The Village, Dale Abbey.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the requests for grit bins at the three locations be supported and the applicants notified accordingly.
- (2) that the Clerk make the appropriate applications to Derbyshire County Council.

(k) Housing Need in the Rural Villages of Erewash

The Clerk circulated an invitation from the Area Manager of Midlands Rural Housing and Erewash Borough Council for Members to attend a meeting of Parish Councillors on Wednesday 10 February, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Long Eaton commencing at 6.00 pm.

The programme for the meeting was also circulated.

RESOLVED that all members of the Parish Council and the Clerk be authorised to attend the meeting.

(l) Adoption of a Red Telephone Kiosk

The Clerk and the Chairman both reported upon the difficulties encountered on line when trying to adopt the red telephone kiosk in the Dale Abbey village.

A further e.mail from BT Payphones regarding power to adopted kiosks being maintained and paid for by BT for the foreseeable future suggested that it was possible to e.mail a request for kiosk adoption.

RESOLVED that the Clerk make an e.mail application for adoption of the kiosk in the village.

(m) East Midlands Fire and Rescue Control Centre

The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from the Communications Advisor on the current position of the new Fire and Rescue Control Centre being set up to provide an emergency call handling facility for Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire.

RESOLVED that the correspondence be received.

925 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

(a) Missing/Stolen Grit Bin, No Mans Lane/Potato Pit Lane, Dale Abbey

The Clerk reported that both a Member and a resident had contacted him regarding the above. He in turn had contacted Derbyshire County Council which had now replaced the missing bin and filled it.

(b) Reflector Posts

Members reported that the reflector post at The Ford, Dale Abbey had been knocked over and damaged as had the one at the bottom of Woodpecker Hill, Dale Abbey.

RESOLVED that the Clerk report these matters to Derbyshire County Council.

926 PLANNING

(a) Derbyshire County Council Application Code No. CD8/1109/164 – Proposed New Sports and Ancillary Accommodation, Kirk Hallam Community Technology College, Godfrey Drive, Kirk Hallam

RESOLVED that no objections be raised to or comments made on the above application.

(b) ERE/0110/024 – Conversion and Alteration of Farm Outbuildings to create One Dwelling Unit at Ashtree Farm, Spondon Road, Dale Abbey

RESOLVED that no objections be raised to or comments made on the above application.

927 FINANCE

(a) Accounts to be authorised for payment

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment.

		£
001620	This cheque was CANCELLED due to a change of meeting venue	
001621	Park Hall Designs (Web site hosting renewal) (domain hosting, web hosting and domain name registration)	61.95
001622	Park Hall Designs (Web site maintenance – and printing for the January meeting)	33.65
001623	K M Spencer (Salary January 2010)	469.78
001624	K M Spencer (Mileage – details circulated at the meeting)	18.63
001625	Grasstrack Grounds Maintenance (contracts 1007/1008/1009 – VAT 80.70)	618.70
001626	Erewash Borough Council (provision of Christmas Lights – VAT 281.72)	1891.53
001627	Gateway Christian Centre (provision of refreshments at Dale Abbey Christmas Lights)	9.95
001628	DALC – (Members Training event at Breadsall)	75.00
(b) Income		
	(Ground Rental for Garage from Mr & Mrs Smith)	18.00

928 ITEM FOR INFORMATION

(a) Derbyshire County Council Press Release

The Clerk reported on the receipt of a press release on “**Helping You Stay Safe and Warm this Winter**” which had been posted on the website.

(b) Refuse Collection, Dale Abbey

The Chairman presented details of forthcoming refuse collection arrangements for Dale Abbey

Part II – Confidential Information

None

Signed 18 February, 2010
Chairman to the Parish Council

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

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair

In attendance – Borough Councillor J Hulls, PC R Crooks

Part 1 – Non confidential information

929 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor N Sisson and Borough Councillor C Hart

930 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

There were no requests to vary the order of business as set out in the Agenda, at the outset of the meeting.

931 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

932 PUBLIC SPEAKING

(a) Borough Councillor Hulls indicated that she had been away for the past month and was therefore out of touch with Borough Council matters.

(b) Parish Councillor Smith had attended the Community Panel (KINS) meeting held on Monday 15 February, 2010 at West Hallam. He reported that the main items discussed at the meeting were the problem of dog fouling and also the continuing difficulties with HGV's violating weight restrictions.

933 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 JANUARY, 2010**

(a) Approval and Confirmation

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 January, 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(b) Matters Arising

(i) Change of Meeting Venue

Arising of Minute No. 921, the Clerk relayed the outcome of a telephone conversation with staff from Dallimore Primary School apologising for the non availability of the school for the January meeting. This had been as a result of an oversight on the part of the Caretaker.

(ii) Meeting of Parish Councils with TDG, West Hallam

The Chairman reported that the day after the meeting with TDG on 12 January he had reported details of a Heavy Goods Vehicle breaking the 7.1/2 tonnes Dale Abbey village weight restriction.

He had informed the General Manager of TDG who had dealt with the offending vehicle and driver and the companies involved immediately.

(iii) Tree – Grass Triangle, The Village, Dale Abbey

Arising on Minute No. 924 (a) the Clerk reported the receipt of an e.mail from the Tree Officer, Erewash Borough Council, indicating that pruning works to the canopy of the above tree would be undertaken some time after April, 2010, when the new budget would be available.

(iv) Playing Field, Dale Abbey

The Chairman reported that Sovereign Play Systems Ltd. had failed to collect timber stakes stored at his house for repairs to the broken equipment on the above playing field.

RESOLVED that the Clerk contact the firm for an explanation of the failure.

- (v) ***Erewash Core Strategy – Preferred Options Stage***
Arising on Minute No. 924 (g) the Clerk reported that the Lead Officer from Erewash Borough Council had now acknowledged the request of the Parish Council for a presentation regarding the above at a special meeting. He read to the meeting the response received.

In addition he had a schedule of proposed public meetings on the subject prepared by the Borough Council which was available for viewing by Members.

RESOLVED that the Clerk post the details of the proposed public meetings on the Parish Councils Notice Boards.

- (vi) ***Requests for Grit Bins***
The Clerk reported that, in consultation with County Councillor Mrs M Booth who had contacted residents, he had actioned the requests for grit bins in two locations in Kirk Hallam.

The Chairman reported that an officer of Derbyshire County Council had contacted him regarding the provision of a grit bin at The Village, Dale Abbey and this was awaiting a survey.

- (vii) ***Housing Need in the Rural Villages of Erewash***
Various Members and the Clerk reported on their attendance on Wednesday 10 February at a meeting at Long Eaton Town Hall, regarding the above (Minute No. 924 (k) refers).

- (viii) ***Adoption of a Red Telephone Kiosk***
It was reported that the red telephone kiosk in Dale Abbey village which the Parish Council was attempting to adopt had broken door glass windows

RESOLVED that the Clerk report this damage to BT Payphones

(ix) *Missing/Stolen Grit Bin, No Mans Lane/Potato Pit Lane, Dale Abbey*

Arising on Minute No 925 (a) Members queried the cost charged by Derbyshire County Council for the replacement and filling of the grit bin referred to above.

RESOLVED that the Clerk establish whether the Parish Council can claim on its insurance for part of the cost involved, or whether Derbyshire County Council intend to make such a claim.

934 REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) *Borough Blitz*

The Clerk reported that the Borough Council Co-ordinator had offered Saturday 27 March, 2010 at 10.00 a.m. for a litter collection in Dale Abbey. The normal meeting arrangements would apply

RESOLVED that the date on offer be accepted.

(b) *Grounds Maintenance and other Contracts 2010*

The Clerk reminded Members of the arrangements introduced last year for the receipt, opening and reporting of the quotations for grounds maintenance and other contracts. He asked if those arrangements were to continue.

Additionally, he enquired whether the Parish Council wished to consider increasing the frequency of mowing at the Wirksworth Road playing field Kirk Hallam and at the Dale Abbey playing field and other locations

RESOLVED

- (1) that the same arrangements as 2009 for the receipt, opening and reporting of the quotations referred to above be applied in 2010 and
- (2) that the Clerk be authorised to determine each year whether less or more grass mowing cuts are required at Kirk Hallam and Dale Abbey depending upon the prevailing weather conditions
- (3) that the Clerk also pursue with Erewash Borough Council the outstanding issues of the provision of allotments and ownership of the hedge at the Kirk Hallam playing field.

(c) ***Proposed Timetable of Meetings 2010/2011***

The Clerk had circulated with the Agenda the timetable of, and venues for the meetings in 2010/2011.

RESOLVED that the timetable be approved, circulated as usual and loaded onto the Parish Council's website.

(d) ***Standing Orders for Local Councils***

The Clerk reported the publication by the National Association of Local Councils of new model Standing Orders for Parish and Town Councils.

A training event on the new Standing Orders for Chairmen and Clerks, as well as the Audit Return and Insurance was to be held at Ripley on 28 April 2010. The cost was £30 per deligate.

RESOLVED that the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to attend the foregoing training event.

(e) ***Parish Council Insurance***

The Clerk reported an approach from Came and Company to quote for the Parish Councils insurance requirements nearer the renewal time around August 2010.

RESOLVED that the Company be invited to submit a quotation and the Clerk make the appropriate arrangements in due course.

(f) ***Brass Band Concerts***

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Borough Council inviting the Parish Council to apply for inclusion in the Brass Band Concert programme for 2010/2011.

RESOLVED that the Clerk obtain further information from the Borough Council regarding the organisation of such an event.

935 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

At this stage Police Constable Russell Crooks had entered the meeting and in order to enable him to present his report it was –

RESOLVED accordingly

936 POLICE REPORT

PC Crooks presented his report which involved –

- the theft of a metal gate from a property. He was to investigate accordingly
- the cutting of barbed wire fences to enable access to land for the purposes of poaching
- being informed of a car damage incident
- an indication that the HGV's and speeding checks in the village would now take place probably late April or early May when the weather was more clement.

He emphasised that the dog fouling of streets was not a police matter but an item for Erewash Borough Council.

The Chairman thanked him for his attendance.

937 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

(a) ***Borough Council Standards Committee***

The Chairman reminded the Parish Council of his membership of the above Committee and went on to explain the significant progress made in establishing robust procedures for the receipt and investigation of complaints, since the revised arrangements introduced by the Standards Board for England.

(b) ***Scargill Educational Foundation***

The Chairman had attended a meeting of the Foundation on 28 January 2010. The Foundation met twice each year to determine applications received for financial grants directed to persons under the age of 25 involving training, education or a calling. The grants made by the Trustees were for such things as travel expenses, books, tools and equipment. Grants normally ranged from around £35 up to £200.

The next meeting of the Foundation would be in July 2010.

(c) ***War Memorial, Dale Abbey Church***

The Chairman reminded the Council of an item considered at a recent past meeting when in correspondence the Ministry of Justice had confirmed that Parish Councils could meet expenditure to clean and maintain war memorials.

He indicated that during better weather conditions the foregoing war memorial would require cleaning by a specialist firm.

RESOLVED that the Clerk research the records to find out which Company was employed previously to clean the Memorial.

938 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

- (a) **Seating Area, Grass Triangle, The Village, Dale Abbey**
Councillor Bown referred to a section of wooden boarding on the seating which required replacing.

The Chairman then referred to the stones under the seating area which when the area was mowed flew up and which could hit residents cars.

The tree in the area was the subject of a Tree Preservation Order and the underneath needed to be permeable. He suggested that the stones be replaced by turfing.

RESOLVED that the Clerk Obtain quotations for the replacement of the wooden boarding and the provision of turfing in place of the existing small stones.

- (b) **Play Equipment, Dale Abbey Playing Field**
The Chairman expressed the view that certain of the play equipment was requiring attention.

The slides and swings required cleaning and areas repainted; there was doubt as to whether the slide met current safety standards as the sides were not considered high enough.

In addition the anti-tangle chains on the swings had been flagged up previously for replacement.

RESOLVED that these items be considered further in the near future.

939 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

ERE/0210/0001 – Variation of Condition 3 of ERE/0709/0027 to allow one helicopter take off and landing event per day, Laburnum Cottage, Cat and Fiddle Lane, Dale Abbey

RESOLVED that the Parish Council objects to the foregoing application on the ground that to allow an increase in the number of helicopter take offs and landings from those already approved, would have a detrimental noise impact on the amenities of nearby residents.

940 FINANCE

(a) Accounts to be authorised for payment

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment.

		£
001629	Gateway Christian Centre (room hire for the meeting)	13.00
001630	Park Hall Designs (Web site maintenance for January and printing charges for the February meeting)(web site £20 – printing £14.49)	34.49
001631	K M Spencer (Salary February 2010)	469.78
001632	K M Spencer (postage costs)	12.00
001633	K M Spencer (mileage costs – February 2010)	28.85
001634	Derbyshire County Council (replacement and filling of missing grit bin, No Mans Lane/Potato Pit Lane, Dale Abbey VAT 33.69)	226.20
001635	DALC (Training on new Standing Orders for the Chairman and the Clerk)	60.00

(b) Income

None to report

(c) Income and Expenditure Statement for the Financial year to the end of January 2010.

RESOLVED that the foregoing Income and Expenditure Statement against approved budgets circulated by the Clerk be received

941 ITEM FOR INFORMATION

(a) By-Election Result

The Chairman reported that Mr Bruce Broughton, the Conservative Party Candidate, had been elected at the recent by-election for the West Hallam and Dale Abbey Ward.

Part II – Confidential Information

None

Signed 18 March, 2010
Chairman to the Parish Council

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A Dunn, P Farmer, J Heraty, C Just,
N Sisson and J Smith

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair

In attendance – Borough Councillor J Hulls, Mr & Mrs B Cooper,
Mrs Noble and three supporters

Part 1 – Non confidential information

942 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor G Stevens and Police Constable R Crooks.

943 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

944 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The following Declarations of Interest were declared.

(a) The Chairman, Councillor Farmer, declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7(g) relating to grounds maintenance and other quotations for 2010, on the basis that he was related to a contractor. N.B. The quotations submitted were reported by the Clerk in an anonymised manner.

(b) Councillor Harvey declared a personal interest in any discussions which may arise regarding the proposed Stanton Regeneration, by reason of his Chairmanship of Green Squeeze.

(c) Councillor Davies declared a personal interest at Agenda item 4(a) immediately when another Member raised the concerns of parishioners regarding the surface state of Tattle Hill. His interest arose as a property owner with a Tattle Hill address.

945 PUBLIC SPEAKING

- (a) Mr B Cooper of the Kirk Hallam Police Forum and the Erewash North Community Forum addressed the Council on the increasing traffic dangers on Ladywood Road, Kirk Hallam, particularly since the Cat and Fiddle public house had re-opened.

Through the Forums he had approached both the County and Borough Councils for those authorities to fund the installation of a flashing 30 mph unit to warn motorists of the approaching speed limit and to help reduce speed to that limit.

The Chairman explained the Parish Councils limited budgets. He suggested the possibility of considering linking in with the mobile unit seen on Stanton Road Ilkeston, with a view to a site on Ladywood Road being added to the list.

Other possibilities, such as rumble strips, were also mentioned.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council supports the initiative and the Clerk be requested to write to Derbyshire County Council accordingly.

- (b) Mrs Noble, the owner of land adjoining Milvale on Spondon Road, Dale Abbey then addressed the Council.

She first requested that the Parish Council stop cutting the grass verge on the A6096 outside of her land because of Japanese Knotweed which could enter her land. The County Council apparently had agreed not to mow and the Clerk was asked to pass this request on to the Councils Contractor.

Secondly, she questioned the circumstances in which the Parish Council at its meeting in July 2009 had, in private session, received the contents of an e.mail from the Borough Council. The Clerk responded by explaining the circumstances in which he had decided the item should go on the Agenda in private session.

Lastly, Mrs Noble drew parallels with her planning permission on the land she owns, as opposed to other planning applications in and around Dale Abbey. She was advised that in the event of her considering that development had occurred without the benefit of planning permission then she should take this up with Erewash Borough Council.

- (c) Borough Councillor Hulls reported that in connection with Condition 3 of planning application ERE/0709/0027 video camera evidence was not required, a time diary would suffice.

The Clerk then reported that the latest application ERE/0210/0001 was to be considered by the Borough Councils Planning Committee on Wednesday 31 March 2010. He outlined the circumstances in which the Parish Council could attend and speak to the application.

- (d) Councillor Harvey indicated that he had been approached by residents regarding the state of Tattle Hill with potholes following the severe winter weather conditions.

N.B. It was at this stage that Councillor Davies declared the personal interest recorded at Minute No.944.

There was considerable discussion regarding whether the road was an adopted highway or not and Councillor Davies was invited to speak.

Derbyshire County Council had resurfaced the highway in the past. The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council facilitate a meeting at which all residents of Tattle Hill be invited to attend. It was hoped that if all residents were of one mind and could agree a way forward they could attend the Annual Parish meeting in April and request the parish Council to pursue on their behalf whatever proposals may emerge. Councillor Harvey and the Chairman were to pursue the organisation of a meeting.

- (e) The Clerk read out an e.mail from Police Constable Russell Crooks on his recent activities within Dale Abbey village. The Chairman added further information based on a telephone call with the Officer.

946 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 FEBRUARY, 2010

- (a) *Approval and Confirmation*

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 February, 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(b) **Matters Arising**

(i) **Public Speaking**

Arising on Minute No. 932(b), the Clerk reported the receipt of the Minutes of the Community Panel (KINS) meeting held on 15 February, 2010.

He went on to highlight a variety of events detailed on those Minutes relating to Dale Abbey.

(ii) **Playing Field, Dale Abbey**

Arising on Minute No. 933(iv) the Clerk reported that Sovereign Design Play Systems Ltd had now completed the play equipment repairs.

(iii) **Erewash Core Strategy – Preferred Options Stage**

Arising on Minute No. 933(v) Councillor Harvey asked if anything had yet been heard regarding consultations by the Borough Council with Parish Councils regarding the above. He indicated that the consultation period was now limited in time left, up to 12 April, 2010 and that the Parish Council regardless should comment on aspects of the strategy.

RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk pursue with Erewash Borough Council its previous request for a meeting on this issue as a matter of urgency.

(iv) **Borough Blitz**

Arising on Minute No. 934(a) discussion took place on the availability of Members to attend the litter pick in the village on Saturday 27 March, 2010.

Councillor Dunn agreed to circulate a flyer regarding the event in the village.

(v) **Grounds Maintenance**

Arising on Minute No. 934 (b) the Clerk reported that the Borough Council had indicated that there were no proposals to provide allotments on the little used kick about area at the Wirksworth Road Playing Field, Kirk Hallam.

In addition the deeds on the ownership of the hedge at the playing field were silent, but the Tree Officer

considered the hedge an important wildlife habitat and would not recommend any works to reduce its size.

RESOLVED that the Clerk enquire as to whether the suggested provision of allotments at the above site has been the subject of discussion with the Borough Council appropriate Lead Member.

(vi) Brass Band Concerts

Arising on Minute No. 934(f) the Clerk explained why the possible holding of a brass band concert in Dale Abbey was not possible.

(vii) Borough Council Standards Committee

Arising on Minute No. 937(a) the Chairman reported that Erewash Borough Council had now approved the Terms of Reference of the Standards Committee on which he serves.

(viii) War Memorial, Dale Abbey Church

Arising on Minute No.937(c) the Clerk reported that the above Memorial was last professionally cleaned 5 years ago at a cost under £105.75 + VAT (£15.75).

RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to instruct the works to proceed up to a budget limit of £150.00. If costs exceeded this figure then competitive tenders should be sought.

947 REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Request for Donation – Erewash Community Transport

RESOLVED that a donation of £100 be made to the above organisation.

(b) Derbyshire County Council Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum

RESOLVED that the Chairman and Councillor Harvey be authorised to attend the next meeting of the above Forum to be held at Matlock on Thursday 22 April 2010.

(c) ***Ilkeston Community Governance Review***

The Clerk reported the circumstances in which the above ongoing Review appeared to have an effect on the Kirk Hallam North and Kirk Hallam South Parish Wards, in the current pamphlet circulation to the Ilkeston Wards residents.

He had asked the newly elected West Hallam and Dale Abbey Ward Councillor to investigate. Whilst he was still awaiting an official response, it appeared that the Map circulated with the pamphlet was incorrect and that the Parish Wards referred to were not under threat.

(d) ***Planning Training Session***

The Clerk reported the circumstances in which the Chairman, in consultation with his two Vice-Chairs, had by the deadline of 9 March nominated himself, Councillor Smith and the Clerk to attend the above session organised by the Borough Council to be held on Tuesday 23 March 2010.

RESOLVED that the action be endorsed by the Council.

(e) ***Quotations/Options for Upgrading the Christmas Lights at Dale Abbey***

The Clerk had circulated with the Agenda a written quotation from Remco Signs Ltd for upgrading the Christmas lights at Dale Abbey.

RESOLVED that consideration of the proposals be deferred pending the receipt of proposals expected for the Kirk Hallam lights from the same Company.

(f) ***Free Tree Scheme – Arrangements for the Planting of Trees***

The Parish Council consider the arrangements for the planting of trees collected under the Borough Councils free tree scheme.

RESOLVED that the Chairman organise a small Working Party to plant the trees in various village locations in due course.

(g) ***Grounds Maintenance and other Quotations 2010***

N.B. Having earlier declared an interest the Chairman vacated the Chair which was taken by Vice Chair Councillor N Sisson.

The Clerk circulated to Members a paper scheduling anonymously the quotations received for the 2010 grounds maintenance and bedding planting and maintenance works.

RESOLVED

(i) that the contracts be awarded as follows –

CONTRACT	ACCEPTED QUOTATION	AMOUNT
1002 Dale Abbey Village	Tenderer A	1725.00
1003 Wirksworth Road Open Space	Tenderer A	826.00
1004 A6096 Spondon Road (N.B. The verge outside the land adjoining Milvale is not to be cut)	Tenderer B	510.00
1005 Hedge Cutting, Dale Abbey	Tenderer A	470.00
1007 Bedding Maintenance Ladywood Road	Tenderer B	420.00
1008 Bedding Maintenance Cross Lea Flats (N.B. The Chairman is to change the specification slightly to provide for the removal of some old woody growth in the containers and the planting of annuals instead)	Tenderer A	125.00
1009 Bedding Maintenance, seating area, bottom of Dale Abbey Village	Tenderer B	420.00

(ii) that the identities of those submitting quotations be revealed to the Parish Council in the private session later in the meeting.

(h) *Grit Bins at Kirk Hallam and Dale Abbey*

The Clerk outlined the circumstances in which the residents of Ridgeway Drive and Highfield Drive were of differing opinions to the Officers of Derbyshire County Council regarding the siting of grit bins previously supported by the Parish Council.

In addition, considerable discussion then ensued regarding the proposed siting of the grit bin at The Village, Dale Abbey.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the residents of Kirk Hallam be supported by the Parish Council in their exchanges with the County Council on the siting of the bins and that further consideration be deferred pending the outcome of those exchanges
- (2) that the residents of Dale Abbey be consulted on the proposed siting of a grit bin at The Village, in the next Parish newsletter.

(i) Register of Members Interests

The Clerk circulated to those Members present their previously completed Notification of Financial and Other Interests forms. He asked that they be altered as necessary and returned at the next meeting to enable him to commence preparation of a Register of Members Interests.

(j) Adoption of Red Telephone Kiosk

The Clerk reported that once the repairs to the glass in the kiosk had been replaced, the Parish Council would be in a position to adopt the red kiosk in Dale Abbey village.

Once adopted, the Parish Council would be responsible for future maintenance and repairs.

The Chairman reported that a teacher from the school had suggested that the schoolchildren would in some way like to be involved in the future promotion and use of the kiosk.

RESOLVED that the Chairman and the Clerk be authorised to proceed at the appropriate time and sign the Agreement transferring ownership of the kiosk from BT Payphones to the Parish Council for the price of £1.

(k) Civic Dinner 2010

The Clerk reported the contents of a letter from Erewash Borough Council setting out details of the 2010 Civic Dinner.

(I) ***Request for Donation – Derbyshire Childrens Holiday Centre***

RESOLVED that a donation of £100 be made to the above charity.

948 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

(a) ***Prospective Parliamentary Candidate***

The Chairman made reference to certain disparaging remarks regarding the operation of the Parish Council which the Mid Derbyshire Constituency Conservative candidate had made on her website following her attendance at a Parish Council meeting last year.

He had taken issue with her and was still awaiting a response.

(b) ***Management Plan for Playing Fields***

The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council should consider the preparation of plans on how to manage playing fields in the future, not only in terms of the maintenance of equipment but also the environment and wildlife.

It was accepted that this was a sound idea and the Chairman agreed to bring forward proposals to a future meeting.

949 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

(a) ***Galvanised Metal Cover, Seating Area, The Triangle, Dale Abbey***

The Clerk reported the circumstances in which on health and safety grounds he had authorised Remco Signs Ltd to replace the above mentioned damaged metal cover at a cost of £376.00.

RESOLVED that the action of the Clerk be noted and endorsed.

(b) ***A6096 Spondon to Kirk Hallam***

Councillor Smith made reference to the increasing number of vehicle accidents on the A6096. He referred to an accident involving a parishioner on 9 March which resulted in the rear end of a tractor being wrecked, two incidents where cars had left the road, one today 18 March, which resulted in the road being

closed for over two hours. He also referred to a recent accident where a parishioners car had been clipped on the rear end as he was turning into his cottage driveway.

The Parish Council accepted that the accidents on the A6096 were increasing. This view linked also to that expressed by Mr Cooper earlier in the meeting. It was agreed that the A6096 required either a substantial reduction in the current unrestricted speed limit or double white lines for its whole distance.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Derbyshire County Council expressing the views of the Parish Council on these highway issues.

(c) *Hagg Lane, Dale Abbey*

Councillor Smith raised again the ever deteriorating state of Hagg Lane. The roadway had disintegrated to such an extent at the sides that delivery vehicles were considering refusing to deliver for fear of damaging their vehicles.

In addition the junction of Hagg Lane with the A6096 was in poor condition.

The Councillor asked for a meeting with an Officer from the Derbyshire County Council at which residents of Hagg Lane could attend.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Derbyshire County Council requesting such a meeting.

(d) *Lay by – A6096 Spondon/Kirk Hallam*

Councillor Bown referred to the fact that HGV's were continuing to use the above lay by for stays overnight.

The Chairman agreed to raise this issue at the next meeting of Parishes with the General Manager of TDG.

(e) *Weight Restriction, Dale Abbey – HGV's*

Reference was made to two HGV's contravening the Dale Abbey weight restriction limit. Whilst the information obtained was limited, under the agreed procedure the Clerk would report the details to those involved in operating the procedure.

950 FINANCE

(a) Accounts to be authorised for payment

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment.

		£
001636	Dallimore Primary School (room hire for the meeting)	30.00
001637	Park Hall Designs (Web site maintenance and photocopying for the March meeting)	31.76
001638	K M Spencer (Salary March 2010)	469.78
001639	K M Spencer (use of home as office quarterly allowance)	80.00
001640	K M Spencer (mileage March 2010)	27.65
001641	Erewash Community Transport	100.00
001642	BT Payphones (Adoption of Red Telephone Kiosk)	1.00
001643	DALC (Annual subscription)	297.68
001644	Remco Signs Ltd (Replace and refix manhole cover and install new gulley The Triangle, Dale Abbey VAT 56.00)	376.00
001645	CPRE (Annual Subscription 2010/2011)	29.00
001646	Derbyshire Childrens Holiday Centre (Donation to funds)	100.00

(b) Income

None to report

Part II – Confidential Information

951 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE QUOTATIONS

At this stage the Clerk informed the Parish Council of the names of the firms submitting quotations for the 2010 contracts.

952 CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT OF THE PARISH CLERK - EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

953 CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT OF THE PARISH CLERK

The Chairman reported on this item

RESOLVED

- (1) that the minor amendments to the contract of employment and other related documents of the Parish Clerk as now reported be approved

- (2) that in order to operate the business of the Parish Council efficiently and affectively the Clerk be provided with a laptop computer and printer, the details and costs to be the subject of prior approval by the Parish Council

N.B. The Clerk vacated the meeting during the consideration of this item.

Signed 15 April, 2010
Chairman to the Parish Council

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 15 APRIL, 2010**

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

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair

In attendance – Borough Councillors B P Broughton and C Hart

Part 1 – Non confidential information

954 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor N Sisson,
Borough Councillor J Hulls and Police Constable R Crooks.

955 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

956 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The following Declarations of Interest were declared.

(a) Councillor Bown declared a personal interest in item 7(e) of the
Clerk's report, as she was the owner of the land referred to in that
item.

(b) Councillor Harvey declared a personal interest in any discussions
which may arise regarding the proposed Stanton Regeneration, by
virtue of his Chairmanship of Green Squeeze.

957 PUBLIC SPEAKING

(a) Borough Councillor Hart made reference to a meeting to be held
at Ilkeston Town Hall on 30 April, 2010, to which all interested
parties regarding the ongoing issues concerning the land
adjoining Milvale, Spondon Road, had been invited to attend.

The Chairman updated the meeting on the action taken and that proposed by Derbyshire County Council to eradicate the problem of Japanese knotweed on the verge outside the boundary of the land.

- (b) The Chairman reported that PC R Crooks was to attend the May 2010 meeting of the Parish Council.

958 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 MARCH, 2010

(a) *Approval and Confirmation*

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 March, 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(b) *Matters Arising*

(i) *Borough Blitz*

Councillor Smith expressed thanks to those who attended the litter pick in Dale Abbey village on Saturday 27 March, 2010. The Chair extended special thanks to Councillor Dunn for the work she did in preparing and distributing a flyer and displaying a poster for the event.

(ii) *Wirksworth Road Playing Field, Kirk Hallam*

Arising on Minute No. 946(b)(v) the Clerk reported the receipt of an e.mail from the Borough Council indicating that it had set up a Task and Finish Group to look into allotment provision across the Borough.

(iii) *Ilkeston Community Governance Review*

Arising on Minute No. 947(c) the Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from Erewash Borough Council acknowledging the error on the plan accompanying the above review and apologising for any inconvenience caused to the Parish Council.

(iv) *Adoption of Red Telephone Kiosk*

Arising on Minute No. 947(j) the Clerk reported that one further minor repair was still awaited before the formal adoption of the kiosk could take place. He was to pursue BT Payphones on this matter.

- (v) **A6096 Spondon to Kirk Hallam**
Following on from the March meeting, the Clerk referred to two further road traffic accidents which had occurred on the A6096. He had notified Derbyshire County Council as highway authority.

- (vi) **Hagg Lane, Dale Abbey**
Arising on Minute No. 949(c) Councillor Smith indicated that he was to meet an Officer from Derbyshire County Council to discuss the state of the above Lane on 16 April, 2010.

959 REPORT OF THE CLERK

- (a) **Mayor's Award Scheme 2010**
The Clerk reported details of the Borough Council Mayor's Award Scheme for 2010

- (b) **Borough Land Parish Councils Liaison Forum – 14 April, 2010**
The Clerk outlined to Members the items considered at the above Forum meeting

- (c) **Work Specifications – Millenium Seat Area, Dale Abbey**
The Clerk had circulated with the Agenda two work specifications prepared by the Chairman in connection with the above location. The first related the replacement of the timber edging to retain gravel under the seat and the second provided for the removal of the old timber edging, the removal of the gravel and the turfing of the whole area.

The Council considered the two options presented and suggested an amendment to the latter.

It then considered those firms which should be invited to submit quotations based on the specifications.

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to make the amendment agreed to one of the specifications and the Clerk then invite quotations from the firms now mentioned based on both specifications.

(d) *Approved List of Contractors for Ground Maintenance*

RESOLVED that for the reason now reported the firm NECTA Ltd be removed from the Parish Council's approved list of contractors.

(e) *Complaint re: The Park, Moor Lane, Dale Abbey*

The Parish Council considered an e.mailed complaint sent to the Clerk alleging breaches of planning control at the above site

RESOLVED

(1) that details of the complaint be forwarded to the Regulatory Services Directorate of Erewash Borough Council and

(2) that the complainant be informed that the Parish Council is not the planning authority and that any future complaints of a similar nature should be referred direct to the Borough Council

N.B. In accordance with the disclosure of interest declared at Minute No.956 earlier Councillor Bown took no part in the discussion or voting on this item.

(f) *Location of Grit Bin, Highfield Drive, Kirk Hallam*

In connection with the above, Derbyshire County Council had now reported that, following a site meeting, the grit bin could be positioned where requested by the residents at the top of the Highfield Drive cul de sac, rather than the wide splayed footway at the junction.

The Parish Council was required to confirm the agreed positioning rather than that originally suggested by the County Council and accept responsibility should it become necessary in the future for the bin to be relocated elsewhere, for whatever reason.

The positioning of the grit bins at Ridgeway Drive, Kirk Hallam and The Village, Dale Abbey remained unresolved.

RESOLVED that the requirements for confirming the positioning of the grit bin by Derbyshire County Council at Highfield Drive, Kirk Hallam be approved, but that notification await the resolution of the siting of the two further grit bins at Ridgeway Drive, Kirk Hallam and The Village, Dale Abbey.

- (g) ***Erewash Core Strategy – Options for Consultation Stage***
The Clerk had circulated with the Agenda a copy of an e.mail from the Senior Planning Officer (Policy and Development) Erewash Borough Council, concerning a presentation on the above to the Parish Council.

Standing Orders were suspended to enable Borough Councillor Broughton to outline the content of the presentation made to West Hallam Parish Council.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Clerk make arrangements for an informal meeting with the Borough Council Officer on 20 or 21 April, 2010 to commence at 7.00 p.m. and
- (2) that, time permitting, following the presentation the Parish Council formulate a response to Options for Consultation stage of the strategy.

N.B. At this stage Standing Orders were re-instated.

- (h) ***Planned Meeting of Parish Councils with TDG, West Hallam***
The next meeting of Parish Councils with TDG to discuss and monitor highway and weight infringements of HGV's possibly visiting the West Hallam site was due to take place on Monday 10 May, 2010.

However, the post of General Manager at TDG no longer existed and the Clerk announced the e.mail and mobile telephone numbers of the new contacts at the site.

- (i) ***New Powers for Local Councils to Boost Affordable Rural Housing***
The Clerk outlined the contents of DALC Circular 22/2010 regarding a statement released by the Department of Communities and Local Government to give new housing and planning powers to Parish Councils to boost affordable rural housing.

960 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

- (a) ***Borough Free Tree Scheme – Tree Planting***
The Chairman asked for arrangements to be considered for the planting of the free tree quicks provided by Erewash Borough Council. Several Members volunteered and it was arranged that the planting would take place on Sunday 18 April, 2010 commencing at 10.00 a.m.

(b) *Playing Field Management Plans*

The Chairman indicated that he was working on the management plans for the Parish maintained playing fields and that he would incorporate repair and improvement suggestions made previously by the Councils Insurers.

He asked that Members let him have any suggestions for inclusion in the plans.

(c) *Parish Council Newsletter*

The Chairman informed the Council that he would commence preparation of the next Parish Newsletter for publication in June or July. He asked that Members let him have any items for inclusion as soon as possible.

961 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

(a) *Cannabis Rubbish*

The Clerk reported the receipt of an e.mail from Risley Parish Council regarding the finding of large black and brown bags dumped at several places on a verge near Draycott, which, on investigation, appeared to contain rubbish from a cannabis farm.

Should any be found, the advice was to contact the Neighbourhood Warden at the Borough Council.

(b) *Dog Fouling, Wirksworth Road Playing Field, Kirk Hallam*

The Chairman reported that a resident had notified him that youths had been emptying the dog bin at the above playing field and throwing the contents about.

The situation had been reported to the Borough Environmental Health Officer.

The Clerk was asked to pursue a request made to the Borough Council last year for an additional dog bin at the site.

962 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk reported that planning application ERE/0210/0001 (one helicopter take off and landing event per day), Laburnum Cottage, Cat and Fiddle Lane, Dale Abbey) had been approved by the Borough Council for a temporary period of one year.

963 **FINANCE**

(a) Accounts to be authorised for payment

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment.

		£
001647	Derbyshire Police Authority (contribution towards Community Speed Watch radar Gun and ancillary equipment)	50.00
001648	Park Hall Designs (website maintenance and printing for the April meeting)	45.90
001649	F P Farmer (balance of Chairman's allowance for defraying the expenses of the office)	125.00
001650	K M Spencer (salary April, 2010)	469.78
001651	K M Spencer (postages and stationary costs – receipts to be produced at the meeting)	30.78
001652	K M Spencer (mileage)	18.03
001653	Gateway Christian Centre (hire of room for the meeting)	13.00
001654	F P Farmer (approved mileage for attendance at two training events with the Vice Chair)	20.43
001655	J Heraty (Provision of refreshments following Litter pick on 27 March 2010)	18.00

(b) Matters Arising

Arising on Cheque No. 001647 above the Clerk reported a telephone conversation with Councillor Bill Hutchison of Little Eaton Parish Council detailing the proposals for the launch of the un-calibrated speed gun at Little Eaton on 28 April commencing at 5.00 p.m.. Members were invited to attend.

(c) Income

VAT claim for period 1/11/09 to 28/02/10	473.57
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964 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- (a)** Letter of 29 March 2010 from Erewash Community Transport expressing thanks for donation of £100.00.

- (b)** Letter of 23 March 2010 from the Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre expressing thanks for the donation of £100.00.

**Part II – Confidential Information
NONE**

Signed 20 May, 2010
Chairman to the Parish Council

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 20 MAY, 2010**

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

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair

Part 1 – Non confidential information

973 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillors B Broughton, C Hart and J Hulls.

974 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

975 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Harvey declared a personal interest in any discussions which may arise regarding the proposed Stanton Regeneration, by reason of his Chairmanship of Green Squeeze.

976 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Councillor Dunn outlined the circumstances of an attempted shed break in at a property in Dale Abbey village, together with a deliberately started black bin fire.

The Chairman reported the case of a theft of a chainsaw.

He undertook to refer all of the foregoing to PC Russell Crooks for investigation.

977 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 APRIL, 2010**

(a) Approval and Confirmation

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 April, 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(b) Matters Arising

(i) Wirksworth Road Playing Field, Kirk Hallam

Arising of Minute No. 958(b)(ii)(15/04/10), both Councillors Bown and Sisson reported on approaches from residents for part of the above playing field in the ownership of the Borough Council to be converted into allotments.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Director for Places and Environment, Erewash Borough Council, requesting that the previously reported Task and Finish Group consider specifically the use of part of the above playing field for the provision of allotments.

(ii) Adoption of Red Telephone Kiosk

The Clerk reported that he was awaiting for one final minor item of repair to be undertaken by BT Payphones before proceeding with the adoption of the red telephone kiosk in Dale Abbey village. (Minute No. 958 (b)(iv) refers).

(iii) Hagg Lane, Dale Abbey

Arising on Minute No. 958(b)(vi) Councillor Smith referred to a meeting he had held with a Highways Engineer from Derbyshire County Council at which a programme of works for the resurfacing of parts of Hagg Lane had been agreed.

(iv) Complaint re: The Park, Moor Lane, Dale Abbey

Arising on Minute No. 959(a) (15/04/10) it was reported that the complaints made concerning the above were now the subject of investigation by Derbyshire County Council.

(v) ***Dog Fouling, Wirksworth Road Playing Field, Kirk Hallam***

Arising on Minute No. 961(b) (15/04/10) the Clerk read to the Parish Council a letter from the Director for Places and the Environment indicating that it was not proposed to provide an additional bin at the above site, but that it was intended to review the placement of dog fouling signs within the area.

978 REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) ***Meeting of Parish Councils with TDG – 10 May, 2010***

The Clerk reported on the discussions held at the above meeting by representatives of Parish Councils with the management of TDG West Hallam.

It was noted that from January 2010 to the end of April there had been notified eleven HGV traffic contraventions, nine of which applied to Dale Abbey.

(b) ***Grit Bins at Kirk Hallam***

The Clerk reported that the residents of both Highfield Drive and Ridgeway Drive, Kirk Hallam had, with the involvement of the Kirk Hallam County Councillor, now agreed the proposed siting of the grit bins previously requested.

The Clerk suggested that the Parish Council should now endorse these proposals proceeding to enable him to include the bins in the Parish Councils insurance which was due for renewal from 1 September 2010.

RESOLVED that the provision of the grit bins at the sites now agreed on the terms set out previously by the County Council be approved, but that the Council be asked not to provide them in situ until October, 2010.

(c) ***Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Core Strategy***

The Clerk reported upon the circumstances in which the Parish Council had been consulted on the Key Issues and Options Report of the above. He had been unable to access the report on-line.

RESOLVED that the Clerk request a hard copy of the report.

(d) Training Event on Revised Standing Orders

The Clerk reported on the training day which he and the Chairman attended on the revised Statutory Standing Orders.

The event had also included presentations on the requirements of the Annual Return to the Audit Commission and Parish Council's insurance by the firm of Came and Company.

The Clerk intended to report a revised version of Standing Orders, together with the first draft of a Register of Members' Interests to the September meeting.

(e) A6096 Kirk Hallam to Spondon – Highways Issues

The Clerk read to the meeting the contents of a letter from the Project Engineer, Derbyshire County Council, relating to a number of highway issues on the A6096 Kirk Hallam to Spondon Road.

RESOLVED that the Clerk request a site meeting with the Project Engineer to discuss the highways issues and that the Chairman and Councillors Smith and Harvey be authorised to attend the meeting when arranged.

(f) Zurich Inspection of Parish Play Equipment

The Clerk presented to the meeting the findings of the Zurich Inspection of the Dale Abbey playing field. The inspection report was passed to the Chairman for details, where appropriate, to be addressed in the Parish Playing Fields Management Plan which he was preparing.

(g) Derbyshire Constabulary Annual Parish Councils' Evening

RESOLVED that the invitation to attend the above Evening to be held on Tuesday 12 October 2010 be noted.

(h) All Saints Church, Dale Abbey – Thanksgiving Service

The Clerk circulated to Members invitations received from Canon Ian Gooding to attend the above Thanksgiving Service to be held on Sunday 13 June, 2010.

(i) **Stanton Regeneration Masterplan**

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation to himself to attend a preview of the above plan between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm on Thursday 10 June, 2010.

Public Exhibitions regarding the plan would be held on –

- Thursday 10 June - 2.00pm to 8.00pm
- Friday 11 June - 10.00am to 6.00pm
- Saturday 12 June - 10.00am to 3.00pm

In addition the Clerk also reported an e.mailed offer from PPS to attend the next Parish Council meeting on Thursday 17 June, 2010 to give an individual briefing on the proposals.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Clerk be authorised to attend the preview meeting on 10 June, 2010, and that he contact PPS with a view to obtaining a place at the preview for the Chairman
- (2) that the offer of PPS to attend the Parish Council meeting on 17 June, 2010 be accepted and that the Clerk notify the company accordingly.

(j) **Erewash Sports Awards**

The Parish Council considered a request from the Volunteer and Club Development Co-ordinator, Erewash Borough Council, to sponsor one of the above awards

RESOLVED that the Parish Council agrees to sponsor one of the awards in the sum of £60 and would prefer one of the following in the order set out –

- Junior Team of the Year
- Junior Sportsperson
- Junior Disabled Sportsperson of the Year

979 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

(a) *Playing Field and Pinfold, Dale Abbey*

The Chairman reported the circumstances in which he and the Clerk were making efforts to establish the Parish Council's ownership of the above areas

RESOLVED

- (1) that the efforts commenced be continued and the Chairman speak to Mr Harvey Cross
- (2) that Councillor Heraty pursue former brewery records to establish if they are of any assistance

(b) *Wirksworth Road Playing Field, Kirk Hallam*

The Chairman referred to the continuing mis-use of the above playing field and representations made to him by residents including the dumping of rubbish in the hedgerows, the throwing about of dog faeces, vehicles using the playing field and general anti social behaviour.

Additionally, one of the hinges to the gate to the play area had yet again been damaged so that the gate could not be properly closed.

The Chairman had suggested to the residents that if they wrote to Three Valleys Housing regarding the mis-use of the Housing Associations land adjoining the playing field then the Parish Council would support them.

These issues had been raised with the Borough Council and the responses reported previously.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Borough Councillors representing the Kirk Hallam Ward to seek their help in addressing the problems referred to in the preamble to this Minute.

(c) *Access Issues – Verges Farm, Dale Abbey*

The Chairman reported the circumstances in which the Rights of Way Inspector, Derbyshire County Council had become involved in public rights of way access issues at the above location, involving Public Bridleway No.9.

The Rights of Way Officer reported that the public right of way actually passed through what was a locked fieldgate and not through the adjacent bridlegate. The action which he was to take to remedy this situation was noted.

He had also reported that the public bridleway could be used by walkers, people riding or leading horses and by cyclists. The public did not have a right to use it with horse-drawn vehicles.

(d) *Parish Councils Insurance*

The Chairman indicated that at the training event referred to earlier which he and the Clerk had attended there had been a presentation on Parish Councils insurance by Came and Company.

He had subsequently spoken to the senior partner regarding the potential liabilities of allowing the use of the Dale Abbey playing field by the adjacent school.

The advice was that school use of the playing field would not attract Parish Council liability providing the use was well organised and supervised. Public use of the playing field at the same time as possible school use was acceptable.

However, in order to protect its own position the Parish Council would need to arrange the undertaking of regular risk assessments of the field and the equipment in it and in order to show due diligence, keep records of the assessments carried out. Such inspections should take place weekly in summer.

The Chairman understood that the Borough Council had a booklet setting out a format for carrying out risk assessments on leisure sites.

RESOLVED that the Clerk enquire of the Borough Council whether such a booklet exists and, if so, could the Parish Council have a copy.

(e) *Parish Newsletter*

The Chairman requested that Members let him have any items for the next Parish Newsletter which he would be preparing shortly.

980 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

(a) *A6096 Kirk Hallam to Spondon Road*

Councillor Smith raised two instances where hedgerow growth was covering a street lamp and also signage to the west of Hagg Lane.

(b) Risk Assessment Training

Arising from discussion held earlier in the meeting it was -

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Clerk enquire of the Borough Council whether it provides training courses for leisure sites inspection and if so the costs of attendance
- (2) that the Clerk also approach the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils on the same subject.

981 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

ERE/0410/0070 – Land North West of 2 Furnace Pond Cottages, Hixons Lane, Dale Abbey – Retrospective application for the Creation of a Wildlife Pond.

RESOLVED that no objection be raised to the foregoing planning application and that the Borough Council be notified accordingly.

982 FINANCE

(a) Accounts to be authorised for payment

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment.

		£
001656	Gateway Christian Centre (hire of room For two informal meetings)	26.00
001657	Dallimore Primary School (hire of room for the May meeting)	30.00
001658	Park Hall Designs (website maintenance and printing for the May meeting)	35.54
001659	F P Farmer (mileage – DCC & Parish Councils Forum and SO's Training Event)	48.08

001660	K M Spencer (salary March 2010)	469.78
001661	K M Spencer (mileage)	70.92
001662	K M Spencer (postages – Receipts were Circulated at the meeting)	18.17
001663	Barrie Woodcock (Internal Audit Fee)	114.60
001664	Premier Landscaping East Midlands (contracts 1004, 1007 and 1009)	325.00
001665	James Farmer (mowing contracts at Dale Abbey and Kirk Hallam – three cuts)	752.00

(b) Income

RESOLVED that the receipt of the following income from Erewash Borough Council be noted –

Concurrent Functions Budget 2010/2011	14,525.00
Precept 2010/2011	6,000.00

(c) Parish Council Accounts for the Year ending 31 March 2010
(i) Report of the Internal Auditor

The Parish Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor had raised one matter in his report to the Parish Council relating to two cheques totalling £63.00 which remained un-presented from previous years.

His view was that there was no likelihood of these two cheques being presented for payment they should be written back into the accounts by entering a negative figure in the current years cash book.

RESOLVED that the Clerk take the action recommended by the Internal Auditor in the accounts for the current month.

(ii) Receipts and Payments Statement for the Financial year 2009/2010

RESOLVED that the Receipts and Payments Statement for the Financial year 2009/2010 be approved for signature and onward transmission to the Audit Commission.

(iii) Local Councils in England Annual Return to the Audit Commission for the year ended 31 March 2010

RESOLVED that the Local Councils in England Annual Return to the Audit Commission for the year ended 31 March 2010 as now presented , be approved for signature and onward transmission to the Commission.

Part II – Confidential Information

None

Signed 17 June, 2010
Chairman to the Parish Council

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 17 JUNE, 2010**

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

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair

In attendance: Mr K Fenwick and Mr M Lloyd representing St. Gobain
Local Resident – Mr R Parkin

Part 1 – Non confidential information

983 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors N Sisson and G Stevens, Borough Councillors C Hart, J Hulls and B P Broughton and PC R Crooks.

984 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED that the order of business be varied to enable the representatives of Saint Gobain to make a presentation to the Parish Council on the Stanton Regeneration Masterplan proposals early in the meeting.

985 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Harvey declared a personal interest in any discussions regarding the proposed Stanton Regeneration, by reason of his Chairmanship of Green Squeeze.

986 STANTON REGENERATION MASTERPLAN

Mr Keith Fenwick and Mr Murray Lloyd, representatives of Saint Gobain, explained to the Parish Council the circumstances over the last two years which had now resulted in the unveiling of the Stanton Regeneration Masterplan – entitled New Stanton.

They acknowledged that there was not an easy access solution to the site, but considered that the north east access as shown on the plan

displayed offered the most appropriate option. However, it was stressed that the Greater Nottingham Transport Model was long outstanding and still awaited in order to inform the highway proposals.

The number of dwellings proposed for the site had been reduced from 4,200 to 3,000 – two proposed neighbourhoods had been reduced to one but the land earmarked for employment purposes remained the same. This was expected to create 3,000 or more jobs.

A primary school would be provided, but secondary education requirements would be off site.

Proposals for opening the waterway canal were under consideration.

Over 700 people had attended the public exhibition held over 3 days and the main concerns expressed continued to be the number of dwellings proposed and the proposed access, together with much needed improvements to the existing infrastructure serving the site.

It was made clear that Saint Gobain would not be involved in the development of the site. Planning permission would be obtained, infrastructure to serve the development provided and the land would then be sold off to developers.

Following the presentation a lively question and answer session ensued involving –

- ❖ highway, access and traffic issues
- ❖ the number of houses proposed
- ❖ the potential creation of job opportunities for Borough residents
- ❖ past and future public involvement in the proposals as they develop
- ❖ planning gain emerging from the proposals as development eventually proceeds
- ❖ the level of affordable social housing proposed for the site
- ❖ proposals from the Borough Council to generate improvements to Ilkeston Town Centre, resulting from the development
- ❖ the capacity of the sewerage works at Trowell to cope with a development of this size

At the conclusion of the debate the Chairman thanked the representatives of Saint Gobain for their attendance.

987 PUBLIC SPEAKING

In the absence of a Police representative presence there were no requests for public speaking although the Chairman did report that Police Constable Russell Crooks had been selected by the Derbyshire Constabulary as the Community Policeman of the year.

988 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY, 2010

(a) **Approval and Confirmation**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 May, 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(b) **Matters Arising**

(i) **Public Speaking**

Arising of Minute No. 976 Councillor Dunn reported that the culprit who started the black bin fire had been identified.

(ii) **Wirksworth Road Playing Field, Kirk Hallam**

Arising on Minute No. 977 (b)(i) the Clerk reported the receipt of an e.mail from the Assistant Director for Places and Environment, Erewash Borough Council, indicating that the Task and Finish Group set up to consider allotments provision throughout the Borough had decided not to progress the review.

(iii) **Adoption of Red Telephone Kiosk**

Arising on Minute No. 977 (b)(ii) the Clerk reported that following a final repair to the telephone kiosk, the Parish Council was now in a position to proceed to adoption.

This prompted discussion on the need to keep the grassed area around the kiosk trimmed, which then extended to the grassed areas surrounding the Dale Abbey village signs on Arbour Hill and Woodpecker Hill.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Clerk write to Derbyshire County Council seeking permission for the Parish Council to have future responsibility for the grassed areas referred to in the preamble.
- (2) that the potential use of the kiosk be the subject of discussion at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

- (iv) **A6096 Kirk Hallam to Spondon – Highways Issues**
Arising on Minute No. 978 (e) the Clerk indicated that he was still awaiting a response on the request made for a site meeting with the Derbyshire County Council Project Engineer regarding the above.

RESOLVED that the Clerk pursue the request and that County Councillor Mrs M Booth be invited to become involved and attend the site meeting.

- (v) **Playing Field and Pinfold, Dale Abbey**
Arising on Minute No. 979 (a) it was –

RESOLVED that the Clerk make Land Registry searches in relation to the above areas.

- (vi) **A6096 Kirk Hallam to Spondon – Overgrown Hedges**
Arising on Minute No. 980 (a) it was –

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Derbyshire County Council regarding the overgrown hedges referred to.

989 REPORT OF THE CLERK

- (a) **Erewash Sports Awards**
The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had been successful in its application to sponsor the Junior Team of the Year at the 2010 Erewash Sports Awards.
- (b) **Derby and Derbyshire Minerals Core Strategy**
As previously requested, the Clerk had obtained a copy of the above Strategy – Key Issues and Options Report, which appeared to have no relevance to the Parish Council.

(c) ***Management of Dog Waste***

The Clerk read to the Parish Council the contents of a letter from the Director for Operational Service Erewash Borough Council, on various aspects of the management of dog waste.

RESOLVED that the contents of the letter be noted.

(d) ***Erewash in Bloom Competition***

Councillor Heraty agreed to keep on public display at the Carpenters Arms, Dale Abbey, entry forms for the 2010 Erewash in Bloom competition organised by the Borough Council.

(e) ***Dale Abbey Conservation Area Appraisal***

The Clerk reported the receipt of an e.mail from the Conservation and Design Officer, Erewash Borough Council, regarding the above, including an offer to hold an informal meeting with the Parish Council to discuss conservation area matters.

RESOLVED that a meeting be held with the Officer on Thursday 1 July 2010, 7.30 p.m. at the Gateway Christian Centre.

(f) ***Stanton Regeneration***

The Clerk reported on two issues.

- (i) a question posed by the Clerk to Risley Parish Council as to whether a meeting of the previously appointed Joint Committee of Parish Councils was necessary now that the Stanton proposals had been released and
- (ii) details of an e.mail from a resident of Spondon on public transport proposals, including for Dale Abbey, should the Stanton Masterplan proceed.

These issues prompted further discussion on the earlier presentation by the Saint Gobain representatives and whether a response to the presentation details was required.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Parish Council be represented at a meeting of the Joint Committee should the other Parish Councils considered that a meeting was necessary

- (2) that the public transport proposals from the Spondon resident be noted and
- (3) that a separate item on the Stanton Masterplan regeneration proposals be placed on the July 2010 meeting Agenda for discussion

(g) *Erewash Economic Development and Regeneration Strategy*

RESOLVED that the Clerk provide to Members details of how to access the above strategy review on the Borough Councils website.

990 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

(a) *Wirksworth Road Playing Field, Kirk Hallam*

The Chairman detailed the circumstances of an alleged incident at the above playing field brought to his attention by a resident and reported to the Police.

RESOLVED that the Clerk make the appropriate Officer at Erewash Borough Council aware of the incident.

(b) *Dale Abbey Playing Field*

The Chairman referred to a conversation with Canon Ian Gooding in which the latter had sought permission to arrange for a drain soak-away on the playing field to be dug up.

It appeared that the drain was blocked and backing up causing flooding in the adjacent Christian school.

The Chairman had sought the views of his available Vice Chairman who then jointly agreed to the request, suitably supported by the Clerk when he was informed.

In the event it transpired that the offending drain or soak-away was not on the parish playing field and the playground at the rear of the school was now being dug up for investigation.

991 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

(a) *Overgrown Hedgerows*

Councillor Heraty made reference to various overgrown hedgerows in the village. It was noted that the Parish Council's contract for hedgerow cutting was timed for July, after the bird nesting and breeding season.

(b) *Hornet*

Councillor Davies outlined the circumstances in which he had caught a 3 inch hornet on his land. This had been reported to Pest Control at the Borough Council.

992 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

ERE/0510/0025 Prior Notification of Agricultural Development for New Open Sided Storage Building at Thacker Barn Farm, High Lane East, West Hallam.

RESOLVED that no objection be raised to the foregoing planning application and that the Borough Council be informed accordingly.

993 FINANCE

(a) *Accounts to be authorised for payment*

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment.

		£
001666	Erewash Borough Council (Year 2 Hanging Basket Contract)	605.00
001667	Premier Landscaping East Midlands (Contracts 1007 and 1009)	70.00
001668	Gateway Christian Centre (room hire for the meeting)	13.00
001669	Park Hall Designs (website maintenance and printing for the meeting)	34.28
001670	K M Spencer (Salary June 2010)	469.78

001671	K M Spencer (Postages – receipts were circulated at the meeting)	13.80
001672	K M Spencer (Mileage)	20.43
001673	James Farmer (2 mowing cuts at Kirk Hallam and 2 at Dale Abbey)	376.00
001674	James Farmer (Cross Lea Flats – 50% bedding contract)	62.50

(b) Income
None to report

Part II – Confidential Information
None

Signed 15 July, 2010
Chairman to the Parish Council

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 15 JULY 2010**

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

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair

In attendance: Borough Councillor C Hart

Part 1 – Non confidential information

994 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor S Bown and Borough Councillor B P Broughton

995 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

996 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The following disclosures of personal interest were declared.

- Councillor P Farmer in Item 5 (b) – Matters arising on the Minutes (Dale Abbey Conservation Area Appraisal) as an occupant of property within the Area and Item 10 (Planning Applications) on the basis of renting land from the planning applicant.
- Councillor P Harvey in Item 5 (b) – Matters arising on the Minutes (Dale Abbey Conservation Area Appraisal) as an occupant of property within the Area and also in relation to any discussions regarding the proposed Stanton Regeneration, by reason of his Chairmanship of Green Squeeze.
- Councillors T Davies, A Dunn and J Heraty in Item 5 (b) – Matters arising on the Minutes (Dale Abbey Conservation Area Appraisal) as occupants of properties with the Area.

997 PUBLIC SPEAKING

- (a) The Clerk reported the contents of an e.mail from PC Russell Crooks regarding a speed watch in Dale Abbey village on 6 July, 2010.
- (b) The Chairman reported the circumstances in which he was attempting to make contact with PC Louise Stephenson regarding a Wirksworth Road playing field alleged incident and went on to outline a message from PC Crooks to be vigilant following a speight of burglaries in surrounding parishes.

988 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 JUNE, 2010**(a) Approval and Confirmation**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 June, 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(b) Matters Arising**(i) Wirksworth Road Playing Field, Kirk Hallam**

Arising on Minute No. 988 (b)(ii) the Chairman reported upon a meeting held on Tuesday 6 July at the playing field attended by the Clerk and himself together with Borough Councillor Louis Booth, the Dog Warden Steph Moore and Richard Ashley, Neighbourhood Wardens Manager.

The Chairman reported that the meeting had discussed –

- the depth of hedgerow and the possibility of this being flailed in the Autumn, without damaging the more mature trees. Mr Ashley was to pursue this.
- the possibility of part of the playing field being converted to allotment use, at the request of residents. Mr Ashley was to investigate whether other allotments in the immediate area were fully occupied and Councillor Booth was to take up the suggestion with the Director for Operational Services.
- the provision of a further dog bin on the site. Having viewed the area and the proposal for siting the bin on the public footpath which crossed the site the Dog Warden appeared positive about this proposal.

- an approach by children on the playing field for a multi use games area. Councillor Hart indicated that such an area was to be provided at the Wyndale Drive play area.
- support for a litter pick involving Borough and Parish Councillors and residents. Councillor Booth agreed to pursue this suggestion.
- a letter received by the Chairman from residents of Wirksworth Road containing, mainly, Three Valleys Housing issues. A copy was passed to Councillor Booth. The Clerk was to pursue the issues raised with the Housing Association.
- the damage caused yet again to the hinges on the gate to the swings area.
- the throwing of dog faeces by local youngsters. The Community Warden was to be informed.

(ii) Adoption of the Red Telephone Kiosk

Arising on Minute No. 988(b)(iii) the Clerk reported that Derbyshire County Council had agreed that the Parish Council could include in its mowing contract the trimming of the grass around the Dale Abbey signs at Arbour Hill and Woodpecker Hill.

With regard to the area around the red telephone kiosk, the County Council was querying whether or not the Parish Council already trimmed this area. It was reported that a community initiative some years ago had seen the area planted with wild flowers, but maintenance of the area had ceased some time ago.

RESOLVED that the Clerk report the foregoing information to the County Council.

(iii) A6096 Kirk Hallam to Spondon – Overgrown Hedges

Arising on Minute No. 988 (b)(vi) the Clerk reported that Derbyshire County Council had given instructions for the overgrown vegetation on the approach to the signs west of Hagg Lane to be cut back.

So far as the junction with Cat and Fiddle Lane eastbound was concerned no overgrown vegetation was found to be effecting street lighting columns. Councillor Smith had provided the Clerk with an alternative description of the location where the problem was.

RESOLVED that the Clerk provide the alternative description of the location to Derbyshire County Council for further investigation.

(iv) *Playing Field and Pinfold, Dale Abbey*

The Clerk reported that with assistance from the Legal Section of Erewash Borough Council he now had the appropriate application forms and accompanying plans to submit the Land Registry searches.

Later in the meeting the Parish Council would be requested to authorise payment of the due fees.

(v) *Dale Abbey Conservation Area Appraisal*

Arising on Minute No. 989 (e) the Parish Council had considerable discussion on formulating a response to the Conservation and Design Officer of Erewash Borough Council regarding the above appraisal, following his informal meeting with Members on 7 July, 2010.

The Parish Council concluded that there should be no changes to the existing boundaries of the Conservation Area as there were no buildings of architectural or historic interest or features outside the existing defined area.

In addition, it noted that the main route through Dale Abbey village was already a vehicle rat run to and from the M1 motorway, made worse by the continuing use by HGV's in contravention of the existing 7.1/2 tonnes weight restriction. The Parish Council considered that this situation would worsen considerably when the Stanton regeneration was developed and that, in turn, this would impact detrimentally on the Conservation Area by increasing vehicle volume, noise and vibration.

RESOLVED that the Clerk provide Members with a copy of his draft response to the Conservation and Design Officer before its release.

(vi) *Overgrown Hedgerows*

Arising on Minute No. 991 (a) the Chairman reported that he had done a degree of light manual hedgerow chopping back in various locations, but in such a way as not to disturb any nesting/breeding birds.

999 REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) ***Outcome of Rural Housing Needs Survey***

The Clerk reported the receipt of a report into the results of the recent Housing Needs Survey undertaken in the Parish. There was no identified requirement for affordable housing in Dale Abbey.

(b) ***Stanton Regeneration Masterplan***

Arising from the meeting held on 17 June, 2010, the Parish Council had considerable discussion on formulating a response to the representative of Saint Gobain on the Masterplan proposals, following the presentation at the last meeting.

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from a representative of the Company outlining the proposals for the discharge of foul water should the development as now designed be eventually approved.

In general the Parish Council agreed :-

- that it considered the number of housing units at 3,000 to be too large, particularly if 1,200 to 1,500 units were to be provided before the proposed new road link from the north east corner of the site over the canal and railway line to a new roundabout connecting to the A6007.
- that so far as road and traffic proposals are outlined, great concern is expressed that these have been revealed without the benefit of the Greater Nottingham Transport Model being applied to the proposals, as it is still awaited.
- that plans should be in place and should be the subject of public consultation for the improvement of the existing highway infrastructure, which currently would be wholly inadequate to serve a development of the size proposed.
- that whilst both the Stanton by Dale and Dale Abbey Conservation Areas are currently the subject of appraisal, the Parish Council has considerable concern at the potential impact of the Stanton proposals on those areas, particularly in terms of increased traffic, including HGV's.
- that it still had concerns regarding the timescale (or lack of it) for the development and that whilst Saint Gobain is a locally based company which collectively employs almost 17,000 people in the UK it did not intend to take full ownership of Stanton and see its development and employment opportunities through. It would merely obtain planning permission and sell off the land

piecemeal. There was no commitment to see the 3,000 jobs proposed for the site being delivered.

RESOLVED that the Clerk draft a letter of response to the Saint Gobain representative and circulate it to Members before release.

(c) *Possible Future Uses for the Red Telephone Kiosk*

Arising from the meeting held on 17 June, 2010, the Parish Council considered the possible future use of the recently adopted red telephone kiosk in the village of Dale Abbey.

Councillor Dunn referred to a wide variety of uses adopted by other Parishes which she had researched on the internet and the Chairman also referred to the possible involvement of the Gateway Christian School schoolchildren in the future of the kiosk.

The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council should wait until the telephony equipment had been removed, racks provided inside, external and internal painting and strimming proposals agreed, before determining future use.

RESOLVED that the Chairman be requested to prepare a Management Plan for the future use and maintenance of the adopted red telephone kiosk.

(d) *Erewash Schools Angling Championship*

RESOLVED that a request for a donation to the above Championship be received.

1000 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

(a) *Erewash Community Governance Review*

The Chairman reported that Erewash Borough Council at an extraordinary meeting held on Monday 12 July, 2010 had considered the results of the above reviews regarding the public perception on the need or otherwise to create Ilkeston and Long Eaton Town Councils.

The results of the reviews had prompted the Borough Council not to proceed with the creation of such Councils.

1001 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

(a) *Repair to Slide, Dale Abbey Playing Field*

The Clerk reported on the circumstances in which he had authorised joinery repairs to the above slide, brought to his attention by Councillor Harvey. The cost of the repairs was £30.

(b) Crime Alert

Councillor Harvey detailed the circumstances of an attempted theft of a large excavator on Dale Road at around 10.00 p.m. on Thursday 1 July. Members noted the details and the Police had been informed.

1002 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**Abbey Farm, The Village, Dale Abbey**

- ERE/0610/0032 – Listed Building Consent to previously approved application ERE/1109/0009 to reposition window on west elevation, reorientation of dwarf wall to the porch and amend stone patch layout.
- ERE/0610/0041 – Removal of existing aluminium greenhouse and erection of 'Victorian Plant House'.
- ERE/0610/0042 – Listed building Consent for the above.
- ERE/0610/0020 – Application for Minor Material amendment to previously approved ERE/1109/0008 to reposition window on west elevation, reorientation of dwarf wall to porch and amended stone patch layout.

RESOLVED

- (1) that no objections be raised to any of the foregoing planning applications but that the Erewash Borough Council be informed that the Parish Council would have concerns should any of the applications result in foundations within the curtilage of Dale Abbey ruins being disturbed.
- (2) that the Clerk report to a future meeting on the options available for the Parish Council to consider future planning applications.

1003 FINANCE**(a) Accounts to be authorised for payment**

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment.

	£
001675 Gateway Christian Centre (Hire of premises for the meeting and the informal meeting held on 7 July, 2010)	26.00
001676 Park Hall Designs (Website maintenance and printing for the meeting)	32.18
001677 Premier Landscaping East Midlands (contracts 1007 and 1009)	70.00

001678	K M Spencer (salary July 2010)	469.78
001679	K M Spencer (use of home as office)	80.00
001680	K M Spencer (mileage July 2010)	22.84
001681	R Arbon (repairs to slide on Dale Abbey playing field)	30.00
001682	Audit Commission (fee for 2010 audit - VAT £23.63)	158.63
001683	Land Registry (two land registry searches - See min no. 998 (b)(iv)	10.00
001684	James Farmer (Contract 1002 Dale Abbey 2 cuts and Contract 1003 Kirk Hallam 1 cut)	303.00
001685	James Farmer (contract 1005 hedge cutting Dale Abbey village – NB. Cheque to be released only on the completion of the works)	235.00

(b) Income

None to report

(c) Income and Expenditure Statement for the 3 months ended 30 June, 2010.

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

(d) Completion of Annual Audit

The Clerk reported that the Audit Commission had completed work on the 2009/2010 audit and had certified the Annual Return for the financial year ending on 31 March 2010.

In the opinion of the Commission the Annual Return was in accordance with its requirements and no matters had come to its attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met.

Additionally, there were no other matters affecting the opinion of the Commission to which it wished to draw to the attention of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that the approved Annual Return from the Audit Commission in respect of the 2009/2010 Parish Council accounts be received.

Part II – Confidential Information
None

Signed 16 September, 2010
Chairman to the Parish Council

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2010**

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

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair

Part 1 – Non confidential information

1011 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor A Dunn and Borough Councillor C Hart.

1012 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

1013 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

- (a) Councillor Harvey declared a personal interest in relation to any discussions which may arise regarding the proposed Stanton Regeneration, by reason of his Chairmanship of GreenSqueeze.
- (b) Councillor Farmer declared a personal interest in item 7.(j) on the Agenda regarding quotations received for the repair of the Millennium seat area.

1014 PUBLIC SPEAKING

- (a) Councillor Harvey referred to a copy of a document he had obtained relating to a young boy farmer from Dale Abbey who had gone to serve the country in the First World War. The original of the document was in the Imperial War Museum. Various Members expressed an interest in reading the document.

Discussion then ensued whether there was a Parish archive, whether Ilkeston Museum would be interested in having a copy of the document, whether a copy should be kept locally, and the

fact that many of the historical records of the Borough and its Parishes were held by the County Archivist at Derbyshire County Council.

RESOLVED that the Clerk establish whether Ilkeston Museum would be interested in keeping a copy of the document, subject to permission being obtained for it to be reproduced.

- (b) Councillor Davies reported the theft of timber from Arbour Hill Wood where the thieves had been caught and made to return the timber under Police authority restorative judgement procedures.

The Chairman agreed to pass details of the incident to PC Russell Crooks.

1015 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 JULY AND 26 AUGUST 2010

(a) Approval and Confirmation

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 15 July and 26 August, 2010, be approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

(b) Matters Arising

(A) Meeting held 15 July 2010

(i) Wirksworth Road Playing Field, Kirk Hallam

The meeting agreed that a variety of items relating to the Wirksworth Road playing field should be considered together under the report of the Chairman.

(ii) Stanton Regeneration Masterplan

Councillor Harvey had e.mailed to the Clerk a number of comments regarding the draft response to the representatives of St.Gobain which the Clerk had prepared and circulated to Members.

The majority of the comments related to matters which had not been discussed at the meeting on 15 July and were therefore not contained in the approved Minutes of that meeting, on which the draft response had been prepared.

Considerable discussion then took place on the procedures, or the lack of them, for the consideration of draft responses prepared by the Clerk on items raised at meetings and subsequently circulated to Members. The discussion was inconclusive regarding future items of a similar nature.

Discussion also took place on whether the draft response, subsequently released by the Clerk as a final version, should be copied to the Borough Council.

It was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED that Councillor Harvey be authorised to share with the meeting the comments he had submitted to the Clerk regarding the proposed Stanton Regeneration Masterplan.

Councillor Harvey then read his e.mail which contained his views, summarised as follows

- the response prepared by the Clerk was matter of fact and dispassionate
- insufficient thought had been given because of time restraints at the previous meeting to alternatives for alleviating traffic on surrounding roads, including an option for a rail link into the site.
- insufficient thought being given to the type of economic development and job opportunities the Parish Council would wish to see on the site.
- the comment made by the Saint Gobain representative at the presentation to the Parish Council that the Company are not in the business of providing employment should be mentioned strongly
- a factual alteration requirement regarding the traffic modelling system references made in the letter prepared by the Clerk and, finally
- that any response from the Parish Council should primarily be directed to Erewash Borough Council as the local planning authority.

Following further discussion it was –

RESOLVED

- (1) that the points raised by Councillor Harvey, excepting that relating to the Clerk's drafting, be incorporated into a further letter and
- (2) that that letter be circulated to Saint Gobain (PPS), Erewash Borough Council, the six authorities in the Greater Nottingham Aligned Core Strategy, Derbyshire County Council and all Members of the Parish Council.

(c) Matters Arising

(B) Meeting held 26 August, 2010

(i) Alleged Blocking of Public Footpath, Cat and Fiddle Farm, Cat and Fiddle Lane, West Hallam

Councillor Smith reported upon his attendance at the meeting with the owners of the property and the Rights of Way Officer, Derbyshire County Council regarding the above. The Rights of Way Officer was now awaiting an approach from the property owners Solicitor.

(ii) Parish Council Insurance

The Clerk reported the renewal of the Parish Councils insurance cover with Aviva through Came and Company from 1 September 2010 for a period of one year.

1016 REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Rural Action Derbyshire – Renewal of Subscription

The Clerk reported upon an invitation to renew its subscription to the above body.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council renew its membership of the above body at a cost of £30.

(b) Revised Standing Orders

The Clerk circulated to each Member a copy of revised Standing Orders which he had prepared following attendance at a DALC

training event when the proposed new Standing Orders had been discussed.

He asked the Parish Council to consider the need to time limit future meetings and indicated his intention to place an item on the Agenda for the next meeting.

(c) Register of Members Interests

The Clerk reported that he had now prepared the above Register and outlined to the Council the contents.

(d) Further Request for a Grit Bin, Kirk Hallam

Arising from the recent circulation of the Parish Council Newsletter, a request had been received from a resident of Ladywood Road, Kirk Hallam for a grit bin to be sited on the service road on to the main Ladywood Road on the windmill side of the Cat and Fiddle pub.

RESOLVED that the request be supported and the Clerk notify Derbyshire County Council accordingly.

(e) Borough and Parish Forum – Future Operation

The Clerk reported upon the outcome of a meeting with Members of Erewash Borough Council on the future operation of the Borough and Parish Forum.

(f) Land at Pinfold, The Village and the Parish Playing Field, Moor Lane, Dale Abbey

The Clerk reported that title to the two areas of land referred to above were registered with Land Registry in the name of the Parish Council.

The Title No. for the Pinfold land was DY158587 freehold.
The Title No. for the Parish playing field was DY59719 freehold.

(g) Maintenance of Area Surrounding the Red Telephone Kiosk and Telephone Box Action Plan

The Clerk reported that Derbyshire County Council was requiring the Parish Council to enter into a Licence to cultivate the area surrounding the red telephone kiosk under section 142 of the Highways Act 1980. The Parish Council considered that similar licences should be applied to the areas around the Village signs which the County Council had given permission for the Parish Council to maintain.

The meeting then considered a draft Telephone Box Action Plan which had been prepared by the Chairman. Discussion on the plan and its contents ranged from the potential for obtaining sponsorship through adverts placed in the box to make it part self financing, some initial works being undertaken under the Community Payback scheme, whether planning permission for a change of use would be required and where parts for the future maintenance of the kiosk could be obtained

RESOLVED

- (1) that cultivation licences for the Telephone Box and other areas be applied for only when the proposals contained in the Action Plan for the box have progressed further
- (2) that the Action Plan be approved and the Chairman authorised to pursue costings for the works involved
- (3) that the Clerk pursue with Erewash Borough Council whether planning permission for a change of use of the box would be required, including any commercial advertising which may develop
- (4) that the Clerk also pursue through County Councillor Michelle Booth whether the Community Payback scheme would wish to be involved in improvements planned to the box

(h) Village Games

The Clerk reported that Councillor Bown had passed on an extract from a local newspaper regarding villages across Derbyshire being encouraged to stage their own version of the Olympic Games. The Community Sports Trust had launched the initiative which was supported by Sport England, Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust, Derbyshire County Council and District Councils

RESOLVED that the Clerk investigate through the Community Sports Trust what would be suitable for a small village such as Dale Abbey.

(i) Christmas Lights

The Clerk circulated to the Members present a quotation received from Leisurelites for the phased upgrading of the Christmas lights displayed at Kirk Hallam.

He had earlier in the year circulated a quotation from the same firm (but then known as Remco) for the upgrading of the Christmas lights at Dale Abbey. The advice from the Engineer of Erewash Borough Council was to concentrate on upgrading the Dale Abbey lights first.

In addition, he enquired as to whether the normal arrangements were to be applied to the Christmas lights switching on events and in this respect drew attention the fact that if the same corresponding dates as last year were used, the Kirk Hallam event would in fact take place on the last day of November.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the dates of the Christmas lights events be changed as follows –
Kirk Hallam – Tuesday 7 December, 2010
Dale Abbey – Thursday 9 December, 2010
- (2) that as a result of (1) above the date of the December meeting of the Parish Council be changed
- (3) that in all other respects the events remain the same and the Clerk be authorised to proceed with the necessary arrangements
- (4) that the Clerk also enquire of the other Parish Councils in the Borough whether they have Christmas lights and, if so, who supplies them and at what cost.

(j) Quotations – Repair of the Millennium Seat Area

The Clerk reported that two quotations had been received for the above contract out of four invitations.

The Quotation from Firm A was £448.00 and that from Firm B was £1,045.63.

RESOLVED that the Quotation from Firm A be accepted.

N.B. Following the decision the Clerk revealed the identities of the firms who submitted quotations.

Councillor Farmer, having declared a personal interest in the item, took no part in the discussions or voting.

Councillor Smith (Vice Chairman) chaired the meeting during consideration of the item.

(k) Options for the Future Consideration of Planning Applications

N.B. The Chairman resumed the Chair at this stage for the balance of the meeting.

The Clerk reported that he had not prepared a report on the above as the Interim Head of Planning, Erewash Borough Council, had requested to attend the October meeting of the Parish Council to talk about electronic (e) planning.

It was understood that the Borough Council had a budget of £25,000 for the introduction of e.planning in the Parishes.

(l) House of Commons Early Day Motion 557 – No Need for Nuclear

RESOLVED that the request to support the above Early Day Motion and notify the local Member of Parliament be noted.

1017 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

(a) Wirksworth Road Playing Field Area, Kirk Hallam

The Chairman and the Clerk reported upon a number of issues which had been addressed and were being pursued in relation to the above area.

First, the additional dog waste bin requested by the Parish Council had now been sited on the public footpath area.

Secondly, the Chairman and the Clerk had met residents and a representative of Three Valleys Housing on site on the 15 September to discuss the concerns regarding unauthorised use of the playing field area service road, indiscriminate parking by non residents and general anti-social behaviour.

The outcome was that Three Valleys Housing would cost up the provision of a gated entrance and bollards to prevent unauthorised vehicle use and would report further in two months or so.

Thirdly, the gate which had gone missing to the slides area had been taken into store, following vandal damage, by the Borough Council Play Team who were arranging repairs and replacement.

The other gate, to the swings area, had yet again had its hinges damaged. The Clerk was to obtain a repair estimate from Steelcraft, who had been recommended by the Borough Council.

Fourth, the Chairman was attempting to make contact with PC Louise Stephenson to discuss, on site with a Community Warden from the Borough Council elements of anti social behaviour and options for addressing it.

Fifth, the hedges surrounding the play area which had been of concern for sometime regarding inappropriate use and dumping were to be subject of flailing by the Borough Council in November/December.

Last, the Clerk reported the receipt of an e.mail from Councillor Bown expressing her disappointment at the number of Members from the Kirk Hallam Parish Wards who attended the litter pick on Saturday 11 September 2010.

(b) *Dale Abbey Playing Field, Moor Lane, Dale Abbey*

The Chairman reported upon an approach from the Gateway Christian School for the use of part of the playing field on Thursday afternoons for seven children, whilst their normal land for exercising was not available.

He reminded the meeting of the advice received from the Agents of the Council's Insurers regarding the Play Area Management Plan and regular risk assessments and these were being pursued by the Chairman.

RESOLVED that the request to use the land be approved subject to the school indemnifying the Parish Council against any actions, claims or demands arising from that use.

(c) *Parish Council Newsletter*

The Chairman asked that any spare copies be returned to him with details of the areas already delivered and those remaining.

1018 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

(a) **A6096 – Kirk Hallam to Spondon Road**

The Parish Clerk reported that notwithstanding the concerns expressed by Councillor Smith on two previous occasions regarding the hedgerow to the east of Cat and Fiddle Lane, the County Council did not accept that there was a highways hazard at the junction of that Lane and the A6096.

RESOLVED that the Clerk request a site meeting be arranged with an Officer from Derbyshire County Council and relevant Parish Councillors.

In addition and as a result of the recently circulated Parish Council Newsletter, the Clerk also made reference to correspondence he had received from a resident of Ladywood Road enclosing details of previous attempts to secure highway improvements to the A6096 dating back to early 1995.

1019 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

ERE/0810/0052 – Provision of Wooden Store and Workshop to Replace those moved to allow strengthening works to Road Bridge at Station House, Station Road, West Hallam.

RESOLVED that no objections be raised to the foregoing planning application.

1020 FINANCE

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

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment.

		£
001695	Gateway Christian Centre (Hire of premises for the meeting)	13.00
001696	Park Hall Designs (Website maintenance and printing including Standing Orders)	57.59

001697	K M Spencer (salary September 2010)	469.78
001698	K M Spencer (Quarterly payment –use of home as office)	80.00
001699	K M Spencer (mileage)	17.43
001700	F P Farmer (50% of annual Chairs allowance)	125.00
001701	James Farmer (Repair of Millennium Seat Area, Dale Abbey)	448.00
001702	Rural Action Derbyshire (Renewal of Annual Subscription)	30.00
001703	James Farmer (mowing contracts at Dale Abbey x 2 cuts and Kirk Hallam 1 cut)	303.00

(b) Income
None to report

Part II – Confidential Information
None

Signed 21 October, 2010
Chairman to the Parish Council

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2010**

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

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair

In attendance: Donna Savage, Interim Head of Planning, Erewash Borough Council.

Part 1 – Non confidential information

1021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor N Sisson and Borough Councillors B Broughton, C Hart and J Hulls.

1022 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED that the order of business as set out on the Agenda be varied to enable Donna Savage of Erewash Borough Council to discuss with the Parish Council proposals to introduce electronic planning consultations.

Donna Savage introduced herself as the Interim Head of Planning at the Borough Council and proceeded to outline proposals which that Council had for dealing with planning applications and the statutory consultations electronically.

The Parish Council, out of the Borough Council's available budget, would require a laptop computer, projector and screen.

Members mentioned to Miss Savage the difficulties of electronic receiving in Dale Abbey village as a result of poor signalling strength.

It was intended that the equipment would be provided in January 2011 and that appropriate training would be given. The Parish Council would also be able to use the equipment for parish purposes generally. Its use would not be restricted to planning and enforcement issues.

A general discussion then ensued during which Members quoted to Miss Savage what they perceived to be inadequacies and inconsistencies within the planning and enforcement process.

The Chairman thanked Miss Savage for her attendance.

1023 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Harvey declared a personal interest in relation to any Discussions which may arise regarding the proposed Stanton Regeneration, by reason of his Chairmanship of GreenSqueeze.

1024 PUBLIC SPEAKING

- (a) Councillor Harvey referred to recent discussions with a representative of Derbyshire County Council regarding extending double white lining on the A6096 Kirk Hallam to Spondon Road and reducing the speed limit to 50 mph.

He had subsequently spoken to an Officer of Derbyshire County Council who had indicated that the Police would not support a 50 mph speed restriction because of enforcement problems.

The Officer had suggested that, on appeal, the Parish Council may be able to secure an electronic sign sited some 300 yards from the A6096 junction with Arbour Hill, which would be triggered by traffic using Arbour Hill. The sign would indicate the junction approach and the need for A6096 traffic to slow down.

- (b) In connection with the proposed Stanton redevelopment, Councillor Harvey reported that the Saint Gobain representatives had now completed the computerised traffic modelling exercise. They would be spending the next 6 weeks or so trying to validate the results on the ground. It appeared that any proposals to provide a new road to serve the development had been dropped but that £8m had been earmarked for traffic alleviation and calming measures in Stanton-by-Dale.

The representatives were to report back to Stanton-by-Dale Parish Council in January 2011 with outline traffic proposals. It was understood that the planning application which was to be submitted for the site would now provide only for an initial 2000 dwellings, although the scope would presumably exist for further future applications.

RESOLVED that the Chairman speak to the Chairman of Stanton-by-Dale Parish Council to ascertain whether in his view there would be merit in some joint working regarding any highway improvement proposals, particularly as such proposals would inevitably also have an impact on Dale Abbey.

- (c) The Chairman reported that there would be no Police report at the meeting. PC Russell Crooks was currently involved in the policing of Ilkeston Fair.

1015 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER, 2010

(a) *Approval and Confirmation*

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

(b) *Matters Arising*

(i) *First World War Document*

Arising on Minute No. 1014(a)(16/09/10) Councillor Harvey reported that there were no copyright difficulties with reproducing the document referred to.

It would then be lodged with Ilkeston Museum as a parish document for safekeeping.

(ii) *Stanton Regeneration Masterplan*

Arising on Minute No. 1015(b)(ii)(16/09/10) the Clerk circulated a letter to the Saint Gobain representative which he had prepared jointly with Councillor Harvey expressing the further views of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that the letter be approved.

(iii) *Further Request for a Grit Bin, Kirk Hallam*

The Clerk reported that Derbyshire County Council had approved the request for a grit bin to be sited towards the top of the Ladywood Road side road junction with the A6096. (Minute No. 1016(d)(16/09/10) refers).

(iv) *Village Games*

Arising on Minute No. 1016(h)(16/09/10) the Clerk reported that The Community Sports Trust would not receive funding from DEFRA for promoting village games, as Erewash, including Dale Abbey, was not considered by the Government to be rural enough.

(v) *Wirksworth Road Playing Field, Kirk Hallam*

Arising on Minute No. 1017(a)(16/09/10) the Clerk reported that he had written to Steelcraft seeking an

estimate for the repair of the gate to the swings area, where the metal hinges had been strained.

(vi) A6096 – Kirk Hallam to Spondon Road

Arising on Minute No. 1018(a)(16/09/10) Councillor Smith reported the outcome of a site meeting which he had held with a representative of Derbyshire County Council.

He went onto report a further health and safety issue on the A6096 involving the verged approach from the Spondon direction to Hagg Lane containing six or more highway signs. It was now overgrown to such an extent that horseriders could not walk or ride on the inside of the signs but had to pass on the A6096.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Derbyshire County Council regarding this matter.

1026 REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Litter Pick, Dale Abbey

The Clerk enquired whether the Parish Council required a further litter pick in Dale Abbey during the current civic year. He also reported correspondence from a Member of the Stanton-by-Dale and Dale Abbey Social Committee.

RESOLVED that the Clerk apply to the Borough Council for a further litter pick date in January 2011.

(b) Grounds Maintenance – Request for Inclusion on the Select List of Contracts

RESOLVED that the Clerk send to Horizon Landscapes Ltd the appropriate forms to enable the Company to apply for inclusion on the Council's Select List of Contractors.

(c) Temporary Road Closure, Hixon's Lane, Dale Abbey

The Clerk reported the receipt from Derbyshire County Council of an Order under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 providing for the temporary closure of Hixon's Lane from 25 to 29 October, 2010 to facilitate a water mains installation.

(d) Introduction from new Section Inspector, Ilkeston Police

The Clerk read an e.mail introduction sent by Inspector Nick Daines of Ilkeston Police.

- (e) **Criteria for Local Heritage Designations: Consultation**
The Parish Council considered various papers received from Erewash Borough Council regarding the above.

RESOLVED that the Clerk respond to the Borough Council by sending a further copy of the letter of 30 July, 2010, regarding the Dale Abbey Conservation Area.

- (f) **Adoption of Red Telephone Kiosk, Moor Lane, Dale Abbey**
The Clerk indicated that in accordance with the signed contract for the purchase of the above kiosk, he had posted notice in the kiosk advising that the Parish Council now owned the kiosk.

Additionally, he had obtained from BT Payphones a comprehensive maintenance guide for future use.

He had also obtained contact details in respect of the Derbyshire Probation Service Community Payback Scheme, should that be required for future possible works to the kiosk.

- (g) **Revised Standing Orders**

RESOLVED

- (1) that the revised Standing Orders previously circulated by the Clerk be formally adopted by the Parish Council and
- (2) that the Clerk prepare a training session on the content of the new Standing Orders some time in early 2011.

- (h) **Christmas Lights Ceremonies**

The Clerk reported on the progress so far made relating to the Christmas lights ceremonies at Kirk Hallam and Dale Abbey.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Clerk prepare letters notifying the residents of the Ladywood Road slip road of the details of the Kirk Hallam event and
- (2) that the Chairman speak to the Reverend Ian Gooding regarding the use of a roving microphone for the two events.

- (i) **Erewash Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment**

RESOLVED that the contents of the papers received from Erewash Borough Council in connection with the above be noted.

(j) Date of the December Meeting

RESOLVED that the December meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday 16 December, at the Gateway Christian Centre.

(k) Local Dispute

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be taken in private session.

1027 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

(a) Hermits Wood Tree 09101168

The Chairman reported the circumstances in which he had been made aware of an application on behalf of the Parochial Church Council to fell a horse chestnut tree in Hermits wood.

He had spoken to the Tree Officer, Erewash Borough Council, who confirmed that the tree was suffering rot at the bottom and round the back of the trunk and, if the tree was owned by the Borough Council, they would have it felled. However, with pollarding and/or a 50% canopy reduction the tree could have a further 5 to 10 years life.

The application for felling submitted to the Borough Council provided for the horse chestnut to be replaced by a yew tree.

It was noted that the horse chestnut was the only one in the wood and the Chairman had spoken to an officer from the Planning Division of the Borough Council who had indicated that any views expressed by the Parish Council would be considered, notwithstanding that the comment deadline had recently passed.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Clerk notify the Borough Council of the concern in the community regarding the proposed felling of the horse chestnut, but if it has to be removed the Parish Council is firmly of the view that to replace it with a yew tree would be wholly inappropriate as well as poisonous to livestock, and the tree should be replaced with a further horse chestnut
- (2) that the Clerk write to the Secretary of the Parochial Church Council –
 - (i) sharing the contents of

the correspondence sent to the
Borough Council

- (ii) enquiring whether there is a formal future management plan in place for Hermits Wood and, if so, requesting that the Parish Council be supplied with a copy.

(b) Christmas Lights

The Chairman reported upon the circumstances in which he, with the approval of his two Vice Chairs, had authorised the Borough Councils Engineer to place an order for the upgrading of the Dale Abbey Christmas lights based on Option 2 of the e.mail of 8 February, 2010 (ie £1,096 + VAT)

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Chairman and the Vice Chairs be endorsed by the Parish Council.

(c) Wirksworth Road Playing Field, Kirk Hallam

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk on 19 October had met the Community Police Officer, a representative of Three Valleys Housing and a local resident to discuss continuing anti social behaviour problems at the playing field.

Three Valleys Housing were to gate the access to the playing field to prevent unauthorised car entry and the Police Officer agreed to organise additional patrols by her and the Neighbourhood Wardens.

A second dog bin had been provided near the public footpath through the site and the Borough Council was to flail the hedgerow later in the year.

1028 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

(a) A6096 Spondon to Kirk Hallam

Councillor Smith enquired as to when the agreed double white lining was to be undertaken by Derbyshire County Council on the A6096.

The Chairman indicated that the County had spoken about undertaking the works in winter, following the summer resurfacing programme.

1029 FINANCE

(a) Accounts to be authorised for payment

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment.

		£
001704	Dallimore Primary School (hire of room for the meeting)	30.00
001705	Park Hall Designs (Website maintenance and printing for the October meeting)	65.25
001706	Premier Landscaping East Midlands (contracts 1007 Ladywood Road, Kirk Hallam and 1009 Dale Abbey seating area)	70.00
001707	K M Spencer (salary October 2010)	469.78
001708	K M Spencer (postages)	17.10
001709	K M Spencer (mileage)	13.22

(b) Income

None to report

(c) Financial Income & Expenditure Statement for the 6 months ended 30 September, 2010.

The Clerk circulated an Income and Expenditure Statement for the six months end 30 September 2010.

In addition, the Clerk reported that he would shortly be commencing preparation of the 2011/2012 budget and sought direction from the Parish Council on the inclusion of finance for possible Parish elections next year and in future years

RESOLVED

- (1) that the financial statement be received
- (2) that any election costs in 2011/2012 be met from the Parish Council's reserves and
- (3) that from 2011/2012 onwards an amount of £400 per year be included in the precept to cover the possible cost of future elections.

1030 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

The Clerk reported the receipt of an application from a Borough Councillor under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for detailed financial yearly breakdowns of concurrent functions expenditure from 2003 to the present.

RESOLVED that the Clerk research and provide the information requested.

1031 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting whilst the following items of a confidential nature are considered by the Council.

Part II – Confidential Information

1032 LOCAL DISPUTE

RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to take the action now agreed in relation to the above.

1033 ALLEGED INCIDENT, ARBOUR HILL, DALE ABBEY

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the local Police Inspector in relation to the above.

N.B The foregoing Minutes (1032 and 1033) are public versions of private Minutes.

Signed 18 November, 2010
Chairman to the Parish Council

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2010**

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

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair

In attendance: Parish Residents Mr and Mrs Long.

Part 1 – Non confidential information

1034 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillors B Broughton, and C Hart.

1035 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

1036 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Harvey declared a personal interest in relation to any discussions which may arise regarding the proposed Stanton Regeneration, by reason of his Chairmanship of GreenSqueeze.

1037 PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no requests to address the meeting. PC Russell Crooks was unable to attend the meeting.

1038 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 OCTOBER, 2010

(a) *Approval and Confirmation*

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21 October, 2010, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(b) Matters Arising

(i) Further Request for a Grit Bin, Kirk Hallam

The Clerk reported that Derbyshire County Council had now placed the requested grit bin at the Ladywood Road slip road, Kirk Hallam near to the junction with the A6096. (Minute No. 1015 (b) (iii) refers).

(ii) Christmas Lights Ceremonies

Arising on Minute No. 1026 (h) 21/10/2010. Councillor Bown agreed to hand deliver letters to the residents of Nos. 193 to 237 Ladywood Road, Kirk Hallam regarding the event on Tuesday 7 December.

The Chairman reported that Canon Ian Gooding had agreed to loan the Parish Council his portable microphone for both the 7 and 9 December switching on ceremonies.

(iii) Hermits Wood Tree 09101168

Airsing on Minute No. 1027 (a) 21/10/2010 the Clerk reported the receipt of an e.mail from the Secretary to the Parochial Church Council indicating that, with the Rectors approval, he would attend a future meeting to talk about the management of Hermits Wood.

There was a Management Plan for the wood prepared by Groundwork Erewash in 1992 and it was that organisation which had previously suggested the planting of yew trees.

The outcome of the application to fell the horse chestnut was awaited.

(iv) Freedom of Information Act Request

The Clerk reported that he had complied with the above request for details of concurrent functions expenditure since 2003 to the present.

The Chairman reported that the Borough Councillor who had submitted the request had used the information from the Parishes to submit a Notice of Motion to the Borough Council requesting a 25% reduction in the current level of concurrent functions expenditure.

1039 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The Clerk requested that responses received to Minute Nos. 1032 and 1033 of the October meeting be taken in private session.

1040 REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) ***Erewash Community Transport***

The Clerk read an e.mail received from Erewash Community Transport detailing additional services which it was introducing.

RESOLVED that, with the approval of the organisation, the additional services be advertised on the Parish Councils website, next Parish Newsletter and Parish Notice Boards.

(b) ***Litter Pick, Dale Abbey***

RESOLVED that the date of 15 January 2011 on offer from Erewash Borough Council for the next litter pick in Dale Abbey be accepted.

(c) ***Sustainable Communities Act***

The Clerk reported the contents of an e.mail received from the Unlockdemocracy organisation uk.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Minister for Decentralisation urging that the shortlisted proposals under the above Act are dealt with by the Government expeditiously.

(d) ***Ilkeston Rural Safer Neighbourhoods Panel/KIN Meeting***

The Clerk summarised for the Parish Council the main items discussed at the last meeting of the above Panel held on 26 October 2010.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting be forwarded electronically to Councillor Smith who is authorised to attend future meetings of the Panel.

(e) ***Stanton Regeneration – Joint Working Arrangements with Stanton-by-Dale Parish Council***

Arising on Minute No. 1024 (b) 21/10/2010, the Clerk reported that Stanton by Dale Parish Council was in favour of some form of joint working to consider matters of mutual concern arising from the proposed Stanton regeneration, and had suggested the forming of a small committee.

RESOLVED that the response be welcomed but that in the first instance a meeting of both authorities should take place to determine the terms of reference and proposed Membership of the suggested Committee.

During discussion on this item reference was made to the contents of a Localism Bill being promoted by the existing Coalition Government.

1041 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

(a) *Parish Council Newsletter*

The Chairman requested that Members let him have as soon as possible any items for the next Parish Newsletter.

1042 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) ERE/1010/0055 Application for Prior Notification of Agricultural Development for Replacement Barn, Basset Farm, Dale Road, Stanton-by-Dale

RESLOVED that no objection be raised to the foregoing application.

(b) ERE/1010/0007 Creation of Motorcross Track with Associated Parking and Toilets, Field North of Lees Brook East, Acorn Way, Morley

RESOLVED that the Parish Council objects to the foregoing application on the following grounds –

- the potential creation of a noise nuisance which would affect properties in the Locko Road area. The noise survey submitted as part of the application is defective in that no consideration has been given to potential noise effect in the Locko Road area.
- access to the proposed site is considered to be dangerous given the non restricted speed limit on the approach.
- potential increased dangers for horses and riders using the nearby bridleway which crosses the carriageway.

- the potential dangers of mud on the road given the proposed activity, and in times of dry weather dust in the air.
- the site is not considered large enough to accommodate the capacity of car parking applied for and
- the proposed use is considered an unacceptable encroachment into the Green Belt.

(c) **DC/024454 - ERE/1110/0006** Demolition of Existing Rear Garage and Erection of New Garage at 227 Ladywood Road, Ilkeston

RESOLVED that no objection be raised to the foregoing application

1043 FINANCE

(a) *Accounts to be authorised for payment*

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment.

		£
001710	Gateway Christian Centre (hire of centre for the meeting)	13.00
001711	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal (purchase of wreath)	19.00
001712	Chem. Clean Services (cleaning of War Memorial and Notice Board) (VAT 35.00)	235.00
001713	Park Hall Designs (Website maintenance and printing for the meeting)	33.23
001714	K M Spencer (salary November 2010)	469.78
001715	K M Spencer (mileage)	22.84
001716	K M Spencer (purchase of items for Christmas lights events)	85.00
001717	Premier Landscaping East Midlands (contracts 1007 Ladywood Road and 1009 Dale Abbey seating area)	70.00

001718	James Farmer (three cuts at Dale Abbey - 2 at Kirk Hallam)	491.00
001719	James Farmer (1005 Hedge cutting and 1008 Bedding maintenance)	297.50

(b) **Income**
None to report

1044 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- (a) ***Cleaning of the War Memorial***
Councillor Smith reported that Canon Ian Gooding had at the Remembrance Sunday service thanked the Parish Council for organising the cleaning of the village War Memorial.
- (b) ***Public Footpaths 33 and 35, Parish of Dale Abbey***
The Parish Council was made aware of correspondence from the Rights of Way Assistant, Derbyshire County Council, in connection with the placing of gates across the footpaths.

1045 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the ground that the items to be considered contain exempt information.

Part II – Confidential Information

1046 MINUTES 1032 AND 1033 – MEETING 21 OCTOBER 2010

The Clerk reported the details of an e.mail received from the local Police Inspector regarding the issues referred to in the foregoing Minutes.

RESOLVED that the contents of the response be noted.

Signed 16 December, 2010
Chairman to the Parish Council

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2010**

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

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair

Part 1 – Non confidential information

1047 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillors C Hart and J Hulls.

1048 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

1049 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Harvey declared a personal interest in relation to any discussions which may arise regarding the proposed Stanton Regeneration, by reason of his Chairmanship of GreenSqueeze.

1050 PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no requests to address the meeting.

1051 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 NOVEMBER, 2010

(a) *Approval and Confirmation*

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 November, 2010, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(b) *Matters Arising*

There were no matters arising on the foregoing Minutes.

1052 REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) *Sustainable Communities Act*

Referring to Minute No.1040(c) of the last meeting, the Clerk reported the receipt of an e.mail from the Unlock Democracy Organisation indicating a Government announcement that all the proposals submitted under the above Act would be dealt with by the end of January 2011.

Negotiations would then take place on which proposals would be implemented.

(b) *A6096 – Junction Arbour Hill – Request for an Electronically Operated Sign*

The Clerk reported the receipt of an e.mail from the Project Engineer, Derbyshire County Council who had reviewed the road safety record at the Arbour Hill/Hagg Lane crossroads. During the past three years no personal injury accidents had been recorded.

In view of this safety record and a likely shortfall in future funding an electronically activated sign would not be provided. He would however review the existing signing with a view to improving it as necessary.

(c) *Parish Councils' Meeting with TDG, West Hallam*

The Clerk reported that he and the Chairman had attended the meeting held on 6 December 2010.

TDG had provided better signage for HGV's at the Rushy Lane junction and also at the approach to its storage depot. During the last 12 weeks there had been 13 cases of HGV's contravening weight restrictions, 12 of which were visiting TDG. The Chairman reported that the number of HGV incidents appeared to be reducing as a result of TDG writing to all its hauliers.

It was agreed that future meetings would be held on a six monthly basis.

(d) *Christmas Lights*

The Parish Council considered a number of issues arising from the cancellation of the Christmas lights switching on ceremonies as a result of the recent inclement weather conditions.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Clerk write to the Director of Resources at Erewash Borough Council expressing appreciation for all the assistance provided by Jonathan Radforth, Engineer, at the time of the cancellation of the events.
- (2) that the bite size sweets purchased for the events be distributed to the under privileged children of the Parish on the basis now reported.
- (3) that the bottle purchased for Santa Claus be retained for the 2011 event.
- (4) that both Ilkeston Brass and Pinxton Puppets be thanked for their understanding of the cancellations and for not charging any fees and
- (5) that for the 2011 event at Kirk Hallam the Clerk pursue whether the Brewery suppliers to the Cat and Fiddle Public House would be prepared to sponsor the Kirk Hallam Christmas tree.

(e) *Stanton Regeneration – Joint Working*

The Clerk reported that the Stanton-by-Dale Parish Council was interested in establishing joint working arrangements to consider items of mutual interest to both authorities regarding the future regeneration of the Stanton site.

RESOLVED that the Stanton-by-Dale Parish Council be invited to attend the January 2011 meeting of Dale Abbey Parish Council to consider and agree formal arrangements for the proposed joint working.

(f) *Grit Bins, Kirk Hallam and Dale Abbey*

The Clerk reported that he had requested Derbyshire County Council, on health and safety grounds, to refill the three grit bins at Kirk Hallam and the one on No Mans Lane, Dale Abbey.

It was reported that the bin on No Mans Lane had been refilled that day.

He went on to outline the County Council policy of treating major and minor roads before the filling of bins in inclement weather conditions and this prompted discussions as to whether an alternative supplier could be found. The Chairman had a family contact at the Highways Agency and agreed to make appropriate enquires.

Discussion then took place on the outstanding issue of the siting of a grit bin at The Village, Dale Abbey when it was reported that the owner of Lamas House would be prepared to have such a bin sited on the splayed area outside of his property.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Chairman pursue possible arrangements for an alternative supplier of grit to the Parish Councils existing bins and
- (2) that the Clerk pursue with Derbyshire County Council the possibility of a grit bin being sited on the splayed area outside of Lamas House, The Village, Dale Abbey.

1053 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

(a) *Parish Council Newsletter*

The Chairman reported that he had arranged for the Kirk Hallam Scout Group to deliver the latest Parish newsletter to Kirk Hallam residents, but that this had not yet taken place as a result of the recent inclement weather.

Members were requested to assist in the distribution with regard to Dale Abbey village.

(b) *Standards Board for England*

The Chairman reported that the Co-alition Government was to terminate the existence of the Standards Board from Autumn 2011 and he outlined discussions which had taken place at the Erewash Borough Councils Standards Committee where he was a Parish representative, as to what could replace the existing legislative Code of Conduct.

The Derbyshire Association of Local Councils had recently published a Circular on line summarising the current situation nationally.

(c) *Hermits Wood Tree 09101168*

The Chairman reported that, at the request of residents, he had attended the meeting of the Planning Committee at which the application to fell the horse chestnut tree had been considered, and spoken against the proposal.

The application to fell the tree was refused, The tree was not an immediate danger to visitors to the wood and could last several years if the canopy was reduced. He had spoken to the Secretary of the Parochial Church Council who would report to that Council to determine the future action required.

1054 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

(a) Yew Trees, Corner of Parish Playing Field and Outside of Poplar Farm, Dale Abbey

Councillor Bown reported that the recent snow and icy conditions had caused the tree on the playing field to shed its berries which were poisonous to livestock and other animals. The Chairman added that there was a similar issue with the tree at Poplar Farm.

RESOLVED that the Clerk request that the Borough Council Street sweeper clear the berries during the next street sweeping visit

(b) Tree – Christmas Lights, The Village, Dale Abbey

At the request of the Chairman the Clerk had contacted Erewash Borough Council and requested that the tree lights cabling be secured to the trunk with cable ties, which had always been the case in previous years.

1055 FINANCE

(a) Accounts to be authorised for payment

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment.

		£
001720	Gateway Christian Centre (room hire for the meeting)	13.00
001721	Park Hall Designs (printing of Carol sheets and A4 Posters)	50.10
001722	Park Hall Designs (Printing of the Parish Newsletter)	42.00
001723	M S Barker (purchase of Christmas Tree for Kirk Hallam)(VAT £25.37)	170.37
001724	K M Spencer (salary December 2010)	469.78
001725	K M Spencer (use of home as office – quarterly allowance)	80.00
001726	K M Spencer (mileage)	25.24
001727	K M Spencer (postages)	21.30
001728	Park Hall Designs (photocopying for the December meeting)	11.34

(b) **Income**
None to report

(c) **Projected Out turn of Income and Expenditure for 2010/2011 and the setting of the Concurrent Functions Budget and Precept for 2011/2012.**

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

RESOLVED

- (1) that the projected out turn of income and expenditure for 2010/2011 be noted, subject to the inclusion of the sum of £300 in the expenditure section to reflect website costs.
- (2) that application be made to Erewash Borough Council for a Concurrent Functions budget of £14,525 for 2011/2012, the same amount as the current financial year and
- (3) that the Borough Council be informed that the Precept for 2011/2012 will be £6,400.

1056 ITEM FOR INFORMATION

(a) **Localism Bill**

The Clerk reported the receipt electronically from the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils of a briefing paper summarising the main provisions of the Localism Bill.

RESOLVED that copies of the summary be forwarded to the Chairman and Councillor Harvey.

Part II – Confidential Information

None

Signed 20 January, 2011

Chairman to the Parish Council