

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 19th January 2012**

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

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair

Part 1 – Non confidential information

1207 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Councillor Broughton
Borough Councillor Hart

1208 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

1209 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

1210 PUBLIC SPEAKING

(a) PC Russ Crooks had advised the Chairman he would not be in attendance at this meeting, however requested the following points be reported.

The number to contact PC Russ Crooks on is 101. By using his collar number 2136 it is possible to be put directly through to him if he is on duty.

The next KINS meeting is to be held 29th March at Little Eaton Village Hall from 7pm – 8pm.

A community speed watch can be arranged again. The time thought best for this to be carried out would be early am or late pm.

RESOLVED; that the Clerk speak to PC Crooks to discuss days available for the speed watch.

1211 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17th NOVEMBER 2011

(a) Approval and Confirmation

RESOLVED; that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th December 2011 be approved as a correct record and be sign by the Chairman.

(b) Matters Arising

It was noted that Councillor Stevens name had been omitted from the list of Councillors present for the December meeting which has now been amended

Minute 1177 (d)

Planned BT work in Dale Abbey Village

It was reported that the above work has now been completed and the winter planting had not been too badly damaged.

Minute 1200 (d)

The Chairman advised that as part of the Concurrent Functions review, a deduction of 5% will be made for 2012/2013 although further negotiations are ongoing.

1212 REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Grit Bin Updates

The grit bin stolen in December (which was awarded to the Parish Council for signing up to the Snow Warden scheme) will now be replaced as a result of a letter sent at Members request appealing against DCC's Initial decision that they were unable to provide a replacement.

The Clerk should receive a call 48hours prior to delivery to enable us to make arrangements for securing it.

RESOLVED That the Chairman write a specification for work involved in securing the grit bin and the Clerk arrange for quotes accordingly. The Clerk to contact DCC for a date the bin will be placed.

The grit bin to be placed at the top of the village Dale Abbey is now confirmed and delivery should be within 2 – 3 weeks.

Following delivery and initial fill The Parish Council will be responsible for future maintenance and filling.

The Clerk outlined the options for replacing the damaged grit bin at Ladywood Road. It was agreed that arrangements be made for the purchase of a new bin. Once replaced the Clerk will again enquire with DCC the possibility of re-siting the bin as requested by residents.

RESOLVED The Chairman and Councillor Smith make arrangements regarding the purchase of a new bin.

(b) Borough and Parish Council Forum meeting dates

The Clerk reported on the outcome of the review carried out on the frequency of the above, meetings will now be three per civic year an afternoon start time was preferred followed by evenings.

2012 meeting dates -

Wednesday 21st March 6.30pm – Ilkeston Town Hall

Wednesday 11th July 3.30pm Long Eaton Town Hall.

(c) Policy and Questionnaire on the Management of motorised vehicle use in the Countryside.

The above questionnaire was displayed on screen and following discussion completed at the meeting

RESOLVED That the Clerk finalise the form and return it accordingly. .

(d) Banking Administration

The Clerk advised that all amendments to the mandate had now been made successfully and that she will now be able to access the account online which should vastly improve financial administration.

(e) DALC Circulars

The Clerk suggested that she forward all future circulars to members via email to improve the dissemination of information. Items requiring attention will still be placed as an agenda item under Clerks report.

RESOLVED; The Clerk forward future DALC circulars via email or post to members without access to email.

(f) Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum

The next meeting is Thursday 26th April April 6pm – 8pm to be held at County Hall Matlock DE4 3AG.

1213 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

(a) Consultations

The Chairman reported on the small number of responses received from the recent Spending Priorities consultation and provided feedback to Members.

The Chairman proposed that he would like to reply personally to those respondents who provided an email address, all other comments will be addressed by placing an article in the next Parish Council newsletter.

(b) Parish Council Email

The Chairman proposed that the Parish council should have a dedicated email address linked to our website.

The address will be contact@daleabbey-pc.org.uk.

(C) Scargill Educational Foundation

The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting on Tuesday 10th January where final arrangements were made for the programme of events celebrating the 350th anniversary of the death John Scargill.

A Thanksgiving Service for the Life and Legacy of John Scargill was held on Tuesday 17th January at which Councillor Farmer, in his capacity as a foundation trustee, read the lesson.

The Chairman passed on an Information booklet on the life of John Scargill to the Clerk to be kept in Parish records.

(d) Letter from Parochial Church Council

The Chairman read out a letter which he had received from The Stanton by Dale with Dale Abbey PCC requesting the Parish Council consider awarding a grant to meet some or all of the cost of reinstating an ancient footpath in Hermits wood.

The path extends eastward from the Hermitage and then south to join the Midshires Way at its exit from the wood. Following discussion it was decided, that due to the unresolved issues regarding our future concurrent function funding, the issue be deferred for consideration at the March meeting.

RESOLVED That the Clerk reply to the PCC Secretary and advise him of the above decision.

1214 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

Tractor Turning Signs A6096 Kirk Hallam to Spondon

It was reported that the installation of tractor turning signs previously agreed by DCC have still not gone ahead.

RESOLVED That the Clerk follow this up and report back to February's meeting.

Smoke Pollution

A matter regarding recent smoke pollution in the village had been brought to the attention of the Parish Council by residents. A discussion took place regarding whether the Parish Council should pass the matter to the EBC Environmental Health department.

A vote taken resulted in an equal split of opinion for and against and it was decided that the Parish Council were unable to take any further action at this time, residents had been advised of their right to contact Environmental Health themselves if they so wished.

Blocked Gully – Potato Pit Lane

It was reported that the gully running down Potato Pit lane is still blocked.

RESOLVED That the Clerk again report this to DCC.

1215 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None

1216 FINANCE

(a) Accounts to be authorised for payment

RESOLVED That the following accounts be approved for Payment.

	£
Clerks Salary (BACS)	468.21
001841 Premiere Landscaping Job 1007 Ladywood Road Job 1009 Seating area Dale Abbey	70.00
001842 J Cooke Clerks Expenses Mileage and Postages	26.04

(b) Income

None

1217 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

(a) Erewash Core Strategy: Consultation on Strategic Housing Land locations.

The Clerk read out a letter received from Erewash Borough Council dated 16 January 2012. regarding the Core Strategy

Members were advised of the website www.erewashcouncil.com.ldb. Where further details could be found.

Part II – Confidential Information

1218 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the balance of the meeting as the next item contain confidential and exempt information.

Signed 16th February 2012
Chairman to the Parish Council

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
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THURSDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2012**

Present: Councillors P Farmer, J Smith, T Davies, C Just, S Bown, G Stevens.

Borough Councillor Broughton

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair.

Part 1 – Non confidential information

1222 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors N Sisson and A Dunn
Borough Councillor Hart

1223 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

1224 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The Chairman, Councillor Farmer declared a personal interest in Item F under Clerks Report.

1225 PUBLIC SPEAKING

- (a) PC Russ Crooks sent the following dates for the Speed watch;
Tuesday 3rd or Wednesday 11th April. He requested confirmation of our preferred thirty minute timing.

RESOLVED; that the Clerk advise PC Crooks to select the date best suited to his duties and advise the Parish Council accordingly.
The requested time for the speed watch being 16.30 -17.00

1226 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th JANUARY 2012

(a) Approval and Confirmation

RESOLVED; that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th January be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

(b) Matters Arising

Minute 1212 (a) Grit Bin Updates

A grit bin to, replace that stolen from the gravel lay-by, has now been received. Arrangements for securing the bin detailed under Clerks report.

The grit bin, ordered some time ago, for the top of The Village Dale Abbey has now been delivered.

A replacement for the broken bin situated on Ladywood Road Kirk Hallam has now been purchased, details under Clerks report.

Minute 1214 Health and Safety Issues Tractor Turning Signs A6096 Kirk Hallam to Spondon

After following up with Derbyshire County Council it was found that the original signs ordered had gone astray. New signs have been ordered and should be received by the end of February for installation in March.

Blocked Gully Potato Pit Lane

Derbyshire County Council have confirmed completion of jetting from Potato Pit Lane to Woodpecker Hill and around into Moor Lane.

1227 REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Future Meeting Dates and Locations

The Clerk provided Members with a new list effective April 2012 of future dates and venues for Dale Abbey Parish Council meetings.

(b) A New Youth Offer – Proposal from DCC

The Clerk reported on proposals to change the way in which youth activities in Derbyshire are delivered.

Consultation regarding the changes is open from 09.01.2012 to 18.03.2012. For further information visit:

<http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/youthservice2012>

Posters have been displayed in the Parish Council notice boards.

(c) Heritage Open Days in 2012

Letter received from Erewash Borough Council regarding Heritage Open Days. For further information visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk/about.

(d) Moving Forward – A Healthy Future for Local Transport

Letter received from Derbyshire County Council regarding their latest transport plan which sets out the work to be done to improve Derbyshire's roads and transport up to 2026. A copy of the booklet received is to be displayed in the Carpenters Arms Dale Abbey, or can be viewed online by visiting - www.derbyshire.gov.uk/localtransportplan

(e) Borough Blitz 2012

Erewash Borough Councils Borough Blitz 2012.

The dates for this years Borough Blitz are **1 March – 31 March 2012**

Dale Abbey will take part in the event and discussions took place on how to encourage participation from Kirk Hallam.

RESOLVED That the Clerk contact Richard Windsor at EBC to advise that Dale Abbey Village would like to participate on a Saturday Morning.

(f) Grit Bin Update

Securing of replacement grit bin gravel lay-by Dale Abbey

Having previously declared an interest the Chairman invited the Vice-Chair Councillor John Smith to take the item and took no part in The discussion or voting.

Having previously sent out letters and specifications to approved Contractor's two quotations had been received referred to anonymously as Quotation A and Quotation B.

RESOLVED that the job be awarded to contractor B in the sum of £98.00

The Clerk was then able to revealed the identity of the successful contractor.

Following completion of the item Councillor Farmer back in the chair.

Replacement of damaged grit bin Ladywood Road.

A replacement bin had been purchased for the sum of £110.00 plus VAT,

RESOLVED That the Chairman and Councillor Smith would arrange between the a mutually convenient time for them to remove the old bin, site and refill the new bin,

The Clerk also reported that during the recent cold conditions she had authorised the refilling of the grit bins located at Potato Pit Lane Dale Abbey and Highfield Drive Kirk Hallam. The refill costs by Derbyshire County Council are £65.00 per bin.

The price to direct purchase salt from DCC is £34.39 a tonne with an admin fee of £10.00 being added for collections between one and three tonnes.

Discussion took place regarding the most cost effective way of purchasing salt for the future.

A refill request has been received for the bin located on Ridgeway Drive Kirk Hallam.

RESOLVED That the Chairman and Councillor Smith also refill this bin.

To complete her report on grit bins, the Clerk passed on thanks received from Members of the public in Kirk Hallam and Councillor Michelle Booth for the Parish Councils provision of additional grit bins.

(g) Parish Council Mobile Phone

The mobile phone bill is now to be paid by direct debit enabling a more advantageous rate to be obtained.

(h) Grounds Maintenance Contracts

At the end of February letters would be going out to approved contractors inviting quotations for the 2012 contracts. Discussion took place regarding the minimum number of cuts to be specified for the Village contract Number 1002.

RESOLVED That the minimum number of cuts for contract Number 1002 should be 12

1228 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

(a) Wirksworth Road

The Chairman reported that Erewash Borough Council has now agreed to take back full responsibility for the Wirksworth Road play area effective from 01.04.2012.

This will incur a further reduction in the Concurrent Functions budget of £1,300.00 this being the cost to the Parish Council for providing maintenance and other services on behalf of Erewash Borough Council.

It was proposed that Dale Abbey Parish Council hand back all responsibility for the Wirksworth Road play area to Erewash Borough Council with effect from 1st April 2012.

RESOLVED That Dale Abbey Parish Council hand back all responsibility for the Wirksworth Road Play Area to Erewash Borough Council as from 1st April 2012.

A further discussion took place regarding the re-sighting of the two Kirk Hallam notice boards to one central location near to the Cat and Fiddle public house.

RESOLVED That the Chair and Clerk provide a plan for the suggested new location and that a letter be sent to DCC Highways Dept. requesting approval for the proposed New site.

(b) Parish Council Email

A test email had been sent this month containing the minutes and agenda as an attachment. It is proposed that in the future, as many members as possible should receive communications electronically.

RESOLVED That, for March, members able to receive email should receive an electronic version along with the usual hard copy

Also:

As of 01.04.2012 electronic versions only will be sent out to members able to receive. Members not on email will continue to receive agendas and minutes by post. Members receiving information by email will be provided with a pack of copy paper for printing off Parish Council documentation.

(C) Consultation responses

The Chairman reported that he has replied to those respondents who Provided an email address. To date there has been no further responses.

(d) Free trees planting

The fifty free tree quicks recently received are awaiting planting.

RESOLVED That quicks be used to fill gaps around the Moor Lane playing field Dale Abbey.

1229 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

Litter in lay-bys

There is concern regarding the increasing amount of litter found in lay-bys on A6096, especially where lorries park as this must involve Erewash Borough Council in additional costs.

1230 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

ERE 0112 / 0008 Change of use of existing offices (B1) to a residential apartment (C3) including external alterations and associated parking. At Hollies Farm, Spondon Road, Dale Abbey, Derbyshire, DE7 4PQ.

Dale Abbey Parish Council have no comment to make on the above application.

ERE 0112 / 0064 Erection of single storey rear extension and single storey extension between garage and house and conversion of existing garage to living accommodation. At Mayfield Cottage, Tattle Hill, Dale Abbey Derbyshire.

After reviewing the above planning application Dale Abbey Parish Council would like to make the following comments -

The planned extensions are large and would make the footprint of the completed dwelling more than twice the size of that of the original cottage and is yet a further extension to a property that has already been extended twice before.

There is concern regarding the future possibility of the property being split into two separate dwellings.

1231 FINANCE

(a) Accounts to be authorised for payment

RESOLVED That the following accounts be approved for Payment.

	£
Clerks Salary (BACS)	468.21
001843 Erewash Borough Council Christmas lights charges for installation of lights at Dale Abbey and Kirk Hallam Associated electric consumption charges and provision and removal of 18 foot Xmas tree. (VAT £348.84)	2093.04
001844 Dallimore School Room hire for January meeting	30.00
001845 Mrs J Cooke Clerks expenses – mileage, postage and mobile phone.	33.60
001846 Mr P Farmer Purchase of grit bin £132 (VAT £22 00) Purchase of printer inks £36(VAT £6 00)	168.00

(b) Income

Pinfold Ground Rental	18.00
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1232 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Councillor Just has been invited to attend a further training event in relation to the Neighbourhood Planning training he attended in late 2011. It was agreed that Councillor Just should attend and report back. The event is on March 21st 2012 6pm – 9.00pm at Little Eaton.

Part II – Confidential Information

1233 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the balance of the meeting as the next item contain confidential and exempt information.

1234 MINUTES OF THE CONFIDENTIAL MEETING HELD ON 19TH JANUARY 2012

(a) Approval and Confirmation of confidential minutes.

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 19th January 2012 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.

Signed 15th March 2012
Chairman to the Parish Council

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Borough Councillor Broughton

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair.

Part 1 – Non confidential information

1235 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Councillor Hart

1236 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

1237 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The Chairman, Councillor Farmer declared a personal interest in Item A under Clerks Report.

1238 PUBLIC SPEAKING

(a) The Chairman advised that he had received no communication from PC Crooks for this meeting.

1239 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th February 2012

(a) Approval and Confirmation

RESOLVED; that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th February be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

(b) Matters Arising

Minute 1214

Health and Safety Issues

Tractor Turning Signs A6096 Kirk Hallam to Spondon

The above signs have now been installed. However the one sited heading from Ilkeston towards Spondon should be east of the junction with Arbour Hill.

RESOLVED The Clerk follow this

up with DCC referring to the plan provided.

1240 REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Grounds Maintenance Quotations 2012/2013

Having earlier declared an interest the Chairman vacated the Chair and took no part in the discussion or voting item chaired by Vice Chair Councillor Nicola Sisson.

The Clerk circulated to Members a paper scheduling anonymously the quotations received for the 2012 grounds maintenance contracts.

RESOLVED that the contracts be awarded as follows -

CONTRACT	ACCEPTED QUOTATION	AMOUNT £
1002 Mowing Dale Abbey Village	Tenderer C	1,620.00
1004 A6096 Ladywood Road	Tenderer B	530.00
1005 Hedge Cutting Dale Abbey	Tenderer B	380.00
1007 Bedding Maintenance Ladywood Road	Tenderer A	326.00
1008 Bedding Maintenance Cross Lea Flats	Tenderer C	150.00
1009 Bedding Maintenance Seating Area, Dale Abbey Village	Tenderer A	351.00

The Clerk was then requested to reveal the identities of the successful contractors.

(b) Borough Blitz - Dale Abbey

The above event took place on Saturday 3rd March. Due to growing popularity of the event, dates had booked up quickly. Thanks is extended to the available volunteers on a productive litter pick resulting in six bags of rubbish collected.

Discussion took place regarding forward booking dates for future litter picks.

It was agreed that the Clerk contact EBC at the end of April to book a

date in advance for the September blitz, this will be reported at the July meeting. Likewise in 2013 make contact at the end of January re a date for the March blitz.

RESOLVED The Clerk arrange future blitz dates in advance and advise accordingly at following meetings.

During the litter pick it was found that bagged dog waste was being left in Hermits wood, the Chair will pass this information on to the PCC.

RESOLVED The Clerk contact the dog warden at EBC and arrange a site visit to discuss the points raised above.

(c) Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum

To be held Thursday 26/4/2012 starting 6pm – 8pm at County Hall Matlock.

The Borough and Parish Councils Forum is to be held Wednesday 21/3/2012 starting 6.30pm at Council Chamber Ilkeston Town Hall.

(d) Parochial Church Council request for grant support

Re minute 1213 (d) (January 2012 meeting) Letter from Parochial Church Council request for assistance by way of a grant to meet part or all of the costs in reinstating an ancient footpath in Hermits Wood.

RESOLVED That the amount of £100.00 be authorised in support of this initiative.

(e) Broadband Champions Meeting

The next meeting is to take place Tuesday 27th March at 5.30pm Room 3 County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire.

A resident of Dale Abbey had shown interest in this and would possibly attend the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Chairman attend
If the particular resident was unable to

(f) SHLAA Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessments

Letter received from EBC advising that the draft assessments for the above sites had now been completed.

The purpose of the SHLAA is to check where there is suitable land available within the Borough which could potentially contribute towards meeting future housing needs.

The draft site assessments are available to view on their website and can be accessed at:
<http://www.erewashcouncil.com/ldf/evidence-base/shlaa-2012.html>.

There will now follow a three week period of consultation where landowners and other stakeholders will be asked whether the site assessments are factually accurate. Changes could potentially affect the overall assessment.

Comments regarding the sites identified should be sent, preferably by email, to the Planning Policy Team at ldf@erewash.gov.uk by **Thursday 5th April 2012**.

(g) Waste Plan for Derby City and Derby County Council

The above Councils are working together to prepare a joint waste plan. The aim is to set out a clear, long strategy for how Derby and Derbyshire will approach planning decisions up to 2030. The Councils have appointed consultants Urban Vision to work with the public and other interested parties on the next steps towards the waste plan.

The first workshop is to be held Thursday 29th March 2012 from 10.00 – 13.00. The venue to be confirmed.

Further information is available on the above Councils websites.

1241 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

(a) Emailing of meeting documentation.

Members confirmed that documentation for the March meeting had been received successfully by email and a back up hard copy.

From April all agendas and minutes will be emailed to Members with hard copies continuing to go to Members who have specifically requested this. Emailing this documentation will save the Parish Council approximately £60.00 per year at current postage rates.

The Clerk will purchase in readiness for April's meeting six reams of paper to cover costs of those Councillors printing their own agendas and minutes.

Postage costs are set to rise again in April. To avoid this increase the Chairman proposed forward purchasing around a years supply of stamps, at a cost of approximately £100.00.

He also proposed that wherever possible, communications should be made by email and that any non urgent mail should be sent by second class

RESOLVED That the Clerk source the cheapest supplier of stamps and purchase the required quantity.

(b) Wirksworth Road

The Chair confirmed that; as from 1st April 2012 Dale Abbey Parish Council would no longer be responsible for the above site. He has contacted the three Kirk Hallam ward members personally to advise them of the Parish Councils decision.

1242 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

It was reported that a skip lorry had left rubbish as it passed along the A6096 Ladywood Road and will be reported accordingly to EBC.

1243 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None

1244 FINANCE

(a) Accounts to be authorised for payment

RESOLVED That the following accounts be approved for Payment.

	£
Clerks Salary (BACS)	484.71
001848 Premiere Landscaping Job 1007 Ladywood Road Kirk Hallam Job 1009 Seating area Dale Abbey	70.00
001849 Mr P Farmer (50% of Chairman's allowance)	125.00
001850 Mrs J Cooke (Use of home as office allowance)	80.00
001851 DALC Annual Subscription	297.68
001852 Derbyshire County Council Supply and refill of grit bins (VAT 26.00)	156.00
001853 Mrs J Cooke – Clerks expenses Mileage and Postage	25.60

001854	Park Hall Designs	45.00
001855	Parochial Church Council	100.00

(b) Income – None

1245 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

None

Signed 19TH April 2012

Chairman to the Parish Council

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1246 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

1247 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

1248 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None

1249 PUBLIC SPEAKING

- (a) The Chairman advised that he had received a report from PC Russ Crooks details as below -

The Chair had been made aware that a small number of Smartwater packs are available free of charge from Derbyshire Police, as they are about to go out of date. PC Crooks, has offered to deliver packs and assist in marking property for anyone who may benefit from this.

At the same time PC Crooks would be able to offer crime prevention advice to anyone requiring it, including shed security, car and home security. Members who know of anyone who could benefit from this offer should inform the Chairman who will pass the information on to PC Crooks

PC Crooks is able to conduct three Community speed watches in each of the seven villages he covers at any pre-arranged time, date and location. The Speed Watch arranged for Dale Abbey on 11th April was postponed due to poor weather conditions. The Chairman to liaise with PC Crooks re further suitable dates.

The date for the next panel meeting is 16th July 7-8pm at Powtrel Pavilion West Hallam. Four of these forums are held each year where everyone is welcome to attend and take part in discussions regarding local issues.

PC Crooks can be contacted by email -
russell.crooks.2136@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk
or by dialling 101 (a call cost of 15pence does apply).

Borough Councillor Hart provided an update on changes to be made to Derbyshire wards. Most are remaining very similar with some changes to areas County Councillors cover. More information can be found through a link on the Parish Council website which gives chance for observations to be emailed.

News was also received of the Borough Councils plan to purchase a supply of benches to mark the Diamond Jubilee. Provision and installation will be free to the Parishes chosen. More information will be sent to Parish Clerks, in the meantime thought to be given to location of the benches if selected.

1250 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15th March 2012

(a) Approval and Confirmation

RESOLVED; that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th March be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

(b) Matters Arising

Minute 1239 (b) Health and Safety Issues Tractor Turning Signs A6096 Kirk Hallam to Spondon

The Clerk informed Members of reply received from EBC regarding the query over where the above signs had been placed. We are advised that it was not possible to site the sign in the area requested due to several other warning signs already sited there. Due to attempts to reduce road sign clutter highways considered that the sign would be better placed on the south west side of the junction with Arbour Hill

RESOLVED Clerk to write to DCC Highways Dept. requesting that sign be relocated to east of the Cat and Fiddle Lane junction.

Minute 1240 (b) Borough Blitz – Dale Abbey

The Clerk provided date options for the September 2012 and March 2013 Blitz.

RESOLVED The Clerk to inform EBC of the dates chosen – September 8th 2012 and March 16th 2013.

A site meeting with EBC Dog Warden has been arranged for Wednesday 25th April at 14.00. Any Members wishing to attend are welcome.

Minute 1240 (e) Broadband Champions Meeting

The Chairman advised that the resident of Dale Abbey hoping to attend this meeting had been unable to do so on this occasion. There has been speculation that a fibre optic line could be brought into the village within the next twelve months.

Minute 1241 (a) Emailing of meeting documentation

The Chairman spoke of the success in forward purchasing a years supply of postage stamps prior to the increase in postage charges, resulting in a saving of approximately £70.00 in the coming year.

1251 REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Leiston-Cum-Sizewell / Town and Parish Council Empowerment

Councillor Ron Bailey has emailed advising of the success of the proposal to empower Town and Parish Councils in their dealing with major planning applications.

Councillor Bailey is also requesting our support with House of Commons Early Day Motion No. 2824 which, if it became law, would give town and parish Councils the right of appeal against the granting of planning permissions to which they had previously objected.

RESOLVED The Clerk forward the email to Members for information.

(b) Tractor Turning Signs A6096 – Kirk Hallam to Spondon

This item had been dealt with under matters arising.

(c) CPRE – Campaign to Protect Rural England, subscription renewal

Renewal of the above membership is now due at a cost of £29.00.

RESOLVED That membership be continued and renewal arranged.

(d) DCHC Giving the Children of Derbyshire a break

Request for donations received from the above charity. Dale Abbey Parish Council have previously donated £100.00 in October 2011. The Chair recommended that this item should not be considered at this time and should be deferred until March 2013 when our budget position at the end of the current financial year would be more clear.

(e) Hanging Baskets scheme

Provisional costs received from EBC as follows -

1 year at £85.00 + VAT per basket
3 years at £55.00 + VAT per basket

Prices, include supply of one sponsorship sign per basket and regular maintenance, are expected to remain the same or very similar for this year. It was agreed to continue with this scheme subject to price confirmation.

(f) EBC Working with Dale Abbey Parish Council

Erewash Borough Council has recently completed a review of their Community Forum meetings. The review included over 1,000 Erewash residents in sharing their views on what they would like to see in the future.

An area keen to be developed is forming stronger links with the thirteen Parish Councils within the Borough. Ian Marsden, EBC's Consultation Officer whose role includes engaging with the community, is keen to meet with us to discuss ways in which our working relationship can be strengthened. EBC wish to engage more with rural residents to find what people feel and think about living in Erewash.

Ian will be attending the September meeting to be held Thursday 20th.

(g) Ryman Discount Card

A discount card is available which would give 10% off future purchases from Rymans the stationers.

RESOLVED That the Clerk apply for the card

(h) Speed watch update

This item had been dealt with under matters arising.

(i) PCC Letter

Letter received thanking Dale Abbey Parish Council for its recent donation of £100 towards the reinstatement of the long lost path from the Hermitage to the upper path in Hermits Wood.

(j) Banking Administration

It has become apparent that recent administrative updates carried out by NatWest had not been made on both of the Parish Council accounts and signatory details of the previous Clerk were still in place on the reserve account. Members are requested to sign a new mandate form to progress our application for online banking.

RESOLVED That the forms be completed and

returned to the bank for action.

(k) Diamond Jubilee celebrations

Several ways of marking the Diamond jubilee are being considered. The Clerk is to receive a merchandise book enabling availability and cost of memorabilia to be investigated.

Members were informed that residents of the village are planning a Jubilee street party for Tuesday 5th June. Further information to follow.

(l) Parish and Town Liaison Forum

To take place on 26th April, 6pm in Members Room County Hall Matlock.

Councillor Farmer and Councillor Smith authorised to attend.

1252 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

(a) The Chair reported on a letter of apology received from Borough Councillor Alex Phillips and explained the background and reasons for the Letter, which was then read out to members.

(b) Neighbourhood Planning

The Chairman invited Councillor Just to report on the Neighbourhood Plan Presentation Event he had attended in march.

After debate it was decided that due to the high cost of producing such a plan, that the Kirk Hallam wards had such differing needs to that of the rural Village ward and could not be considered without the inclusion of the remainder of the Kirk Hallam estates and that EBC had not yet completed and published its Core Strategy that Dale Abbey Parish Council could not consider producing a Neighbourhood Plan at this time.

1253 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

The road drain cap adjacent to the bus shelter on the western, Hagg Lane, side of A6096 has lifted up, causing a hazard. Clerk to report to DCC Highways Dept.

Pot holes reported on Hagg Lane and on A6096 junction of Ockbrook turn into Moor Lane which is causing large amounts of standing water during wet weather

1254 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Derbyshire County Council (Public Bridleway No.30 (part) - Parish of Dale Abbey Public Diversion Order 2012.

Dale Abbey Parish Council have no comment or objection to this order.

1255 FINANCE

(a) Accounts to be authorised for payment

RESOLVED That the following accounts be approved for Payment.

	£
Clerks Salary (BACS)	484.71
001856 Mr J Smith Purchase of postage stamps	120.35
001857 Derbyshire County Council Room hire Dallimore School March meeting	25.00
001858 Premiere Landscaping 1007 Ladywood Road Kirk Hallam 1009 Seating Area Dale Abbey	70.00
001859 Mrs J Cooke Clerks expenses	92.94
001860 Mr C Just Authorised mileage Neighbourhood Planning Presentation	11.42
001861 J Farmer 1017 Securing of grit bin £98 1002 Village Mowing £135	233.00
001862 CPRE Subscription renewal	29.00
001863 Gateway Christian Centre Room hire April meeting	13.00

Income – None

1256 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

None

Part 2 – Confidential information

1257 Exclusion of the press and public

RESOLVED That the press and public be excluded from the balance of the meeting as the next item contain confidential and exempt information.

Signed 17th May 2012

Chairman to the Parish Council

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 17th May 2012**

Present: Councillors Peter Farmer, John Smith, Trevor Davies, Graham Stevens,
Charles Just, Sue Bown, Annette Dunn

Borough Councillor Bruce Broughton

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair.

Part 1 – Non confidential information

1259 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Parish Councillor Nicola Sisson
Borough Councillor Carol Hart

1260 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

1261 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None

1262 PUBLIC SPEAKING

- (a) The Chairman advised that he had received no formal communication from P C Crooks for this meeting. Please keep P C Crooks informed on any relevant issues.

1263 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th April 2012

(a) Approval and Confirmation

RESOLVED; that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th April be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

(b) Matters Arising

Minute 1250 (b)

Health and Safety Issues

Tractor turning Signs A6096 Kirk Hallam to Spondon

Members were informed that if the above sign was to be relocated it is likely it would have to be sited on the north side of the road.

RESOLVED The Clerk to respond and request a site meeting which the Chairman and Councillor Smith will attend.

Minute 1251 (h)

Speed watch update

Dates are required by PC Crooks in order for him to plan the next watch.

RESOLVED The Clerk email a selection of dates within June to July.

1264 REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Banking Administration Update

Members were updated on the outcome of the recently completed forms which were returned to Natwest. Both Parish accounts are now updated and show the correct signatories.

The application form for online banking has been rejected.

The reason supplied is that the address details do not match the records held by the bank and therefore that the form had not been signed by the relevant parties.

RESOLVED That the Clerk follow this up with the Branch Manager. A letter of complaint be sent on behalf of the Parish Council bringing to light all of the recent problems encountered.

(b) Update on site meeting with Dog Warden

A site meeting attended by the Chairman, Clerk, Stephanie Moore and Jane Metcalf Neighbourhood Dog Wardens EBC on April 25th where the issue of bagged dog waste being left in the wood was discussed,

Further information on forthcoming new dog control orders will be provided when available

Stickers have been sent to the Clerk to be placed on any EBC waste bins that has not been identified previously as accepting dog waste.

Our request for a dog bin to be sited on Woodpecker Hill was given extremely prompt attention and the bin is now in place.

RESOLVED The Clerk write a letter of thanks for their prompt attention.

The Clerk was asked to enquire about legislation regarding dogs straying from public rights of way and appropriate signage.

RESOLVED The Clerk seek further information.

(c) Diamond Jubilee Benches

Plans to discuss the location of these benches at this meeting had to be moved forward due to earlier completion of the application form being required.

After consultation with the Chairman the Clerk returned the application form to request the preferred locations as the play area Moor Lane Dale Abbey and Wirksworth Road play area Kirk Hallam

(d) Society of Local Council Clerks

Clerk's membership of the SLCC at a cost of £97.00 + £8.00 joining fee was agreed as this will provide useful advice and support.

RESOLVED The cheque be included in accounts for payment.

(e) Hanging basket scheme

Costs as follows -

1 Year at £85.00 plus VAT per basket

3 Years at £55.00 plus VAT per basket (per year)

Cost includes supply of one sponsorship sign per basket and regular maintenance.

RESOLVED The previous scheme of 3 years be continued for the 11 baskets as detailed. The Clerk to return the application form

(f) Digley Associates – Play Area Inspection

This year's inspection is due shortly. Digley are aware that we are no longer responsible for the Wirksworth Road play area, the repair budget is ring fenced and we await their report on work required.

RESOLVED The Clerk to advise Digley Associates of the changes and to contact Came and Company (Insurers) regarding the renewal.

(g) Boundary Commission – Response to consultation

As discussed at the preceding Annual Parish Meeting, the Clerk to write in response to the draft proposals. Borough Councillor B Broughton kindly agreed to assist in compiling the letter.

1265 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

NONE

1266 Changes to the Standards Regime

It was felt it was essential to maintain both Independent and Parish Members on the Standards Committee but was concerned that they would not have voting rights. There was concern regarding the recruitment of new Independent and Parish Members under the new regime and the increased potential for the work of the Standards Committee being influenced by political bias.

RESOLVED That the Clerk reply to Mr Morris on behalf of the Parish Council expressing the above views.

1267 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

Road surface eroded around manhole cover on Tattle Hill and also one on Arbour Hill at its junction with The Village.

Gullies along Moor Lane continue to block after heavy rainfall despite recent Jetting by DCC.

RESOLVED Clerk to request a site meeting to highlight problem Area.

Over hanging willow branch Woodpecker Hill resulting in vehicles having to move out into the middle of the road to avoid it.

RESOLVED Councillor Davies to contact the Landowner.

1268 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

ERE/0412/033

STW Water Main from Kings Corner to Church Wilne. Derwent Valley Aqueduct renewal project.

Hedgerow removal notice – removal of sections of various hedgerows across Borough on route of replacement water main between Kings Corner, Morley and Church Wilne.

Members viewed the supporting documents for the above application.

RESOLVED The Clerk respond Advising that Dale Abbey Parish Council make no comment on the application.

1269 FINANCE

(a) Accounts to be authorised for payment

RESOLVED That the following accounts be approved for Payment.		£
Clerks Salary (BACS) £441.91 Salary, £13.50 fee, £2.70 VAT		458.11
001864 Gateway Christian Centre May meetings room hire		13.00
001865 Mrs Julie Cooke Clerk's expenses		79.63
001866 Mr P Farmer Ref Minute 1251 (I) Approved duty attendance at DCC Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum		31.25
001867 Mr Barrie Woodcock Internal Audit for Year ended 31.03.12		112.87
001868 Mr J Farmer Job 1002		270.00
001869 The Society of Local Council Clerks Minute number 1264 (d)		105.00

(b) Income

The following income received 13.04.12 from Erewash Borough Council

Parish Precept £6000.00

Concurrent Function Allocation £14,499.00

Total Received £18,499.00

(c) Parish Council Accounts for year ending 31 March 2012

(1) Report of the Internal Auditor

The Internal Auditor raised one item regarding the ledger entries made for Douglas Tonks which should show a breakdown of the VAT element.

**(2) Receipts and Payments Statement for the financial year
2011/2012**

RESOLVED that the Receipts and Payments Statement for the Financial Year 2011/2012 be approved for signature and onward transmission to the Audit Commission.

**(3) Approval of the Local Councils in England Annual Return to the
Audit Commission for the year ended 31 March 2012**

RESOLVED that the Local Councils in England Annual Return to the Audit Commission for the Year ended 31 March 2012 as now presented be approved for signature and onward transmission to the Audit Commission.

1270 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Top tips for composting - The Clerk advised that this item has been placed on the Parish Council Website.

Part 2 – Confidential information

1271 Exclusion of the press and public

RESOLVED That the press and public be excluded from the balance of the meeting as the next item contain confidential and exempt information.

1272 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th April 2012

(c) Approval and Confirmation

RESOLVED; that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th April be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

Signed 21st June 2012

Chairman to the Parish Council

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 21st June 2012**

Present: Councillors Peter Farmer, John Smith, Charles Just, Annette Dunn,
Nicola Sisson

PC Russ Crooks Derbyshire Police

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair.

Part 1 – Non confidential information

1273 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Councillors Bruce Broughton and Carol Hart
Parish Councillors Sue Bown, Trevor Davies and
Graham Stevens

1274 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

1275 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None

1276 PUBLIC SPEAKING

- (a) A request was made by Councillor Dunn to borrow the Parish Council projector and screen for use at an event to display photographs taken at the recent Jubilee street party. The request was agreed.
- (b) PC Russ Crooks reported that it is currently quiet in the villages,

Derbyshire Alert (formerly Ringmaster) is an online system which members of the public can join. The system provides good information, for example, updates on arrests and seizure of drugs. It also requests assistance from the public.

To join: Google Derbyshire Police – at bottom of the homepage under safety advice click on Derbyshire Alert. If you would like to register for the service click on the link www.derbyshirealert.co.uk.

The next “KINS” Panel Meeting is to be held on 16th July 2012 at the Powtrell Pavilion off Beech Lane, between 7pm & 8pm.

Recent speed watches in the area have been successful, results from which go on to Derbyshire Alert website page.

Work is being done to build relations with local convenience stores as a way of improving intelligence gathering.

Safeguarding victims of domestic violence continues by visiting victims two to three months after the incident to help prevent repeated attacks and provide ongoing support.

Police Constables on the beat are now able to seize vehicles that are found to be uninsured.

The dates for the next community speed watch in Dale Abbey are Wednesday 8th August 5.30pm outside Carpenters Arms followed by a second watch on the following day also at 5.30pm.

1277 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17th MAY 2012
(a) Approval and Confirmation

RESOLVED; that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th May be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

(b) Matters Arising

Minute 1250 (b)
Health and Safety Issues
Tractor turning Signs A6096 Kirk Hallam to Spondon

The site meeting requested was not possible due to the reported excessive work loads of DCC Highways officers

RESOLVED Clerk to respond in an attempt to find an alternative solution.

Minute 1264 (b)

Following on from site meeting with Dog Warden

It was reported that dog waste and rubbish was already being left at the Potato Pit Lane end of the new Greenway prior to it being officially open.

RESOLVED Clerk to request DCC provide both a rubbish and dog waste bin at this location

Minute 1264 (c)
Diamond Jubilee Benches

It was suggested that a possible site for a bench could be adjacent to the Proposed relocation site of the Kirk Hallam Parish notice board but this was rejected due to Health & Safety concerns in that area.

RESOLVED Clerk to ascertain if allocation of benches has been made

**Minute 1267 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES
Overhanging willow branch at Woodpecker Hill**

It was reported that Councillor Davies had spoken with a relative of the landowner who had agreed to remove the offending branch.

1278 REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Dog Control Orders

Report received regarding the introduction of Dog Control Order in Erewash under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 which will be implemented subject to the outcome of statutory consultation.

The report contained information regarding the proposed areas in both the North and South of the Parish where dog exclusion areas and areas where dogs must be kept on a lead are proposed.

Most of the proposed legislation would only be pertinent to public open space land and not farm land.

RESOLVED The Clerk inform EBC of the Parish Councils views.

(b) Online Banking application update

The application for online banking has been handed back in to the branch. Currently awaiting confirmation of the progress / success of the application.

(c) Appointment of External Auditor – letter from Audit Commission

It is proposed that Grant Thornton be appointed to audit the annual returns of all small bodies in Derbyshire. This approach follows the Audit Commissions established practice of grouping Auditor appointments for small bodies by County areas.

Dale Abbey Parish Council are requested to approve the appointment of Grant Thornton UK LLP to audit our annual return for a period of five years commencing with the 2012/2013 return, their appointment to commence on 1st September 2012.

RESOLVED That Dale Abbey Parish Council Approve the appointment of Grant Thornton UK LLP for the proposed period of five years

(d) Localism Bill Training

Training being provided by NALC on Monday 23rd July. It was felt that this would be of particular benefit to the Chairman and Clerk.

Cost per delegate is £60.00 to DALC Members. All members are eligible to attend. The Clerk is unsure if she can attend at this time and will confirm in due course.

RESOLVED That the Chairman and Clerk Attend the training on behalf of the parish Council

(e) Buildings of Local Interest.

Consultation received from James White – Conservation and Design Officer EBC. The consultation includes a draft Local list, which recognises the contribution made by almost 160 buildings, to the architectural and historic interest of the Borough. Proposals were also invited for the inclusion of any further buildings.

RESOLVED That the Parish Council have no further additions to the list and to advise that the property detailed as Ladywood Farm had been demolished some ten years ago.

(f) Rural Action Derbyshire – Renewal

Renewal for the above subscription is due, at a cost of £50. The Clerk reminded Members of the benefits of membership

RESOLVED That the Parish Council renew its membership of RAD.

1279 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

(a) Standards Regime Update

The Chair outlined the proposed changes to the current Standards regime, EBC, at their full Council meeting taking place this evening will be recommended to adopt the LGA version of the Code of Conduct

Approval of the Code of Conduct is subject to the finalisation of the Localism Bill regarding the Declaration of Pecuniary interest. The EBC Monitoring Officer will be obliged to keep an up to date register of all declared interests

(b) Standards Committee

The Standards Committee in its present form will terminate at the end of June and it is expected that EBC will request DALC to seek nominations from Parish Councils for up to three Independent Parish Members to serve on the new committee.

The Chairman has served on the committee previously and expressed a wish to continue and requested that, should nominations be requested before the next meeting, that the Parish Council agree to propose him for a further term.

RESOLVED That Parish Councillor Peter Farmer be proposed should nomination be required before the next meeting of the Parish Council in July.

(c) Newsletter

The Chair reminded members that it is almost time for publication of the Summer Newsletter, any items for inclusion should be passed to the Chairman.

Due to past difficulties consideration will need to be given to the distribution of the next Newsletter.

1280 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

The chevron warning sign on the corner of No Mans Lane and Potato Pitt Lane has been knocked over.

Pot Holes on Hagg Lane still require attention.

1281 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

ERE/0112/0064 Appeal against the refusal of planning permission to the following application.

Appeal Reference Number: APP/N1025/D/12/2175794

Mayfield Cottage, Tattle Hill Dale Abbey Derbyshire

Although there is no opportunity to submit further comment we are able, if we so wish, to withdraw our previous comments which would then not be taken into consideration by the Inspectorate.

RESOLVED That our previous comments should stand.

Temporary Footpath Closure No.59

Dale Abbey Parish between Derby Road and Locko Road

REASON To facilitate public safety during pipeline construction works by Severn Trent Water.

RESOLVED The Parish Council has no comment to make on the above proposal

1282 FINANCE

(a) Accounts to be authorised for payment

	£
Clerks Salary (BACS) £441.91 Salary, £13.50 fee, £2.70 VAT	457.91
001870 Gateway Christian Centre Room hire for June meeting	13.00
001871 Mrs Julie Cooke Clerk's expenses – mileage	34.26
001872 Mr J Farmer 1002 Village mowing 1008 Cross Lea Flats	485.00
001873 Rural Action Derbyshire Membership Renewal Minute No. 1278 (f)	50.00

RESOLVED That the above accounts be approved for Payment.

(b) Income

VAT refund 869.90

1283 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The Cabinet Report for Derbyshire County Councils New Youth Offer is now available to view online at

http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/councils/meetings/decisions/meetings/cabinet/1262012_cabinet.asp

A number of road closures have come to our attention, these will be forwarded To Members and posted on the website.

Part 2 – Confidential information

1284 Exclusion of the press and public

RESOLVED That the press and public be excluded from the balance of the meeting as the next item contain confidential and exempt information.

None

Signed 19th July 2012

Chairman to the Parish Council

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 19th July 2012**

Present: Councillors Peter Farmer, John Smith, Charles Just,
Nicola Sisson, Susan Bown, Graham Stevens.

Borough Councillor Hart

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair.

Part 1 – Non confidential information

1285 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Councillor Bruce Broughton
Parish Councillor Annette Dunn

1286 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

1287 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None

1288 PUBLIC SPEAKING

- (a) Councillor Smith passed on a message of thanks from the Parochial Church Council regarding our recent donation, all funding is now in place and restoration work to the path can now commence.
- (b) Councillor Bown highlighted the number of vehicles parking in the lay-bys on the A6096. Borough Councillor Hart advised that a meeting with the new owners of the storage depot should be scheduled within the next two to three weeks.
- (c) PC Russ Crooks was unable to attend the meeting, however, he passed on the news that things currently very quiet in the villages. Speed watches are booked for Wednesday 8th August and Thursday 9th on Moor Lane Dale Abbey, commencing at 5.15pm.

PC Crooks has made arrangements to visit the residents of Cross Lea regarding the use of the Smartwater kits

**1289 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21st JUNE 2012
(a) Approval and Confirmation**

RESOLVED; that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st June be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

(b) Matters Arising

Minute 1276 (a)

Use of Parish Council equipment

No date received from Councillor Dunn as yet regarding her request to use the Parish Council projector and screen for use at an event to display the Jubilee Party photographs.

Minute 1250 (b)

Tractor turning signs A6096 Kirk Hallam to Spondon

This issue is still ongoing with DCC, they say they are unable to meet with us on site and we now await their proposals for an alternative position for the sign

RESOLVED The Clerk to follow this up and copy in Borough Councillor Hart on the email.

Minute 1264 (b)

Following on from site meeting with the Dog Warden

An assessment is to be carried out regarding our request for a dog waste and rubbish bin at the start/end of the Midshires Greenway. The Dog Warden will advise us once a decision has been made.

Minute 1264 (c)

Diamond Jubilee Benches

No correspondence received as yet but Borough Councillor Hart advised that Dale Abbey Parish Council should have been notified that one bench has been awarded. It was agreed that the bench should be used to replace the old bench on the Moor Lane playing field.

Minute 1267 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

Overhanging willow branch at Woodpecker Hill

The willow branch is still over hanging, Councillor Davies offered to contact the landowner again.

Minute 1279 (c)

Newsletter

This is nearing completion, just waiting for any more information which may be gained from the Localism Act training which the Chairman and Clerk are due to attend on 23rd July.

Distribution remains an issue and it was suggested that we should send electronic copies wherever possible. We asked for parishioners email addresses as part of our recent consultation but only 3 or 4 were provided. The newsletter is however posted on the Parish Council website.

Minute 1280 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

Chevron Warning Sign Corner of No Mans Lane / Potato Pit Lane

Sign has now been re-erected.

1290 REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Natwest Online application update

A NatWest internal IT issue has been identified as the reason for the continued difficulties with our application.

RESOLVED That the Clerk continue to follow up the issue.

(b) Dog Control Orders

Members were provided with feedback on our recent response. More information will be available in due course.

(c) Insurance Renewal 2012/2013

The clerk provided details of the renewal premium which takes into account the removal of our responsibility to insure the Wirksworth Road Playing Field.

RESOLVED That the premium be approved for payment

(d) Contracts progress report

Members were provided with an update on the progression of maintenance contracts.

1002 Dale Abbey Village

Contractor is about to complete the twelfth and final cut of the contract, due to increased growth further cuts will be required, Clerk already authorised to increase number of cuts as required.

1008 Bedding Maintenance – Cross Lea Flats

Weather conditions have had a detrimental effect on this planting with a number of plants failing due to rotting off! Contractor has offered to replace plants lost once the weather improves.

1004 Ladywood Road A60906

Cuts by our contractor have been made too close to those by EBC and both cuts have now been made resulting in a long gap until the final EBC cut. Clerk will obtain a cutting schedule for next year and contract will need to be modified to state that cuts are to be made on Clerks instructions and not leave the decision to the contractor.

1005 Hedge Cutting Dale Abbey

Contractor was unaware that a section of hedge row, belonging to a neighbouring landowner, is usually cut as a gesture of goodwill by the Parish Council to ensure footpath is kept clear. The Contractor has been made aware and has since cut the section.

1007 Bedding Maintenance – Ladywood Road Kirk Hallam

Planting satisfactory, type of plants used have proved more resistant to the weather conditions.

1009 Bedding Maintenance – Seating area Dale Abbey

Contractor has been reminded of the terms of the contract with regard to weeding and rear hedge cutting, weeds were removed promptly after contact from the Clerk.

(e) Christmas Lights Switch On Dates 2012

Proposed dates Tuesday 4th December for Kirk Hallam and Thursday 6th December for Dale Abbey pending confirmation of availability from the Mayor Ilkeston Brass, Pinxton Puppets and relevant clergy.

RESOLVED That the Clerk confirm guest availability.

(f) SLCC East Midlands Regional Conference

The Clerk sought approval to attend the above event if it was thought to be additionally beneficial after attending the Localism Act training booked for Monday 23rd July on the.

RESOLVED That the Clerk be authorised to attend at the cost of £60.00.

(g) Cheque Cancellation

Cheque No. 001857 £25.00 19.04.12 has not been drawn and is now cancelled. Cheque to Dallimore School to be re-issued.

RESOLVED That cheque be included under accounts for payment.

1291 New Standard Regime – Code of Conduct for Parish/Town Councils

The Localism bill has necessitated changes the standards regime and we are now required to adopt a new code of conduct, a detailed discussion followed on the options available.

RESOLVED That Dale Abbey Parish Council adopt the LGA Code of Conduct.

New Disclosable Pecuniary Interest Forms need to be completed, the Clerk will arrange distribution and subsequent collection of the completed forms.

1292 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The annual inspection report for our Moor Lane play area with each item of equipment having an individual risk assessment.

Discussion followed on the maintenance recommendations within the report and additional maintenance work considered necessary.

RESOLVED That the Clerk prepare specifications and seek tenders for the work required.

1293 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

Flooding on Moor Lane during recent heavy rains continues to cause problems. The Clerk has requested a site meeting with DCC Highways, County Councillor Hart will also take the matter forward.

1294 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

NONE

1295 FINANCE

(a) Accounts to be authorised for payment

	£
Clerks Salary (BACS) £441.91 Salary, £13.50 fee, £2.70 VAT	457.91
001875 Notts ALC Training for Clerk	60.00
001876 Mrs Julie Cooke Home use as office allowance	80.00
001877 Premiere Landscaping Contract 1005	190.00
001878 James Farmer Contract 1002	270.00
001879 Gateway Christian Centre Room hire July meeting	13.00
001880 Mrs Julie Cooke Clerks expenses Mileage and parking	25.04
001881 Broker Network Limited Insurance renewal	915.23
001882 DCC Dallimore room hire March 12 Re issue of cheque – minute 1290 (g)	25.00

001883 Premiere Landscaping 265.00
Contract 1004

001884 J Smith 9.14
Authorised function – mileage to Long Eaton Town Hall
Parish Liason Forum 11th July 2012

RESOLVED That the above accounts be approved for Payment.

(b) Income

None

(c) Income and Expenditure report for the three months ending June 2012.

RESOLVED that the foregoing statement providing income and expenditure against approved budgets be noted.

(d) Financial Risk Assessment 2012/13

RESOLVED that the financial risk assessment for 2012/2013 provided by the Clerk be approved.

1296 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

None

Part 2 – Confidential information

1297 Exclusion of the press and public

RESOLVED That the press and public be excluded from the balance of the meeting as the next item contain confidential and exempt information.

None

Signed 20th September 2012

Chairman to the Parish Council

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2012**

Present: Councillors Bown, Davies, Dunn, Farmer,
Just, Sisson and Smith

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair.

Part 1 – Non confidential information

1299 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Councillors Broughton and Hart
Parish Councillor Stevens
PC Crooks

1300 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

1301 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None

1302 Ian Marsden – Stronger links between Borough and Parish Councils

Ian is the Community Consultation Officer for Erewash Borough Council. his role includes canvassing public opinion on services and feeding back to the Borough Council.

A review carried out in 2011 aimed at improving attendance at Community Forum meetings found:

- Forums would be better attended if they were themed or covered a specific topic.
- Residents wanted the chance to Chair the meetings.
- Borough and Parish Councils need to work together more closely

Consultation methods include paper based/posted, availability in Town Hall receptions, presence in town Market Places and electronic surveys.

Dale Abbey parish Council has agreed to support the Borough Council as and when appropriate with their surveys and consultation by displaying notices in our notice boards and providing links from our website

Council Tax Support – Consultation

From April 2013 Council Tax benefit in its current form will be abolished and all Councils will now be required to develop their own Council Tax support scheme.

Councils have a duty to consult with members of the public and precepting authorities on the details of their proposed scheme, this consultation will run until the end of October 2012. A decision on the proposals will be made in late November and become effective on 1st April 2013.

Details of the proposed new scheme may be viewed via a link from our website at www.daleabbey-pc.org.uk

1303 PUBLIC SPEAKING

(a) There were no items under Public Speaking

(b) PC Russ Crooks was unable to attend the meeting but had requested that members should contact him directly if necessary.

1304 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH JULY 2012

(a) Approval and Confirmation

RESOLVED; that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th July be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

(b) Matters Arising

MINUTE 1267 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

Overhanging willow branch on Woodpecker Hill

Branch is still overhanging and the relative of the landowner will be contacted again

MINUTE 1279 (c)

Parish Council Newsletter

Distribution is ongoing

1305 REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Letter received from Erewash Ramblers Group regarding their request for a footpath and bridleway extension at Locko Road Spondon.

The designation of new footpaths is not within the authority of a Parish Council and as no firm proposals were included as to its proposed route the Parish Council are unable to comment.

RESOLVED: That The Clerk reply accordingly.

(b) Online Banking application update

The application is now in progress.

(c) 2012 Christmas Lights Switch On

The availability of invited guests is confirmed, the high cost and effectiveness of advertising In the local paper was discussed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk investigate alternative advertising mediums.

(d) Jubilee Bench

Confirmation received that Dale Abbey have been awarded one Bench, site meeting to be arrange regarding its positioning

(e) Dog Waste Bin – Dale Abbey

Requested bin at the end of the Greenway is now in place and will be emptied twice weekly.

There are still concern regarding the amount of litter still being deposited in this area, photographs illustrating the problem to be forwarded to EBC

(f) Parish owned grit bin replenishment and snow warden scheme 12/13

Arrangements will be made to replenish grit prior to the onset of winter.

Dale Abbey Parish Council to continue participation in the DCC Snow Warden Scheme for 2012/13.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk reply accordingly and to advertise for Snow Warden Volunteers for Kirk Hallam through the website.

(g) Borough Blitz – October

The next Blitz will take place Saturday 20th October, meeting at Carpenters Arms – Dale Abbey 10.00am.

(h) Electoral Review of Derbyshire

Dale Abbey Parish Council is now to return eight Councillors in total with Ward representation as follows:

Dale Abbey Village – Three members

Ladywood (Kirk Hallam South) – Two Members

Kirk Hallam (Kirk Hallam North) – Three Members

(i) Council Tax Support Consultation

Item covered under minute 1302 presentation by Ian Marsden.

(j) Date for Borough and Parish Council Forum

Next meeting to be held Monday September 24th at 10.00
in the Council Chamber Long Eaton Town Hall.

RESOLVED: That Councillor John Smith
attend.

(k) Site Meeting

Meeting between the Chairman, Parish Clerk and Simon Tilley of DCC
Monday 10th September.

Previously planned drainage repair work on Moor Lane to commence end
October. In conjunction with this the brook, culvert and chamber at the
entrance to The Park will be modified in the hope of reaching a long term
solution to the flooding issues.

Tractor turning sign on A6096 new position agreed and the addition of a
“FOR 1 MILE” plaque requested.

Proposed new location for the Kirk Hallam notice board agreed subject to
DCC investigation regarding any underground utilities.

(l) Speed Watch

Results of the recent speed watches have been provided by PC Crooks

8th August Moor Lane 6 vehicles speeding between 35 and 54 mph

9th August Moor Lane 3 vehicles speeding between 35 and 43 mph

Letters will be sent advising drivers of their speed after three letters
drivers will receive a visit from the Police.

1306 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

We have been advised by the Gateway Christian School that their day using
the Moor Lane playing field has now changed.

The Chair took the opportunity to open a discussion on the schools usage of the
field suggesting that we consider a more flexible approach rather than limiting
them to a set day and time as this would in turn allow the school to be more
flexible in its time tabling and in the event of inclement weather.

The school carry their own public liability insurance and have undertaken not to
use the field should members of the public be present. Any usage would only be
for structured lessons during school time and not during breaks or lunchtimes.

The Chair undertook to ask the school what their exact usage requirements

would be and to feed back to members before the next meeting.

1307 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

Hagg Lane

Councillor Smith provided an update on a site visit made by a DCC official.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk follow up on the visit with DCC.

Cat and Fiddle Lane footways

Employees of the West Hallam Storage Depot have complained that they are forced to walk along the highway at Cat and Fiddle Lane, a very dangerous busy road, due to the lack of a safe footpath and that they are unable to use the grass verge due to the overgrown hedgerows

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact DCC Highways to bring the situation to their attention.

Poor visibility at junction of Arbour Hill and Hagg Lane with A6096

Poor driver visibility in both directions reported due to overgrown hedgerows and Positioning of bus stops and street furniture.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk also bring this to the attention of DCC Highways.

1308 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

NONE

1309 FINANCE

(a) Accounts to be authorised for payment

	£
Clerks Salary (BACS) £441.91 Salary, £13.50 fee, £2.70 VAT	458.11
001885 Audit Commission Accounts year end 2011/12	162.00
001886 Park Hall Designs Website Maintenance March – Aug (£90.00) Printing of summer newsletter (£72.00). Web site hosting (£52.00)	214.00
001887 Gateway Christian Centre	13.00

001888	Mrs J Cooke - Clerks expenses mileage (£27.05) Printer inks (£16.80)	43.85
001889	J Farmer 1002 Village mowing	675.00

RESOLVED: That the above accounts be approved for Payment.

(b) Income

None

(c) Completion of the Annual Audit

The Clerk reported that the Audit Commission had completed work on the 2011/2012 audit and had certified the Annual Return for the Year ending 31 March 2012.

RESOLVED: that the approved Annual Audit from the Audit Commission in respect of the 2011/2012 Parish Accounts be received.

1310 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The Clerk circulated copies of the free Saferderbyshire magazine Summer/Autumn 2012

Part 2 – Confidential information

1311 Exclusion of the press and public

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the balance of the meeting as the next item contain confidential and exempt information.

Signed 18th October 2012

Councillor Peter Farmer

Chairman to the Parish Council

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 18th OCTOBER 2012**

Present: Councillors Bown, Davies, Dunn, Farmer,
Just, Sisson, Smith and Stevens.

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair.

Part 1 – Non confidential information

1313 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Councillor Hart
PC Crooks

1314 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

1315 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None

1316 PUBLIC SPEAKING

- (a) Councillor Smith reported on the Borough and Parish Council Form meeting he attended on 24th September 2012 . There is currently no further information available regarding the issue of Concurrent Function funding.

A booklet containing information on Village Games Derbyshire was made available to Members.

- (b) The Chairman reported that no communication had been received from PC Russ Crooks prior to the meeting.

1317 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20th SEPTEMBER 2012

(a) Approval and Confirmation

RESOLVED; that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th September be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

(b) Matters Arising

MINUTE 1267 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

Overhanging willow branch on Woodpecker Hill

It was reported that the offending branch is still overhanging but that the landowner is due to visit the site shortly to carry out essential maintenance work and the branch would be attended to at that time

RESOLVED that the Parish Council give the landowner this final opportunity to remove the branch before taking any further action.

MINUTE 1307 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

Cat and Fiddle Lane footways

The Clerk reported that this issue will be considered by DCC once staff resources become available.

Poor visibility at junction of Arbour Hill and Hagg Lane with A6096

The Clerk reported that this issue is being dealt with by the Maintenance section at DCC.

1318 REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) NatWest Online application update

The application process is now complete.

(b) Christmas Lights Advertisement

An advert will appear, free of charge, in the November issue of the Ilkeston Directory, on its community pages.

Erewash sound have placed the events on their website; www.erewashsound.com and listeners should be able to hear the events advertised on air shortly. These services are provided free of charge and is greatly appreciated by the Parish Council.

Further information on Erewash Sound can be found on our website www.daleabbey-pc.org.uk

(c) Derbyshire County Council – Young Achievers Awards

The closing date for nominations was 12th October 2012.

In 2011 Derbyshire County Council held it's thirteenth very successful awards for young people aged between 3 – 18 years. 75 youngsters received recognition from nominations last year.

(d) Site Meeting Updates -

Re-sighting of notice board Kirk Hallam – DCC are in receipt of the proposed new site, further information to be provided along with a cost if DCC were to fix the sign.

Tractor Turning signs – Due to DCC's intention to reduce the amount of signage clutter on our highways, our request for the addition of a "FOR 1 MILE" sign has been declined.

The Clerk will follow up our request to reposition the sign.

Hagg Lane Pot holes – The Senior Project Engineer dealing with this request has been updated by the Clerk regarding the extent of previous work carried out.

(e) Future Newsletters

Currently our newsletters are usually produced in July and November, a change to providing one paper edition per year and posting regular news items on our website would save cost and improve the efficiency of our communication with the parish.

RESOLVED That we reduce to one printed edition per year, published in November.

(f) Part Night and Permanent switch off, Consultation Proposals.

It is proposed that 40,000 of the 89,000 street lights in Derbyshire, provided by DCC should be switched off between midnight and 05.30am and that a further 900 should be switched off completely. These proposals should help cut carbon emissions by 10% and save more than £400,000 a year in energy costs.

Detailed plans of the proposals have been sent to all Parish Councils and Are also available to view online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/streetlights alternatively residents can write to: Street Lights, Derbyshire County Council, County Hall, Matlock DE4 3AG.

Households should also receive a letter directly from DCC explaining the proposals.

RESOLVED That the Parish Council hold an Open public meeting at 7 pm, prior to the Ordinary Parish Council meeting scheduled to be held on 22nd November 2012 at the Gateway Christian Centre, to gain feedback opinion from residents

A flyer will be distributed to residents informing them of the meeting.

(g) November meeting

This meeting will now be held at the Gateway Christian Centre Dale Abbey, as decided in item (f) above.

(h) Parish Town Council Liaison Forum

Meeting to be held on 25th October at 6pm County Hall Matlock.

RESOLVED That Parish Councillors Farmer and Smith attend, Councillor Davies also to attend if available.

1319 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported on the Gateway Christian Schools response to the series of questions the Parish Council had, as discussed at the September meeting.

1320 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

Delivery of grit for the 2012 Snow Warden scheme requires confirmation,

RESOLVED That the Clerk should follow this up and confirm delivery requirements.

The pavement alongside the Moor Lane playing field is being obstructed by the overgrown hedge, contractor to be made aware.

1321 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

NONE

1322 FINANCE

(a) Accounts to be authorised for payment

Clerks Salary (BACS) £441.91 Salary, £13.50 fee, £2.70 VAT	458.11
001890 Premiere Landscaping Contract 1004	265.00
001891 J Cooke – Clerks expenses	38.66
001892 Gateway Christian Centre Room hire	13.00
001893 J Farmer Contract 1002	270.00

RESOLVED: That the above accounts be approved for Payment.

(b) Income

NONE

1323 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- a) Posters are on display in notice boards and information posted on our website regarding a new select list of local contractors being set up by Erewash Borough Council, the intention is to ensure that local businesses get the opportunity to tender for their small scale maintenance contracts.
- b) EBC have consulted with the Parish Council on the review of the Gambling Act 2005.

Part 2 – Confidential information

1324 ADMINISTRATION AND ESTABLISHMENTY REVIEW

RESOLVED: That Minute No. 1312 of the 20th September meeting 2012 relating to the above subject be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Signed 22nd November 2012

Councillor Peter Farmer

Chairman to the Parish Council

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 22nd November 2012**

Present: Councillors Bown, Davies, Dunn, Farmer,
Just, Sisson, Smith and Stevens.

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair.

Part 1 – Non confidential information

1325 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Councillors Broughton and Hart
Parish Councillor Bown
PC Crooks

1326 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chairman proposed that the order of business as set out in the agenda be varied, as he intended including items under Part 11 Confidential information.

1327 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The Chairman advised of the new item (c) under part three of the agenda. Further information regarding this new clause is included in Chairman's report.

1328 PUBLIC SPEAKING

(a) Councillor Just reported a HGV sighting, details were provided to the Clerk.

(b) The Chairman reported that no communication had been received from PC Russ Crooks prior to the meeting.

1329 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th October 2012

(a) Approval and Confirmation

RESOLVED; that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th October be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman

(b) Matters Arising

MINUTE 1267 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

Overhanging willow branch on Woodpecker Hill

The Willow branch has now been cut back.

1330 REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Part Night Street Lighting

Further to discussions in the Public meeting, street lighting which was proposed for complete switch off should either be left on completely or change to part night street lighting as concerns had been raised regarding bus users as the buses run until 3am

RESOLVED That the Clerk feedback comments to Derbyshire County Council by the closing date of the consultation.

(b) Draft Erewash Economic Development Strategy

With agreement from EBC, this item is to be carried forward to the December meeting.

RESOLVED That the Clerk include this item on the December agenda.

(c) January meeting venue

Due to the relocation of Novembers meeting to Dale Abbey and recent works at Dallimore school it was agreed that we should hold Januarys ordinary meeting at the Dallimore School

RESOLVED That the Clerk make the appropriate arrangements to move the meeting.

(d) Re siteing of notice board

DCC inform us that it is our responsibility to investigate the location of underground utilities at the proposed new location.
The Clerk is in process of investigating

(e) Footway requests Cat and Fiddle Lane, update

The Clerk read out a response from DCC. Currently due to very limited funding and no pedestrian accidents reported along this road in the last three years, a footpath or section of footpath in this location will remain an aspiration for the County Council in the future and subject to available funding.

RESOLVED That the Clerk pass details to pedestrians place of work to advise the outcome of the Parish Council enquiry.

(f) Hagg Lane, update

DCC have provided details of work already carried out on the lane along with plans for possible future work.
Councillor Smith requested the contact details for the person providing this information.

RESOLVED That the Clerk provide the relevant contact details.

(g) Drainage Works Moor Lane dale Abbey, update

Report provided by DCC on the recent works carried out, damage has been caused mainly by roots from the Willow tree located in the corner of the cemetery. The flow through the culvert is also reduced due to the ditch it drains into being at a higher level and requires cleaning out.

More recent flooding due to heavy rain since the work has been carried out has been photographed and images forwarded to DCC.

(h) Tractor turning signs re-sited

These signs are now in the mutually agreed location.

(l) Free Tree Scheme

Members were advised of the scheme being offered again by EBC for fifty free tree's. A decision was made as to the type of tree's required.

RESOLVED That the Clerk complete and return the order form.

(j) International Day of Disabled people

Celebrating International Day of Disabled People an event is to be held on Monday 3rd December 10.30am – 3.00pm in the Members Room, County Hall, Matlock.

(k) Borough and Parish Councils Forum

Next meeting to be held on 17th December 2012 2.00pm at Long Eaton Town Hall and a request is made for suggested agenda items.

RESOLVED That the Clerk confirm Councillor Smith's attendance along with suggested agenda items.

(I) Gritting – Winter 2012

The order has been placed for this winter's free supply of grit through DCC's Snow Warden Scheme which the Parish Council continues to support. Previous arrangements for Dale Abbey remain the same, however, we remain unsuccessful in finding a Snow Warden volunteer for any area of Kirk Hallam.

RESOLVED That the Clerk advise DCC that details remain the same for Dale Abbey and arrange a date for delivery of the grit.

1331 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

(a) School and playing field

The Chairman advised that further discussions with the School regarding their use of the playing field should be put on hold until our new Vicar Rev Glyn Lucas takes up his position as Chair of School Governors in the New Year.

The Chair has invited the school Head Teacher to give a presentation about the school at our February 2013 meeting.

RESOLVED That the Clerk invite the Head to the February 2013 meeting.

(b) Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

Since the introduction of the Localism Bill the non-declaration of a Pecuniary interest has become a criminal offence.

The Chairman explained that as we Parish Councillors are residents of the Parish we would all have a Pecuniary interest in the setting of the Precept and would therefore require dispensation to allow us to discuss and vote on the issue.

A request for dispensation had been prepared on behalf of all members which simply required their signature. The Chair then proposed that members agree to providing a dispensation in respect of item 11c of the agenda.

He further proposed that any future requests for dispensation be made to the Clerk, as Proper Officer, for her consideration and agreement.

RESOLVED That dispensation be agreed for all members in respect of agenda item 11c and that the Clerk hold future responsibility for the consideration and agreement of dispensations.

(c) Newsletters

The Chairman advised that the November issue (No.7) was ready for distribution which included Details of the Christmas Lights dates.

1332 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

The dangerous condition of the curbing at the junction of Cat and Fiddle Lane and the A6096 was reported, Clerk to pass this on to DCC highways for action.

1333 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application Code CW8/1112/94

Retention and restoration of former Grove Farm Landfill, by re-grading, installation of capping system and importation of restoration soils, together with the formation of surface water lagoons and reed beds.

Grove Farm Landfill, Off Sowbrook Lane, Ilkeston, Derbyshire

RESOLVED That the Clerk respond advising that the Parish Council have no comment to make.

The Derbyshire County Council (Bridleway over part of Public Footpath No.48 off Potato Pit Lane – Parish of Dale Abbey) Public Path Creation Order.

This item has been received retrospectively as information only.

1334 FINANCE

(a) Accounts to be authorised for payment

Clerks Salary (BACS) £441.91 Salary, £13.50 fee, £2.70 VAT	458.11
001894 P Farmer – Chairman’s expenses Allowance 1 st payment for year 2012/13	125.00
001895 J Cooke – Clerks, home us as office allowance. 1 st payment for year 2012/13	80.00
001896 Premiere Landscaping	190.00
001897 Ian Slater Gardening Services	564.00
001898 J Cooke – Petty cash for Xmas lights expenses	70.00
001899 The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	20.00
001900 P Farmer – Mileage to Liason Forum Approved minute 1318 (h) 19/10/12	31.25
001901 P Farmer – Printer Inks purchase (£66.00 + £13.20 VAT)	79.20
001902 The Gateway Christian Centre November Room Hire	13.00
001903 J Cooke – Clerks Mileage expenses	29.45

001905 S Bown
Refreshment costs at litter pick

7.60

RESOLVED: That the above accounts be approved for Payment.

(b) Income

Donation received from the Mayor as contribution towards Christmas lights hospitality expenses. 10.00

(c) Projected Out-turn of Income and Expenditure for 2012/2013 and the setting of the Concurrent functions budget and Precept 2013/2014.

Members are advised that this is a first draft of the budget with further detail to be provided and decision to be made at the December meeting.

1335 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

None

Part 2 – Confidential information

1336 Exclusion of the press and public.

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the balance of the meeting as the next item contain confidential and exempt information.

1337 Establishment arrangements

The Chairman provided Members with an update on the enquiries relating to minute 1312 20th September 2012.

1338 Administration arrangements

The Chairman made a recommendation to Members relating to minute 1312 20th September 2012.

1339 Asset acquisition opportunity

The Chairman reported details on an opportunity that had arise.

Signed 13th December 2012

Councillor Peter Farmer

Chairman to the Parish Council

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 13th December 2012**

Present: Councillors S Bown, A Dunn, P Farmer,
C Just, N Sisson, J Smith and G Stevens.

Councillor P Farmer (Chairman) in the Chair.

Part 1 – Non confidential information

1340 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Councillors Broughton and Hart
Parish Councillor Davies
PC Crooks

1341 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

1342 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest for Part 1 of the agenda.

1343 PUBLIC SPEAKING

(a) No items raised.

(b) The Chairman reported that no communication had been received from
PC Russ Crooks prior to the meeting.

1344 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22nd November 2012

(a) Approval and Confirmation

RESOLVED; that the minutes of the
meeting of the Parish Council held
on 22nd November be approved
as a correct record and be signed by
the Chairman

(b) Matters Arising

MINUTE 1330 (h) Tractor turning Signs

The Chairman explained reasoning behind the mutually agreed
location for the above sign.

(a) Draft Erewash Economic Development Strategy

Discussion took place regarding the key areas of the Strategy and the four Strategic Priorities.

RESOLVED That the Clerk respond accordingly within the specified time frame.

(b) Part Night Street Lighting

Confirmation received from Derbyshire County Council regarding feedback provided by the Parish Council which has resulted in street lamps that were marked for permanent switch off will now remain as part night street lighting.

Changes made through this consultation will be reviewed in six months Time, work on the programme has already started.

(c) EBC Free Tree scheme

The free tree application from the Parish Council was successful although some species requested were unavailable and have been replaced with alternatives.

A tree planting event to involve Community members and Children from the Gateway Christian School was discussed

RESOLVED That the Clerk and the Chairman make the necessary arrangements.

Wildflower seed donation

Councillor Bown donated a pack of wild flower seeds for use by the Parish Council, it was suggested that planting the seeds should be incorporated with the above tree planting event.

(d) TDG New contact and future meetings

The storage depot will now be known as Midland Storage, Borough Councillor Hart is awaiting the new contact details and the next meeting is planned to be held early January.

(e) Feedback received

An email received from a Kirk Hallam resident expressing their delight in receiving the Newsletter and how much they appreciated the hanging baskets, flower beds and Christmas lights

(f) Temporary Footpath Closures

As this work is necessary for health and safety reasons, there is no comment to be made.

(g) Kirk Hallam Lottery £1 million award

The above item was seen on Erewash Borough Councils website. The funding will be available over a period of ten years. Further information to follow.

1346 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

(a) Chairman's Christmas invitation

The Chairman explained why he had been unable to arrange the usual social get-together which normally follows the December meeting, and invited Members to join him after the January meeting.

RESOLVED That the Clerk make the necessary arrangements.

(b) Christmas Lights Ceremonies Review

Kirk Hallam

Moving the Puppet show into the pub car park improved safety and worked well.

Noise levels at the roadside near the Christmas Tree was again an issue and the use of a PA system should be investigated for 2013.

It was felt that the two trees closest to the Christmas tree should not be lit with pea lights to ensure greater prominence for the Christmas Tree. This will be discussed with EBC when the 2013 lighting is arranged.

Dale Abbey

The Dale Abbey event went very well with very good feedback being received from visitors to the event, the school children singing outdoors was a great success.

We need to refresh the format for each event by varying the carols sung and finding new children's entertainment.

The usual thank-you letters and donations have been sent out.

It has been custom in previous years that, at the request of the Chairman, any remaining Santa sweets are donated to the Kirk Hallam Children's Centre, this year he requested that half of those remaining should go to support the Food Bank run by the Arena Community Charity in Ilkeston. Both donations go with Best Wishes from Dale Abbey Parish Council.

RESOLVED That the Clerk pass the sweets on to the Chairman for distribution

Tree's which are the responsibility of the Parish Council

The Chair advised members of the increasing incidents of injury, and consequent claims, made by members of the public who may be injured by falling branches. There are guidelines available, setting out best practice regarding these issues, which the Chair will bring to the January meeting for consideration.

1348 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A6096 Ladywood Road Junction with Cat and Fiddle Lane, Dale Abbey – Provision of Refuges, Signing and Lining.

Drawings and proposals of the scheme were made available for discussion, it was felt strongly that the proposals to add obstacles to the highway, in the form of refuge islands, would cause a dangerous hazard requiring a significant reduction in the speed limit in area and would not be a responsible use of budget resource.

Members do agree that the kerbing splay needs to be widened as HGV are unable to turn east with out running over the kerbing which again requires replacement.

RESOLVED That the Clerk respond Accordingly.

1349 FINANCE

(a) Accounts to be authorised for payment

Clerks Salary (BACS) £441.91 Salary, £13.50 fee, £2.70 VAT	458.11
001905 M Smedley (Cat and Fiddle Public House) Provision of refreshments for Christmas Lights event.	33.68
001906 J Heraty (Carpenters Arms Public House) Provision of refreshments for Christmas Lights event. full amount £65.60 - £10.00 donation from the Mayor ref Minute No. 1334 b 22 November 2012	55.60
001907 Pinxtton Puppets Provision of shows at Christmas Lights events.	320.00
001908 Ilkeston Brass Donation for playing at the Christmas Lights events.	100.00
001909 Gateway Christian Centre December meeting room hire plus donation of £30.00 for refreshments at the Dale Abbey Christmas lights event.	43.00

001910 Park Hall Designs	102.00
Monthly website maintenance September and October £30.00 Printing of Autumn newsletter x 600 £72.00	
001911 J Cooke	22.24
Clerks mileage expenses.	
001912 J smith	35.46
Approved Mileage re-delivery of newsletters £17.43, approved Mileage to Long Eaton Town Hall Borough/Parish liaison meeting £18.03	

RESOLVED: That the above accounts be approved for Payment.

(b) Income

None

(c) Projected Out-turn of Income and Expenditure for 2012/2013 and the setting of the Concurrent functions budget and Precept 2013/2014.

There are no changes to report to the draft budget as presented at the November meeting.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Concurrent Functions budget for 2013/2014 be set at £12102.00
- (2) That, in light of information provided at the Borough/Parish liaison meeting, regarding the impact of new benefit regulations on Precept receipts, the setting of the 2013/2014 Precept be held over to the January meeting when further information should be available from EBC

1350 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

None

Signed 24th January 2013

Councillor Peter Farmer

Chairman to the Parish Council

Part 2 – Confidential information

1351 Exclusion of the press and public.

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the balance of the meeting as the next item contain confidential and exempt information.

1352 Asset acquisition opportunity

The Chairman updated Members and provided further information relating to Minute 1339 22nd November 2012.

RESOLVED: That the Chair continue a dialogue with the appropriate persons.

Signed 24th January 2013

Councillor Peter Farmer

Chairman to the Parish Council