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# DALE ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Dale Abbey Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at The Gateway 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllr T Davies, Cllr J Smith, Cllr K Tribbensee, Cllr M Morgan, Cllr S Street, Cllr J Watkin, Cllr C Hart, Clerk, five members of the public attended the meeting.

Reference	Agenda Item	
24-25/122	<b>Apologies</b>	Apologies were received from Cllr Just, Cllr Bown, BCllr Flatley and BCllr Mee.
24-25/123	<b>Variation of Order of Business</b>	Item 24 was moved into closed session.
24-25/124	<b>Declaration of Members Interest</b>	Nothing to declare.
24-25/125	<b>Public Speaking</b>	A resident representing The Forum shared that their AGM is going to take place in November, the date is yet to be confirmed. Observations were made around the grass verge leading up to the telephone box side, it looks untidy and would benefit from a cut, and the verge on the park side of the road is encroaching on the path, resulting in the path being very narrow for users. Another resident commented on the length of the play area grass, suggesting it was a little too long. The Clerk offers to report issues to DCC via the portal and will liaise with our contractor.
24-25/126	<b>Reports from Outside Bodies</b>	Cllr Hart reports on footpath 22 emergency closure, which the Clerk has circulated, and a free CPR and Defibrillator Training session taking place on Saturday 2nd November from 10.30 - 11.30 am at West Hallam Methodist Church. Cllr Hart adds that we are now in the hedgerow and verge cutting phase. Cllr Hart reports on the Parish and Town Liaison Meeting, where the combined authority mayor was in attendance, the combined authority remains its infancy but has allocated 3 million towards potholes and road surfacing. Storm Babet was also reported on, and the report will be circulated.
24-25/127	<b>Councillor Reports</b>	Cllr Watkin reports that the poppies have been installed in the Kirk Hallam Ward.

<b>24-25/128</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 proposed by Cllr Tribbensee seconded by Cllr Morgan.
<b>24-25/129</b>	<b>Update on the progress from the previous minutes</b>	Erewash riders reported a spooked horse on the bridleway through Vergers Farm which continues to be investigated.
<b>24-25/130</b>	<b>Chairman's Report</b>	Nothing to report.
<b>24-25/131</b>	<b>Clerk's Report</b>	Nothing to report.
<b>24-25/132</b>	<b>Wildlife Camera's to tackle Fly-tipping</b>	One fly tip has occurred on No Man's Lane, nothing was captured, information around other cameras will be circulated at the next meeting.
<b>24-25/133</b>	<b>Solar Farm Proposals</b>	The Parish Council has received a letter from EBC on Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October relating to a consultation on Environmental Impact Assessment scoping report ERE/1024/0006 proposed development on land at Boyah Grange, Potato Pit Lane, Dale Abbey, the letter states we have 21 days to respond. The Chairman asked if council members had read the EIA screening report and asked for comments. Discussion ensued from member councillors about national legislation, how our energy is generated, alternatives such as siting on warehouse roofing, carpark roofs biodiversity gains and access issues. It was suggested that the proposed solar farm would be a blot on the landscape in an area of outstanding natural beauty. Cllr Watkin asks if any residents had contacted the parish council, the Clerk confirmed at this point no correspondence had been received. The Chairman suspended standing orders and asked members of the public if they would like to comment at this point, one resident questioned would the ecological reports be done in house by the developer, suggesting it needs to be independent. A resident comments, there is concern building in the community about future development and that the parish council need to reach out to the public, the resident also suggested that the time frame in which to respond to the local planning authority needed challenging. The Clerk outlined how information is distributed, stressing that every effort was made to try and communicate information to residents, discussion around the lack of engagement with the parish council continued, whilst it was acknowledged by the parish council that the time in which to respond to planning matters such as this did need reviewing, it is the current framework in which we have to work within. The parish council wish to represent the views of the community as the correct body and the conduit between residents and the Local Authority. Another resident suggested that meetings could be recorded and shared on the platform Facebook. The Chairman encouraged anyone to get in touch with the parish council to share any opinions relating to this agenda item or any other matters. It was RESOLVED to formulate a response to the EIA and this will be share on our website and social platforms.

<b>24-25/134</b>	<b>Kings Coronation Planters</b>	Cllr Watkin proposed that the planters should be sold, and trees purchased instead to be planted, there was no seconder to this proposal, a few sites to locate the planters have been identified and will be forwarded to the Clerk.
<b>24-25/135</b>	<b>A6096</b>	Following concern from a resident around the worn white lines on the A6096, the Clerk has chased this again directly with Cllr Cupit.
<b>24-25/136</b>	<b>No Turning Signage</b>	The Clerk apologised for the delay in installing the sign, a different fitting was required, and she will order this straight away.
<b>24-25/137</b>	<b>Christmas Switch- On</b>	The dates for switching on the Christmas lights have been submitted to EBC, we have kindly had an offer of help for the children's craft table.
<b>24-25/138</b>	<b>DCC Draft Plan</b>	Derbyshire Council County are developing a new draft plan, it has been circulated on our website and social platforms, the consultation to comment on this Draft Plan ends on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2024.
<b>24-25/139</b>	<b>Remembrance Service</b>	A member of the Village Forum has kindly facilitated the recycling of two wreaths, special thanks must be given those who helped. The Chairman and Cllr Watkin will lay a wreath at All Saints Dale Abbey and All Saints Kirk Hallam.
<b>24-25/140</b>	<b>Erewash Borough Council's Core Strategy</b>	An update was provided from CCllr Hart who advised that due to new government guidelines, EBC have gone out to developers asking for sites that could be delivered on quickly.
<b>24-25/141</b>	<b>Ladywood Wood</b>	Cllr Watkin attended the planning meeting and spoke on behalf of Dale Abbey Parish Council on favour of putting a blanket TPO on Ladywood woodland. Cllr Watkin reported that it was understood that a TPO already existed on the site, but that EBC could find no record of it. The woodland is owned by three separate individuals, one spoke against the TPO and suggested that the TPO should be only put onto one ownership of the wood and not the whole woodland. BCllr Mee also spoke in favour of this suggestion. Cllr Watkin reiterated that it was never the intention of Dale Abbey Parish Council to isolate one section of the ancient woodland to be outlined for a TPO although he indicated that BCllr Mee suggested it was. During discussion about which area of the woodland would be covered by a TPO going forward, a resident described another section as a ransom strip. It was RESOLVED that the parish council would respond to EBC and object to the decision and justify why they TPO hasn't been put on the whole woodland.
<b>24-25/142</b>	<b>Grit Bin</b>	The Clerk with gather quotes.
<b>24-25/143</b>	<b>Environment Act</b>	The Clerk has gathered information and forwarded it to Rector Selby.
<b>24-25/144</b>	<b>Verger's Farm Bridle Route</b>	Nothing further to update.
<b>24-25/145</b>	<b>Play Area &amp; Health &amp; Safety</b>	Cllr Street will forward play inspection to the Clerk.
<b>24-25/146</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>	<b><u>New Applications at 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024</u></b>

		<p><b>1024/0015</b> - Works to trees in the conservation area: T1 - ASH - fell to ground level. T2 - HAWTHORNE - fell to ground level, Sycamore Cottage Arbour Hill. – Request further information relating to the tree.</p> <p><b>1024/0006</b> - Proposed Solar Farm, Boyah Grange Farm Potato Pit Lane. - To formulate response to EIA.</p> <p><b>0924/0016</b> - Erect rear and side wraparound extensions, increase roof height to allow addition of first floor and addition of roof lights, Hollies Lodge Hollies Lodge Spondon Road – No objection.</p> <p><b><u>Pending Applications at 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024</u></b></p> <p><b>0824/0042</b> – Two storey front extension, Dawn Lea, Ladywood Road.</p> <p><b>0923/0024</b> – Residential development of 263 dwellings, associated landscaping, open space, infrastructure and enabling earthworks at Woodside, Spondon.</p> <p><b>0224/0052</b> - 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><b><u>No Approved Applications at 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024</u></b></p>
24-25/147	Correspondence	<p>Snow Warden scheme</p> <p>Road verge grass cutting</p> <p>GAMBLING ACT 2005 - CONSULTATION ON THE STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES</p> <p>Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 23 September 2024</p> <p>Lithium-Ion Batteries Campaign: Update 1st October – it was agreed to respond with a supportive letter.</p> <p>Parish &amp; Town Council Liaison Forum 15 October 2024</p> <p>Derby City Council Local Plan Newsletter</p> <p>Derbyshire County Council Draft Council Plan 2025-29 consultation</p> <p>Chesterfield to Willington Stage 1 consultation update</p> <p>Kirk Hallam October 2024 Magazine, Dale Abbey Version</p> <p>Battery safety campaign</p> <p>Mobile Library Routes 14 Oct 2024 - 3 Jan 2025</p> <p>Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 7 October 2024</p> <p>CONSULTATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ERE/1024/0006</p> <p>Dale Abbey Footpath 22 Temp closure</p> <p>Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 14 October 2024</p> <p>Erewash Walking Month 2025 - Helping to promote walking more often everyday</p> <p>Amendment to proposed site layout ERE0923/0024</p> <p>Question on road markings</p> <p>PC Meeting / Planning Committee update from BCllr Mee</p>

<b>24-25/148</b>	<b>Finance</b>	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 £2.74
<b>24-25/149</b>	<b>Items for the next agenda</b>	All items for consideration for the next agenda must be submitted to the Clerk by Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2024.
<b>24-25/150</b>	<b>Date and time of next meeting</b>	Our next meeting is on Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2024 at The Gateway.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 9.45pm

<b>24-25/151</b>	<b>The Garage Plot</b>	An update was provided.
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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman/Vice Chairman

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