

# STANTON BY DALE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Stanton-by-Dale Parish Council held at 7.30pm, on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2012 in the Village Hall, Stanhope Street Stanton-by-Dale.

**Present:** Cllr C Gallagher; Cllr R Homer; Cllr H Brown; Cllr G Bolton  
G. Blackmore (Clerk); Cllr W Major (DCC); Cllr V Clare (EBC) and one member of the public  
In the absence of the Chairman, the V. Chair Cllr C Gallagher chaired the meeting

**1/2012: Apologies:** Cllr G Starbuck (Chairman) – School Governors Meeting; Cllr C Cotes (work commitments)

**2/2012: Variance in Order of Business:** None

**3/2012: Declaration of Members Interests –** None

**4/2012: Public Speaking – (15minutes)**

a) The chairman agreed to suspend Standing Orders for an open discussion, with the Cllr's and member of the public, on the wind turbine planning application. The application was referred back to Council for decision under 10/2012

b) **Reports from Outside Bodies**

Police Liaison Officer (no report): a letter from Derbyshire Constabulary had been circulated concerning Police Station closures.

**Borough Council:** Apologies from Cllr D Orchard received.

Cllr Clare reported: The emphasis of the Borough Council has been on budgets with no rise in council tax and no cuts in services and the Council has to decide how to maintain services whilst meeting the government funding targets. EBC have appointed an Officer to look at the Localism Bill and its impact on the council and reviewing issues.

New smart bins have been introduced in Ilkeston & Long Eaton town centres for depositing cigarette ends and chewing gum

A new daily Erewash newsletter has been created on-line (not run by EBC)  
[www.indieigo.com/longeatontoday](http://www.indieigo.com/longeatontoday)

Proxy vote forms have been sent out for signature as required every 5 years.

The Mayor is holding fund raising events for his charities on 9<sup>th</sup> March at Ilkeston Football Club function room and on 4<sup>th</sup> April a charity fashion show in the May Hall, at Trent College.

**County Council:** Cllr W Major reported that the Council had met to set budgets and has agreed to freeze council tax for the second year. The Council needs to make £25m in savings and this will mean budget cuts, including 600 job loses. Frontline services will be protected where possible. Over the next 3years £416 million will be spent on roads, schools and infrastructure.

**Part-Night Street Lighting Scheme** is to be introduced between 12 mid-night and 5.30am (69% of people were in favour of the proposals). The scheme will save £400,000 per annum and reduce the carbon charge by £222,000

**Train Station in Ilkeston: DCC have set aside £1m towards the £5m cost**

**Big Society:** £1m for Community Grants will be available to support the Big Society for small groups taking on voluntary work.

**5/2012: Minutes – The Council Resolved** to confirm, as a correct record, the Ordinary Parish Council Minutes held on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011.

**6/2012: EBC Design Meeting - Housing Consultation Event:** Cllr's Gallagher & Brown reported on the meeting. The main issues that, even the transport speaker was unable to answer, was related to the management of increased traffic. Traffic management was listed as a possible failure of the Stanton Site, Quarry Hill and the Manor housing developments. The issue of traffic

credits was argued, but this was based on the 2001 traffic census, which is out of date. The traffic officer pinpointed Sandiacre and Ilkeston who would have traffic problems from housing developments, but there was no mention of Stanton-by-Dale the most locally affected area. Contamination of the Stanton Iron Works site may mean the project will not start for another 5 years. The first phase may be only 1500 houses, stated by EBC, as opposed to 1950 houses by St Gobain. The consultants have stated there will be no further public consultations.

EBC will be reconsidering its land development areas and will consult with Parish Councils on possible small development sites.

**7/2012 Wall Main Street, Stanton-by-Dale:** Matter raised by Cllr Gallagher. The **Council RESOLVED** to contact EBC Conservation Officer concerning the repairs/stone work to the wall so it met with the conservation area criteria.

**8/2012: Village Hall Bookings:** Matter raised by Cllr Gallagher concerning bookings procedures. An issue regarding bookings was discussed and a compromise has been agreed.

**9/2012: Report of the Parish Clerk on:**

- a) **Village Hall:** Kitchen Refurbishment Update – This matter is pending on the availability of the builder.
- b) **Play area & Village Greens:**
  - (i) Play Area - Monthly Inspection
  - (ii) Village Green – New sign & Installation of Bollards (DCC e-mail).  
DCC has made a decision that bollards should not be installed on 'The Green'. The Clerk is still waiting a reply from EBC's Conservation Officer concerning ways of protecting 'The Green' from vehicle damage. A new finger-point sign has been installed to direct traffic to Ilkeston.
- c) **Stanton Regeneration** – Update & Information – Meeting with St Gobain & Consultants  
The e-mails relating to responses have been circulated and the EBC Design Meeting is to be reported upon at Agenda Item 6/2012. The **Council RESOLVED** to meet with M. Lloyd on an informal basis.
- d) **Telephone Kiosk:** Painting – a second quote has been received and an offer to paint the kiosk from a parishioner. The painting of the kiosk is to be deferred until the next meeting to consult with the volunteer.
- e) **Neighbourhood Plan:** Helen has agreed to make a presentation to the Parish Council at 7.30pm, on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012.
- f) **Newsletter:** December newsletter circulated to the village – next edition to be in March 2012.
- g) **Empower Town & Parish Councils (Steve Shaw):** The Parish Council supported the proposals to the government by Leiston Town Council and a letter has been forwarded to Mr Greg Clark MP. The **Council RESOLVED** to approve the letter sent to Greg Clark MP.
- h) **EBC Parish Council Forums – 21<sup>st</sup> March (Ilkeston) & 11 July (Long Eaton).** Due to the change of date from 14<sup>th</sup> March, the Clerk is unable to attend. The meeting clashes with a Neighbourhood Planning event at Little Eaton. The **Council RESOLVED** to attend subject to availability of a Councillor.
- i) **Snow Warden – grit bin & salt order:** Cllr Bolton felt that there was an issue with establishing a site for the bin, in the conservation area and storage of the grit. Cllr Bolton to liaise with Suzanne Cross (DCC) re reducing the amount of grit delivered.
- j) **Meeting with TDG re transport routes** – A meeting was held with TDG which was very positive. Unfortunately, the company has been taken over and is under-going management and structural changes. The best action for anyone who sees a lorry who they believe is going to the TDG depot is to ring the gatehouse who will speak with the lorry driver (if he is going to TDG) on arrival.
- k) **DCC – Parish & Town Councils Forum: County Hall, 26 April 2012.** The **Council RESOLVED** to send a representative subject to availability
- l) **War Memorials Trust – Smartwater: The Council RESOLVED** to apply for the free

Smartwater.

m) **Erewash Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2012 – Call for Sites (circulated for information)**

n) **A New Youth Offer – Stakeholder Event – revised schedule:** DCC Consultation until 18 March 2012 & Consultation Event for Erewash on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

DCC is currently consulting on Youth Service Provision with the proposal that front line services will end, e.g. no Youth Clubs or delivery of mobile services and that youth provision can be delivered by charities, volunteers and the third sector

**10/2012: Planning:**

**ERE/1211/0013: Wind Turbine, Friesland Farm, Rushy Lane (Re-submission E/0711/0043)**

The **Council RESOLVED** to object to the planning application based on site location, visual impact, close proximity to footpaths, noise assessment being generic and not including all the affected buildings and flicker.

**11/2012: Finance:**

<b>(a) Accounts for Payment:</b>		<b>December</b>	<b>January</b>
<b>Cheque No:</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
DD	Electricity (Village Hall)	£ 29.00	£ 29.00
DD	Gas (Village Hall)	£144.00	£144.00
DD	EBC(Waste Disposal)		£ 21.45
001276	Paul Gyll (Gds Maintenance)	£222.00	
001277-78	Salaries/HMRC	£204.99	
001279-81	Salaries/HMRC/Expenses		£826.33*
001282	ICO Registration		£ 35.00
001283	Leisurelites		£282.00
001284	Rigby Building Services		£ 90.00

\*Clerks December & January salary paid together

The above accounts for payment were approved by the Council

(b) **Income: Village Hall – December 2011 (£130.00) & January 2012 (£505.00)**

**Other Matters:**

(i) **Precept & Concurrent Functions for 2012-13 submitted to EBC (0% increases)**

(ii) **Budget Report:** The budget report, projecting expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012, was received by the Council. A transfer of £1,000.00 had been made from the reserve account.

(iii) **Aon Insurance:** Offer from AON to quote for the Council Insurance.

(iv) **VH Gas Supply:** The payments from 1<sup>st</sup> February will be reduced to £118.00

**12/2012: Derbyshire Association of Local Councils - Circulars:**

**60/2011: Technical Reforms of Council Tax; DCC Parish Liaison Forum; Parish Council Finance**

**61/2011: DALC Christmas Closing; Wildlife Trust; Clerk Vacancies**

**62/2011: Training 2012**

**63/2011: 2011 Model Contract of Employment; Clerk Vacancies**

**1/2012: Index of DALC Circulars - 2011**

**2/2012: Excessive Rises in Council Tax (Does not apply to Town & Parish Councils)**

**3/2012: Local Council's Subscriber Forms;**

**4/2012: Prayers at Council Meetings; Judicial Review Challenge; Consultation Responses (NALC)**

**13/2012: Items for Information – EBC, DCC.**

- Long Eaton Local Health Walks
- Let's Talk About Your Community – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012, Ladywood Primary School
- Natural Landscapes
- Heritage Open Days in 2012
- Letter from Derbyshire Constabulary re Police Station closures and reduced hours
- Have Your Say Event

**14/2012: Urgent Matters:**

Cllr Homer asked about repainting and maintenance of the wrought iron kissing gates. The Clerk to contact David Jenkinson (DCC) as the gates belonged to the land owners who may replace them if there were any issues on cost. There should be a request to keep the kissing gates as they were in parts of the conservation area

**15/2012: Resignation of the Clerk/RFO:** The Clerk/RFO tendered his resignation, but agreed to continue until the end of April until his replacement was in post. A Financial Cost Report was circulated to show how the Council could reduce cost by employing a local Clerk. The Chairman and Councillors thanked the Clerk for his high standards of work and commitment to the Parish Council.

**The meeting closed at 10.10pm**