
DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Dale Abbey Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 25th July 2024 at The Gateway
7.30pm.

Present: Cllr T Davies, Cllr Bown, Cllr K Tribbensee, Cllr C Just, Cllr M Morgan, Cllr S Street, Cllr J Watkin, DCllr Mee, Clerk F Simnett, six members of the public attended the meeting.

Reference	Agenda Item	
24-25/74	Apologies	Apologies were received from Cllr Hart and DCllr Flatley.
24-25/75	Variation of Order of Business	It was RESOLVED to move item 26 to be exempt from public attendance.
24-25/76	Declaration of Members Interest	Cllr Just declares and interest in application 0224/0052 and agenda item 13.
24-25/77	Public Speaking	A member of the public introduced themselves as a local farmer to the meeting and outlined his concerns around the proposed solar farm, he stated that he was wholehearted against the proposals and felt the area was of outstanding natural beauty and does not need solar panels, the land is currently used for grazing cattle and arable and he cannot remember seeing sheep ever grazing there, two footpaths cross the land and are regularly used, cameras and high fencing which would accompany the solar panels would liken to a prison. Another two members of the public agreed with the previous comments. A resident representing the village forum thanked the parish council for the hanging basket gifted to The Gateway.
24-25/78	Reports from Outside Bodies	DCllr Mee reports on the concerns around the lack of grass cutting throughout the borough, and a number of residents of Erewash are due to make objections at a council meeting, a motion will be proposed to revert cutting to the previous schedule, DCllr Alfrey, who is the lead member for environment, is now working with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to try and improve the techniques and schedule for the following year. DCllr Mee reported that

		there was also a motion being proposed around the National Grid proposals of new pylons, which essentially doesn't want the route through Erewash.
24-25/79	Councillor Reports	Cllr Bown reports another road traffic accident that occurred at Cat & Fiddle Lane.
24-25/80	Approval of Minutes	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20 th June 2024 proposed by Cllr Tribbensee seconded by Cllr Bown.
24-25/81	Update on the progress from the previous minutes	The Chairman asked the Clerk the if the of support had been sent to the Lithium Battery Bill campaign and if the AGAR had been submitted, the Clerk confirmed both tasks had been completed.
24-25/82	Chairman's Report	The Chairman reports on a footpath a that runs behind the pub, the hedge along the park requires cutting and further along, the Clerk will follow these up. The Chairman also reminded everyone to fill in the survey from Derbyshire's Police & Crime Commissioner, the Clerk has already circulated it to member councillors, our website, our social platforms and the Dale Abbey Village Residents Forum group on Facebook.
24-25/83	Clerk's Report	Nothing to report.
24-25/84	National Grid Consultation	Cllr Just attended one of the information events hosted by National Grid, discussion ensued around the proposals of the new pylons from Chesterfield to Willington, it was RESOLVED to formulate a response outlining the parish councils concerns which were around the environmental impact. The Clerk reminded the meeting that the consultation closes on 17 th September and encouraged everyone to have their own say, links have been provided on our website and social media platforms, which she will continue to share, paper copies of maps and other information are available, please get in touch if you require them.
24-25/85	Wildlife Camera's to tackle Fly-tipping	The project continues to be monitored by a councillor and resident.
24-25/86	Solar Farm Proposals	Cllr Just left the room having declared an interest in this item. Discussion ensued around the proposals for a solar farm in the parish of Dale Abbey, it was suggested that the proposals go against green belt policy, that its farming land which should be used for food production, there was reference in the screening report to the monument which is the abbey arch but there was not reference to the malt houses, it was suggested that there were alternative spaces to house solar panels such as warehouse roofs or brown field sites which are available locally. It was RESOLVED to register disapproval at this point and a letter of would be sent to Erewash Borough Council and the developer, proposed by Cllr Street and seconded by Cllr Morgan. The Parish Council continue to collate feedback from the community, anyone wishing to comment may email the Clerk, or attend a future meeting. The Parish Council will await any further information or formal submission of a planning application.

24-25/87	Kings Coronation Planters	The Clerk has contacted DCC again taking Cllr Hart up on her offer of help to get a response from officers dealing with the request for a licence to site the planters, which was submitted last year by the parish council.
24-25/88	A6096	The Clerk is working her way through the various outstanding requests to DCC, some of which are complete but remain uncomplete on the portal, the Clerk will contact DCC to advise and to chase incomplete cases.
24-25/89	Bloor Homes, Woodside Spondon	Nothing to update, the application remains pending.
24-25/90	No Turning Signage	Following a site visit, it was agreed that some foliage needed cutting back before the sign was installed, the Chairman contacted the owner of the hedge, who has agreed to cut the hedge back.
24-25/91	Christmas Switch- On	It was RESOLVED to ask Santa to attend our Christmas switch-on which will take place on Tuesday 3 rd December 2024, it was RESOLVED to purchase food and refreshments based on the attendance last year. It was agreed the Clerk would ask the Mayor to attend to switch the lights on, and contact Rector Phil to see if he would like to attend again, the Clerk will now organize the switching on with EBC, gather quotes for a tree. The Clerk shared some quotes on Christmas lighting which was very expensive, she will continue to look for alternative lighting, if anyone has any other suggestions please get in touch.
24-25/92	Remembrance Service	A resident offers to help with the recycling of wreaths if possible and will advise if there is enough material available, the suggestion of a knitted wreath was also welcomed, and the resident would liaise with the WI and feed back to the parish council.
24-25/93	Erewash Borough Council's Core Strategy	Nothing to update.
24-25/94	Meeting Times	A proposal from The Gateway of a contract for hire was circulated and it was RESOLVED to accept it, proposed by Cllr Tribbensee and seconded by Cllr Morgan.
24-25/95	Ladywood Wood	Cllr Watkin reports he has contacted EBC around activity still going on in the woodland and shares his concerns around the lack of care for the environment. It appears that events held there have gone over the 28 thresholds, this will be reported to Erewash Borough Council.
24-25/96	Environment Act	Nothing to update.
24-25/97	Verger's Farm Bridle Route	The Clerk has chased up previous concerns about the signage and the gate, additionally route 9 which is next to route 64 is now open following remedial works to the path.
24-25/98	Boundary Review	Nothing to update.
24-25/99	Play Area & Health & Safety	An annual report for the play area has been received which will be distributed prior to the next meeting, thanks to Cllr Street for his help with the removal of two sections of play equipment, and two helpers who dug the area out and supported Cllr Street with the disposal of the concrete and wooden posts. Cllr

		Street provided topsoil and seed and the equipment remains closed off until the grass seed starts to come through. The Clerk is now looking for funding to replace the whole section.
24-25/100	Noticeboard	The noticeboard has now been installed; this item will now be removed from the agenda.
24-25/101	Planning Applications	<p><u>New Applications at 20th July 2024</u></p> <p>0624/0043 - Listed building consent for the installation of gas boiler to listed building, including external flue pipe, ground mounted meter box and small section of copper gas pipe, Abbey House, The Village. No objection.</p> <p><u>Pending Applications at 20th July</u></p> <p>2024 0624/0021 - Certificate of Lawful Development (Proposed): Installation of solar panels, Meadowside, Croft Close.</p> <p>0524/0047 - the construction of an equine manage for private use with associated fencing, woodpecker cottage, Woodpecker Hill.</p> <p>0923/0024 – Residential development of 263 dwellings, associated landscaping, open space, infrastructure and enabling earthworks at Woodside, Spondon.</p> <p>0224/0052 - Listed building consent for internal and external works (inc. windows, roof lights and doors) to facilitate the change of use and conversion of agricultural barns (curtilage listed) to form two residential dwellings with associated gardens, patios and parking, Boyah Grange, Potato Pit Lane.</p> <p><u>Approved Applications at 20th July 2024</u></p> <p>0424/0017 - Demolition of existing pole barn. Erection of detached shelter/storage building, garage, mower store and car port & entrance porch. Alterations to existing vehicular turning area, The Courtyard Ashtree Farm Spondon Road.</p> <p>0524/0049 - T1 - Oak - Crown lift to 5 meters on the side of the storage yard, prune back any branches in close contact with the storage containers and vehicles; T2 - Oak - Crown lift to 5 meters, Pinnacle Storage Park.</p> <p><u>Refused Applications at 20th July 2024</u></p> <p>0524/0005 - Prior notification of proposed development by telecommunications code systems operators, Phone Mast Site DE001 SW of M1 Southbound Golf Club Road.</p>
24-25/102	Correspondence	<p>The Great Grid Update - Meeting 3rd July 2024</p> <p>Illuminate Derby with Treetops Hospice Moonlight Walk</p> <p>RE: 82029468 OITH Licence Dale Abbey</p> <p>Mobile Library Routes 22 July to 11 October 2024</p> <p>Kirk Hallam July 2024 Magazine, Dale Abbey Version</p> <p>Screening Opinion Report - Proposal for a new development comprising of a solar farm and associated infrastructure at land in the two parishes of Dale Abbey and also Ockbrook & Borrowash</p> <p>Minutes for Planning Committee, Wednesday, 26th June</p> <p>Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 1 July</p>

		<p>Bridleway 9 Vergers Farm</p> <p>Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 8 July</p> <p>Play equipment closure enquiry</p> <p>Chesterfield to Willington Stage 1 Consultation Events</p> <p>Lithium-ion batteries Bill campaign</p> <p>Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 15 July</p> <p>Agenda for Planning Committee, Wednesday, 24th July</p> <p>Derbyshire Police and Crime Plan Consultation</p> <p>Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) News No 4</p> <p>National Grid, Parish Council meetings</p> <p>National Grid Meeting 24th July Parish Councils</p> <p>What's On Guide - Summer Holidays in Erewash 2024</p> <p>Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 19 July</p> <p>Lithium Battery Bill campaign update</p> <p>Kirk Hallam August 2024 magazine, Dale Abbey Version</p> <p>Agenda for Council, Thursday, 1st August</p> <p>Summer Holiday Activities</p> <p>Gateway fees</p>
24-25/103	Finance	The finance schedule was circulated it was RESOLVED to accept the schedule as presented and the Clerk will authorise the payments on our banking system. Income received £2.55.
24-25/104	Items for the next agenda	All items for consideration for the next agenda must be submitted to the Clerk by Wednesday 11 th September 2024.
24-25/105	Date and time of next meeting	Our next meeting is on Thursday 19 th September 2024 at The Gateway.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 9.30pm

Signed _____ Chairman/Vice Chairman

