

STANTON BY DALE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STANTON-BY-DALE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON THURSDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY 2011, AT THE VILLAGE HALL, STANHOPE STREET.

Present: Cllr I Gooding; Cllr B. Skelston; Cllr C Gallagher; Cllr R Homer; Cllr A Shaw; Cllr G Starbuck (arrived at 7.50pm); G. Blackmore (Clerk).

Cllr C Gallagher (left at 9.10pm)

1/2011: Apologies- There were no apologies for absence

2/2011: Declaration of Members Interests – There were no declarations of Interest

3/2011: Public Speaking – (15minutes) – No members of the public were present.

Reports from Outside Bodies:

DCC: Cllr W Major – Reported on the spending cuts imposed on DCC, £90m over 4 years, the majority £35m front loaded in year 1. Cuts would be in adult services, changes to care charges as opposed to free care, pay freeze for those earning over £21k, cuts in bus services and changes to the Bi-Line and Gold Card to reduce cost. A £19m government grant had been received for Highways and transport. Government funding of £300k has been allocated for Long Eaton and surrounding area improvements of which DCC receive £150k. Council's holding Quality Status would receive most of the future funding (currently 90%) – It may be advantageous to become a Quality Council in the future.

DCC will be holding a consultation on the switch off of street lighting in their 'invest to save' programme. The Parish Council were concerned about such a plan for the village lighting.

EBC: Cllrs D Orchard & V Clare

The motion brought before EBC on the unregulated spending of Concurrent Functions at the January Extraordinary Council Meeting was not seconded. Concerns were raised into the comments made as part of the motion presentation.

4/2011: Minutes – RESOLVED to confirm the as a correct record the Parish Council Minutes held on the 9th December 2010.

5/2011: Localism Bill – The Council discussed the implications of the Localism Bill. The Council were concerned that services may become the responsibility of Parish Councils with no provision for covering the cost. In respect of planning that any challenges on large planning applications would have serious financial cost if it went to appeal.

6/2011: Flood Plan: Assessing Surface Water Flooding in Derbyshire: The Council agreed the areas of surface water flooding in Stanton-by-Dale and one area in Dale Abbey. The Clerk is to complete the survey forms and map and return to DCC.

7/2011: Royal Wedding - Street Party: Cllr Gallagher informed the Council that the village is planning to hold a Royal Wedding Street Party providing there is enough support. EBC has been very helpful on the matter and would support a road closure(s) and supplying signs. The Clerk stated that an announcement on Local radio gave full support to road closures but required the maximum of notice. The Council RESOLVED not to be formally involved, but would support the event through a S137 Grant, if an application were received.

8/2011: Elections in May 2011 (Govt. Referendum & Local Elections): The Clerk informed the Council that it is most likely the government will now hold a referendum on voting on the 5th May 2011, the same day as local elections.

Parish Council Elections: Cllr A Shaw handed in a written letter of resignation and will not be standing in May due to her increasing work commitments. Cllr Shaw was thanked for her work and views as a Councillor that had been beneficial to the Council. The Chairman is considering his position on the Council due to changes in personal circumstances. There will now be one or possibly two vacancies on the Council and enquiries to be made with EBC Electoral Officer concerning the election process.

9/2011: Report of the Parish Clerk:

- a) Village Hall: Cllr's agreed that the £6-£8k reserves would not allow any major refurbishment of the Village hall and that the refit of specific areas of the kitchen and repositioning of the boiler would now be priced and brought back to Council for RESOLUTION.
- b) Play Area: No reports received. The new playground gate is still not in situ. Clerk to liaise with Paul Guyll (contractor) on both matters.
- c) Stanton Regeneration:
A meeting has been held with Dale Abbey PC and it has been agreed to work together on important issues regarding the Stanton Regeneration Development, particularly traffic.

Rebekah Pacczek now 'Snap Dragon Consulting' has declined to attend a Parish Council Meeting with either Stanton-by-Dale or Dale Abbey until her company has had time to assess the Traffic Model analysis. However, Rebekah has agreed to attend one of the PC Meetings of Stanton-by-Dale of Dale Abbey in March/April 2011, to discuss the traffic model and the planning application position.
- d) Footpath Maintenance/Kissing Gate Repairs: Repairs outstanding Kissing Gate & Church Walk Gate – The work is still outstanding and Cllr Shaw to contact the workman. Temporary footpath Closures on FP 19 & 21 have been extended.
- e) Flake Lane - Safe Pedestrian Route (at the Cross): Installation of Bollards – Paul Froggatt (DCC) is completing the necessary work schedule and will collect the bollards from Cllr Gallagher's and liaise on the positioning of the bollards.
- f) Tree Warden Survey – Committee: Cllr B Skelston reported that the Tree Survey and the forming of a committee is still on-going.
- g) Highways - Traffic Calming and HGV's
DCC Trading Standards have successfully prosecuted a local company who drove through the village, despite previous warnings, the vehicle was breaking the weight restrictions regulations. Insp. Nick Daines has been contacted and he is aware of the HGV problems in Stanton-by-Dale and other villages. Insp. Daines is arranging HGV policing checks using the Road Policing Unit and SNT's in the next few weeks. The first vehicle checks on the 1st February did not find any vehicle failing to comply with the weight restrictions.
- h) PC Website:
Richard Hyde has set-up the website that is quite impressive and allows the user to find information. The Council were asked to supply information and events notices for the website.
- i) Adoption of Phone Kiosk: The contract has been signed and returned to the PC. The Council RESOLVED that the kiosk would remain as a heritage item for the village and not to have any specific usage e.g. library.
- j) Allotments off Main Street: A letter was written to Tata Steel UK asking how local residents can acquire allotment slots. Tata Steel have replied saying that they do not intend offering any further allotments for tenancy.

- k) Xmas Lights:
The Parish Council is still concerned about the new Xmas lights provided by Leisurelites that they are not as requested. The Council RESOLVED that the Clerk look back at the order, as per e-mails, and report back to the Council to ascertain the agreed specifications. The Clerk stated that Leisurelites will argue that they supplied the bright white sparkling lights that can be brighter due to them being LED
- l) Planning Aid – East Midlands Planning Aid will end on the 1st April 2011 due to the government withdrawing financial support.
- m) IT Equipment: EBC have collated the requirements for the IT equipment and been ordered for delivery at the end of January 2011. There has been no further update on the delivery date.
- n) Poor Land's Charity:
There is currently a vacancy on the Poor Land's Charity – The Council RESOLVED is to approach two local parishioners and report back for a decision to be made on the appointment.
- o) Newsletter: A 'Newsletter' is planned for March 2011. Items for inclusion is requested.
- p) S137 Grants: The council allocates £100.00 per annum to S137 Grants, but local groups have not been applying for small grants. The Council RESOLVED to advertise the grants in the Newsletter and on the website and to increase S137 Grants budget to £200.00, in 2011-2012
- q) Localism Bill (Agenda Item 5/2011): Discussed in item 5/2011
- r) RBL Poppy Parties: 10 -12 June 2011
The Council RESOLVED not to participate in the event, but wherever possible support local RBL events during the event period.
- s) Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012: Information item
- t) Parish & Town Council Network Meeting
The next Parish & Town Council Network Meeting is at 6.30 pm on Thursday, 10th March 2011 at Long Eaton Town Hall. It was RESLOVED that the Clerk would attend who requested that a Councillor should also attend on behalf of the Council.

10/2011: Planning:

a) Erewash Planning Enforcement: APP/N1025/C/2134766 Appeal by Mr M Webster.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk contact the Head of Planning, Donna Savage, to ascertain the level of involvement required, if any, by the Parish Council.

11/2011: Finance:

| (a) Accounts for Payment: | | December | January |
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| Cheque No: | Payee | Amount | Amount |
| DD | Electricity (Village Hall) | £ 22.00 | £ 22.00 |
| DD | Gas (Village Hall) | £108.00 | £108.00 |
| 001212 | BT Kiosk Purchase | £ 1.00 | |
| 001213-18 | Salaries/HMRC/Expenses (Dec /Jan) | £199.24 | £750.54 |
| 001219 | Website Design | | £285.50 |
| 001220 | EBC (Waste Disposal) | | £ 25.36 |
| 001221 | Leisurelites | | £282.00 |
| 001222 | IOC – Data Protection | | £ 35.00 |

The cheques and payments were approved by the Council

(b) Income: Village Hall – December 2010 & January 2011 £415.00

Other Matters

- a) **Precept & Concurrent Functions:** The Precept & Concurrent Function forms have been submitted to EBC
- b) **Bank Transfer:** £6k has been transferred from the Current to the Deposit Account
- c) **Budget Report: April-December 2010:** It was RESOLVED to approve the Budget Report
- d) **DALC Fees – 2011/12:** There will be no increase in the DALC Annual subscription fees.
- e) **Data Protection register IOC:** The Council is required to register with the IOC for Data protection at a fee of £35.00. The Council RESOLVED to register with the IOC.

12/2011: Derbyshire Association of Local Councils - Circulars:

- 57/2010 Dalc Membership 2011-12 – Nil increase
- 58/2010 Future of Standards Framework
- 59/2010 The Localism Bill
- 1/2011 List of Dalc Circulars 2010
- 2/2011 Archiving Council Records
- 3/2011 Derbyshire Police Invite Public Engagements/Climate Change/BH
- 4/2011 Local Govt Review Subscriptions (Nalc)
- 5/2011 Training
- 6/2011 Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Clerk's Vacancies

13/2011: Items for Information – EBC, DCC.

DCC: Village Hall News & Information

Financial Inclusion

Derbyshire Constabulary – 'Have Your Say'

Archaeology & Conservation in Derbyshire

Derbyshire Community Health Services – Becoming an NHS

EBC: Have Your Say

- 14/2011: Urgent matters not on the agenda:** Cllr Starbuck raised concerns about road safety due to collapsing verges, large pot holes and general poor condition of the highway on Lows Lane. The Council RESOLVED that the Clerk report the highway maintenance issues to DCC, as a matter of urgency.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm