

STANTON BY DALE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STANTON-BY-DALE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 9th DECEMBER 2010, AT THE VILLAGE HALL, STANHOPE STREET, AT 7.30PM.

Present: Cllr I Gooding; Cllr. G Starbuck; Cllr B. Skelston; Cllr C Gallagher; Cllr R Homer; G. Blackmore (Clerk) and one member of the public

The scheduled meeting of the 2nd December 2010 was cancelled due to the severe weather conditions and held on 9th December 2010.

94/2010: Apologies- Cllr. A. Shaw (work commitments)

95/2010: Declaration of Members Interests – None

96/2010: Public Speaking – (15minutes):

Dr Richard Hyde responding to the request for assistance of a Parish Council website outlined his proposals. It was RESOLVED that Richard Hyde create a website in liaison with Cllr's Gallagher & Homer, the cost being £250- £300.00, with the domain site & hosting would be £42 per annum.

b) Reports from Outside Bodies:

County Council: Apologies Cllr W Major. Cllr Major sent a report saying that DCC had been extremely busy during the adverse weather conditions and the gritting crews had been working extremely hard and he asked the public to give their support. Despite the high levels of funding reserves held by Derbyshire the majority of which has been allocated through a number of multi-million pound liabilities by the previous administration that reduced opportunities for additional expenditure. DCC will issue a press report to explain the financial situation.

Borough Council: Apologies Cllr's D Orchard & V Clare: Cllr Orchard sent a report that concurrent functions would remain under the current administration. The Borough Council will be holding an Extraordinary Meeting in January to discuss Concurrent Functions that is being objected to by the opposition group who wish to see a reduction to parishes or to end them altogether.

97/2010: Minutes – RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Parish Council Minutes of the PC Meeting held on the 4th November 2010.

98/2010: Report of the Parish Clerk on:

a) Village Hall:

Kitchen Refurbishment: The kitchen refurbishment has been on the agenda for the past 12 months and there needs to be a decision on the way forward. It was RESOLVED that Cllr's would carry out an inspection of the VH and report on upgrades and improvements at the next PC Meeting. The council has funding from Parish Hall bookings that will assist in paying for the work.

b) Playground:

The damage to the gate was passed to Paul Guyll to carry out repairs. Unfortunately, it was more economical to purchase and fit a new gate, as opposed to repairing the old gate. Paul Guyll has agreed to undertake the work and fit the gate at a cost of approx. £150.00. RESOLVED to accept that Paul Guyll complete the work at a cost of £150.00. The incidents of damage, graffiti and anti-social behaviour have been reported to the police, PC Louise Stevenson, who has agreed to patrols visiting the area.

c) Stanton Regeneration Update & Information (No updates have been received to date). It was RESOLVED to work with Darley Abbey PC on traffic management and matters of mutual interest relating to the Stanton Regeneration.

d) Footpath Maintenance Programme 2010-11: Kissing Gate Repairs/ Church Walk Gate Repairs – the work is still outstanding. David Jenkinson (Rights of Way Officer) has reported that with regard to the trees on Church Lane (Church Walk), the Tree Inspector says “I can’t see any serious problems that need to be dealt with. There has been some limbs fail in the past and some very small diameter branch tips have died back, but overall the path seems safe for the foreseeable future”.

FP Part Closure 19 & 21 – Details on PC Notice Board

e) Flake Lane - Safe Pedestrian Route (at ‘The Cross’):

Installation of Bollards: Paul Froggatt has still to forward the design works and carry out the relative searches. Paul will send a copy of the drawing for the Council’s approval before issuing the works. Paul has said that he will do his best to get the works designed before the Christmas period and, allowing approx 6 weeks notice for the workers on site, he would envisage the bollards to be erected by the end of January 2011.

f) Tree Warden Survey & Committee: Mavis Skelson (Tree Warden) request for new members to join the committee was put in the PC Newsletter. Mavis has said that the tree planting at the play area did not proceed, as after consultation with Cllr Starbuck, they felt that more mature trees would be better than smaller ones on offer at the tree planting initiative. It is suggested that the council consider purchasing more mature trees in the spring. It was RESOLVED to follow this course of action.

g) Highways - Traffic Calming and HGV’s:

The PC were asked to convene a sub-group to discuss and prepare a proposal for traffic calming measure to be submitted to DCC. It was RESOLVED to consider traffic calming methods but to wait for the proposals from Stanton Regeneration as part of their traffic management submissions with the planning application. It was RESOLVED to write to the Police (Section Insp) to ask for more pro-active policing with regard to HGV drivers ignoring the weight restrictions.

h) Newsletter: The newsletter has been completed, printed and circulated. The newsletter was well supported with information and was extended to 3 pages and good feedback on articles has been received. Newsletters will continue to be produced quarterly even if a website is created to keep all parishioners updated on village and local issues.

i) PC Website: RESOLVED to accept the offer to create a website as proposed by Richard Hyde.

j) Contract – Adoption of Phone Kiosk:

The contract for the adoption of the telephone kiosk has been received for consideration and signing by the PC. Copy of contract agreement sent to Cllr Homer and he did not see any issues with signing the contract. RESOLVED to sign the contract with BT re taking over the Kiosk.

k) Xmas Lights: Stanton-by-Dale PCC has made a donation of £700.00 towards the new Xmas lights. The new lights are in place but Cllr’s asked to pursue the fact that they are blue and not the white lights requested. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk speaks with the contractors for an explanation and ascertains the situation re the provision of replacement lights.

l) Allotment Land – off Main Street:

A letter has been received from Tata UK Ltd previously Corus UK establishing ownership of the allotment site and that it is their intention that the land remains as allotments for the foreseeable future. RESOLVED that the Clerk write to ask how parishioners obtain leases for the allotments as a number have asked about having allotments on the land.

m) Planning Aid:

Helen Prangley has been asked to attend the February 2011 PC Meeting. Helen has declined as Parish Councils do not qualify for Planning Aid assistance. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk contact Helen Metcalfe as she did attend a PC meeting on behalf of planning aid.

99/2010: Planning:

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

This planning matter remains on the agenda for issues and advice prior to the public appeal hearing in April 2011.

b) Planning Concerns: Nogales – Park Close: the EBC Planning investigation shows that the planning requirements have been met. A letter has been received from the occupant Mr Logan who strongly objects to the action taken in this matter and has requested the name of the person, under the FOI Act, making the allegation on breaches of planning. RESOLVED to write to Mr Logan explaining that any person may make a request to EBC regarding planning issues and that the Clerk seek advice on complying with the FOI Act request prior to replying.

Letter of Complaint from Mr Hind Celstre, School Lane: The letter concerns the proposed inclusion of his property in the conservation area. RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Mr Hind explaining the consultation process and that EBC makes the final decision and that his letters to the Borough Council is the correct procedure to undertake if he objects.

100/2010: Finance:

(a) Accounts for Payment:		November 2010
Cheque No:	Payee	Amount
DD	Electricity (Village Hall)	£ 22.00
DD	Gas (Village Hall)	£108.00
0011202-04	Salaries/HMRC	£371.43
001205	SPCC Printing – Newsletter	£ 13.50
001206	Gutter Repairs – Village Hall	£262.19
001207	Cilca – Clerk’s Training	£150.00
001208	New Gate – Play Area	£150.00
001209	Leisurelites (New Xmas Lights)	£799.00
001210	P. Guyll (Gds Maintenance)	£582.00
001211	Leisurelites – Xmas Lights install	£464.13

(b) Income:	Village Hall – November 2010	£485.00
	SPCC (Xmas Lights Donation)	£700.00

The outstanding Clerks Training Bursary payment has been paid from 2009 from Nalc for £54.63. A further bursary of £75.00 for the Clerk’s CiLCA submission has been approved.

The Council Resolved to approved the payments for November 2010

Other Matters

a) Precept & Concurrent Functions 2011/2012

The council discussed the Precept and Concurrent Functions for 2011-12. The Clerk recommended that the council accept the 0% increase from EBC on the Concurrent Functions and that the precept should be similarly agreed. The PC RESOLVED to accept the 0% increase on the Concurrent Functions but that no cuts in the amount could be made and to remain at £4,532.00, for 2011-12. The council RESOLVED that a below inflation rise of 2.5% should be made on the precept. The precept for 2011-12 will be £4,570.00. RESOLVED that £8,000.00 is transferred to the deposit account

101/2010: Derbyshire Association of Local Councils - Circulars:

- 50/2010 NI update, Ministerial Meetings, Council Tax Freeze, Elections, Local Govt Pay**
- 51/2010 Car Allowances 2010/11, Affordable Rural Housing, Guide for PC, BIG Lottery**
- 52/2010 Derbyshire County Council Matters**
- 53/2010 Dalc Subscriptions 2011-12**
- 54/2010 DCTP - Training**
- 55/2010 Consultation on Policy & Procedures Electoral Review, Principal Boundary Reviews**

102/2010: Items for Information – EBC, DCC.

DCC - Winter Maintenance Poster - Gritting

DCC – Changes to Flood Warning Services & Codes

DCC – Severe Weather

EBC – LDF Newsletter: Planning for Erewash: Towards 2026

103/2010: Urgent matter raised by Cllr Homer. Poor Lands Charity – The council RESOLVED to re-appoint Mr D Bush to the Poor Lands Charity. Due to a vacancy created by the death of an appointee it was agreed that Cllr Homer co-ordinate all nominations (all Cllr's can make nominations) for the new trustee appointment for consideration of the PC at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm