

STANTON BY DALE PARISH COUNCIL

THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE STANTON-BY-DALE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT 7.30PM, ON THURSDAY, 3RD MARCH 2011, IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STANHOPE STREET, STANTON-BY-DALE

Present: Cllr I Gooding (Chair); Cllr G Starbuck (V. Chair); Cllr B Skelston; Cllr R Homer; G. Blackmore (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

14/2011: Apologies- Cllr C Gallagher (Holiday); Cllr A Shaw (Work Commitments)

15/2011: Declaration of Members Interests – Cllr R Homer (22/2011 item 'n')

16/2011: a) Public Speaking – (15minutes)

Questions were asked about the Stanton Regeneration, but there being no further development the Council was unable to provide information. Rebekah Paczek (Snap Dragon Consulting) has been asked to attend a meeting once updates are known.

HGV Traffic: The issue of HGV's travelling through the village contrary to the Weight Restrictions was raised. The council is waiting for the Traffic Management Assessment to be completed provided before making any comments or proposals. All HGV's contravening the weight restrictions should be reported directly to Kim Percival at DCC Trading Standards.

b) Reports from Outside Bodies

County Council: Cllr W Major reported on:

DCC spending cuts that included Environmental Services (Highways) £6.8 million and Adult Services 12.7 million. The Chief Executives £300k budget had been reduced, Chief Executive roles are to be amalgamated, training will be reduced and employees on £21k per annum or over will have a pay freeze for 2 years. 96% of school pupils have received their first choice school places. No libraries in Derbyshire will close and the mobile library service will be continued.

The wall on Main Street is considered safe by DCC and EBC is negotiating with the land owner as regards the type of stone to be used. Cllr Major apologised that the e-mail from DCC had not been answered by Pete Leigh and that the response from Highways had not been forwarded.

Borough Council Member(s): Apologies Cllr's D Orchard & V Claire (EBC Council Meeting)

17/2011: Minutes – The Council RESOLVED to confirm the as a correct record the Parish Council Minutes held on the 3rd February 2011.

18/2011: Royal Wedding - Street Party: there has been no further information on the Street Party going ahead.

19/2011: Elections in May 2011 (Govt. Referendum & Local Elections)

The Government Referendum and Council Elections (Borough & Parish) will be held on Thursday 5th May 2011. All Parish Councillors must seek re-elections and will be responsible for completing their own nomination papers and submitting them personally at EBC. The current vacancy(s) for the Parish Council will be advertised locally in the Newsletter and on the Website. The Clerk stated that he will remain neutral and not be involved in the Parish Council nominations and electoral process.

20/2011: Consultations on Documents related to the Localism Bill

- **Code of recommended practice for local authorities' data transparency**

The code provides details for the need of greater transparency on salaries (over £58k) and spending. Any expense over £500.00 must be open and accessible for public examination. Any work required over £500.00 should be sent out to tender.

- **Community Right to Challenge**

- **Community Right to Buy**

NALC has asked that Parish Councils make comments on the above three consultation documents. The Code of recommended practice for local authorities' data transparency has a return date by 7th

March 2011. The other two consultations return dates are the 7th April and the 3rd May respectively.

21/2011: Annual Parish Meeting – 19th May 2011

The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for the 19th May 2011 and provides the parishioners the opportunity to raise issues of concern relating to the Parish. The Annual Meeting may be the appropriate time for the village to have a presentation on the Stanton Regeneration and discuss matters of concern. The Council RESOLVED that the Clerk, if possible, seek an alternative date as the Chairman had another engagement and the Village Hall was not available. The Old School can be used as an alternative venue, if required.

22/2011: Report of the Parish Clerk on:

- a) **Village Hall:** Kitchen / Hall Refurbishment. The Council considered plans submitted for the kitchen and RESOLVED that quotes be obtained to consider completion of the work. The kitchen cupboards being locked is an issue and if any group wants cupboard space it should be paid for at a small fee. It was RESOLVED that the store room be cleared of the nursery equipment (given away if necessary) and what appeared to be 'Greensqueeze' equipment. There were chairs and tables next to the fire door that must be removed immediately. Clearing the room will allow for space and cupboards, if necessary, to be put in the room for groups equipment.
- b) **Play area:** Monthly Inspection – two bolts on swing frame tightened. The new gate was fitted on the 3rd February 2011
- c) **Stanton Regeneration – Update & Information.** A request has been made to Rebekah Paczek to attend a PC Meeting with the indication being that she will not attend until April 2011, as the Transport Management Assessment is still being analysed.
- d) **Footpath Maintenance Programme 2010-11:** Kissing Gate Repairs/ Church Walk Gate Repairs. The repairs are still outstanding to date. Cllr Homer reported that on researching the old Parish Council minutes that the gates at the end of Church Walk belong to the Council.
- e) **Flake Lane - Safe Pedestrian Route (at the Cross):** Installation of Bollards – The matter is now being finalised with Paul Froggatt (DCC) who is attending at 1.30pm, on Monday, 14th March 2011 to agree the positioning of 2 bollards. It is anticipated that the work will be completed in the next few weeks.
- f) **Tree Warden Survey – Committee:** Cllr Skelston informed the Council that his wife, Tree Warden had 2 or 3 people interested in forming a committee.
- g) **Highways - Traffic Calming and HGV's;**
Wall Repairs, Main Street: as reported by Cllr W Major in DCC report – the responsibility for the wall repairs lie with the land owner and EBC providing agreement on the type of stone to be used. The Council RESOLVED to contact EBC on the wall repairs.
Wall outside 29 Stanhope Street is falling down and large stone blocks are loose and dangerous should they fall out onto the pavement. The Council RESOLVED to write to the owner of the property, Mr Panter and inform DCC Highways & EBC.
A report has been received from PC Louise Stevenson that few Lorries over the weight limit were stopped during police operations. A letter is being compiled to distribute to all local haulage companies.
- h) **Xmas Lights:** A request has been made to Rhys Fell to attend the PC Meeting to discuss and explain the lighting issues. Mr Fell is currently on holiday and one of his staff has returned the old Xmas lights. The Clerk explained that the lights provided were classed as bright white and this is now how the LED lights emit light, as a white when looking straight at them or a ice white from an angle. The Council RESOLVED that the new lights be accepted in their current LED format.
- i) **IT Equipment (EBC):** The IT equipment is to be collected on Monday 7th March 2011, by the Clerk, and a short training session will be held.
- j) **The Poor Land's Charity –** The Council RESOLVED to accept the vacancy has now been filled and a letter is to be send to the appointed person.
- k) **Newsletter – Publish March 2011**
The Newsletter has been completed and ready for copying and distribution. It is disappointing that there has been a lack of information on events and village issues
- l) **Parish & Town Council Network Meeting**
The Forum is at 6.30pm, on Thursday, 10th March 2011, at Long Eaton Town Hall.

- m) **Data Protection Registration ICO** – The registration is now complete
- n) **Pavements Stanhope Street** – Complaints have been received about the pavement in front of the cottages on Stanhope Street. Cllr Homer outlined the problems with the pavement surface breaking up and grit/stones being taken into the houses damaging wooden floors and carpets. Residents are considering seeking compensation from DCC as this matter has been on-going for a number of years. The Council RESOLVED to write to DCC and ask for the pavement to be resurfaced. .
- o) **DALC Course 13 April 2011** – The Clerk is attending the course as it has many important matters for Councils.

23/2011: Planning:

- a) **Erewash Planning Enforcement: APP/N1025/C/2134766 Appeal – Public Hearing.**
EBC – Planning Officer information: The Clerk attended a meeting with EBC Planning Officers and has provided PC Minutes relevant to the construction of the farm buildings, lighting etc. The Public Appeal Hearing will be held at 10am, on Wednesday 13th April 2011, at Ilkeston Town Hall, and Councillors were invited to attend.
- b) **ERE/0211/0020: Erection of Ground Floor Extension: 9 Dale Road, Stanton By Dale, Derbyshire, DE7 4QF** – The Council raised concerns that the plans showed that the development would encroach on ‘greenbelt’ land and historically such planning applications have been refused in the past. The Council RESOLVED to make a number of objections, encroachment on green belt, the natural finish of the village, detrimental to the environment, historical rejection of such applications and such developments are not permitted for barn conversions..

24/2011: Finance:

(a) Accounts for Payment:		February
Cheque No:	Payee	Amount
DD	Electricity (Village Hall)	£ 22.00
DD	Gas (Village Hall)	£108.00
001223-25	Salaries/HMRC/Expenses (Dec /Jan)	£371.43
(b) Income: Village Hall – February 2011		£200.00

Other Matters

- a) **British Gas – increase:** Due to rising gas prices the monthly direct debit has been increased to £140 pm. The Council RESOLVED to determine the need for heating when the building is not used and when it is necessary to turn on the heating for events/parties/bookings.
- b) **HMRC:** Information concerning Clerk’s must be on PAYE and not act as self-employed.
- c) **EBC: Waste Disposal** – The Council RESOLVED that the payments could be made by Direct Debit

25/2011: Derbyshire Association of Local Councils - Circulars:

- 7/2011 Queen’s Diamond Jubilee, Clerk’s Vacancies
- 8/2011 Clerk’s Day 13th April 2011
- 9/2011 General – HMRC, What’s new for employees, EM Planning Aid, Local Council & Vat
- 10/2011 Annual Parish Meeting
- 11/2011 Abolition of Default Retirement Age, The Public Forest Estate
- 12/2011 Training, Power of Well-Being, Law & Good Practice
- 13/2011 Allotments Seminar, Code of Publicity, Police Authority E-Newsletter
- 14/2011 Consultations
- 15/2011 Parish Council & County Clerks PAYE Implementation

26/2011: Items for Information – EBC, DCC.

- EBC – Erewash Valley Trail
- EBC – 50+ Group

27/2011: Urgent Matters: Only with the permission of the Chairman - None

The Meeting closed at 9.10 pm