

MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 APRIL 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM

Councillor J Richardson was in the chair. Councillors present: J Bednall, E Edmonds, J Payne, C Salt and R Wright. Apologies: C Podmore(work), A Ratcliffe(ill) and S Ratcliffe(holiday). Seven members of the public were present.

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held on 2 March were approved and signed.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
3. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT:**
 - a. Stubwood tankers. Front sheet of notice dismissing appeal circulated.
 - b. Sustainable Communities Amendment Act. Circulated. Noted.
 - c. Play Partnership in East Staffordshire 11 March. Cllr Payne reported.
 - d. Community Speedwatch update. New equipment should be available within two weeks
 - e. Overnight lorry parking on Marlpit Lane. Van parking only since last meeting.
 - f. Dog Control Orders. Some of the notices have been put up – rest to follow.
 - g. Insurance value of war memorial. **Clerk to contact suggested insurers.**
 - h. Missing fingerpost to Stubwood from centre of village. Installation pending.
4. **ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** *A summary of the items raised is shown at the end of the minutes.*
5. **PLANNING:** [Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC]
 - a. HO/08977/011/AG. Erection of a detached building to form workshop with games room above and covered swimming pool, Myrtle Cottage, Jardines Lane, Stubwood. **Permitted**
 - b. P/2010/00010/JI. Retention of office and storage unit for a 2 year period in connection with commercial haulage business, Peartree Farm, Jardines Lane, Stubwood. **Permitted**
 - c. P/2010/00258/EW. Change of use of hairdressing salon to additional living accommodation, Tamla, College Road. **No objections raised**
 - d. P/2010/00323/JI. Erection of a two storey rear extension, Winfern, Oak Road. **No objections raised**
 - e. Any applications received since publication of the agenda. P/2010/00390/JI. Little Park Farm, Alton Road. **To be passed to Planning Committee**
6. **VITAL VILLAGES/PLAY AREAS/OLD RAILWAY LINE:**
 - a. Review of Parish Plan. Village Hall – report received – a valuer has visited but no progress to report. Old Railway Line – report received – some clearance work undertaken. Traffic calming – several previous committee members not available. Youth fund – committed to Village Hall but will pursue Parish Room. Car parking – to be separate group with Cllr Bednall leading. **Chairman requested group reports based on ‘where/what hoping to achieve/what needs to happen’ by seven days prior to Annual Parish Meeting.**
7. **POST OFFICE HEAD LEASE:** **Deferred until next meeting.**
8. **WEBSITE:** Chairman pursuing.

9. **SANDBAGS:** Cllr Salt offered storage in her garage.
10. **STANDING ORDERS:** Draft to be provided for next meeting.
11. **ROADSIDE SPRING CLEAN:** Sunday 11 April 14.30 – 16.00.
Arrangements finalised.
12. **MARLPIT LANE TO THE WEAVERS FOOTPATH:** Some information on suitable material available.
13. **E.ON STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE:** Details of new contractor circulated. One of Jardine's Lane lamps will need replacing within 3 years.
14. **COMMUNITY PATHS INITIATIVE 2010/1:** Cllr Wright submitting bid towards new walks leaflet.
15. **MOWER FOR LENGTHSMAN:** Clerk to enquire about mower purchased for Robert's Green.
16. **DAMAGE TO COLLEGE ROAD VERGES:** Highways have requested removal of stones protecting verges. Alternative of reflective bollards possible.
Clerk to contact Richard Rayson for advice.
17. **HIGHWAY ISSUES:**
 - a. College Road hedges. Notified for 17c. but some work may have been done already.
 - b. Denstone Lane hollow near Staffordshire Way. Pothole part filled in.
 - c. Neighbourhood Highway team visit 6& 7 April. List of suggested work circulated. No activity on 6 April.
 - d. Highway problem Prestwood. Circulated. **Noted.**
18. **NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM INVITATION 20 APRIL:** Chairman to attend plus one other. [Cllr Payne subsequently agreed to attend].
19. **CORRESPONDENCE:** All items circulated with agenda.
 - a. Protocol between Districts & Parish Councils for handling of complaints. Organisations to consider fund raising events. **Noted**
 - b. Denstone Mobile dates. **Noted**
 - c. NALC Subscribe to DIS or SIS Extra. **Not to subscribe.**
 - d. SCC Mineral Madness Campaign Success. **Noted**
 - e. CPRE Staffordshire Branch AGM 17 April. **No one to attend**
 - f. Com Council of Staffs – Engagement Project. **Noted**
 - g. SPCA Newsletter – March 2010. **Noted**
 - h. Sustainable Staffordshire – Event & AGM 16 April. **No one to attend**

20. CORRESPONDENCE ON THE TABLE TO NOTE: All noted.

- a. ESBC Forward Plan – April to July
- b. NALC Update
- c. CPRE Staffordshire Branch Annual Report 2010.
- d. SCC – Local Transport Plan News February 2010.
- e. West Midlands Leaders Board – Regional Planning: Current and transitional arrangements
- f. 247 Secure – CCTV.
- g. Historic Stone.

21. FINANCE/PAYMENTS:

- a. Internal audit/risk assessment. Revised document circulated. **Noted.**
- b. Financial statement 2009/10. Draft circulated. **Noted.**
- c. Schedule of assets. **Noted**
- d. Appointment of Internal auditor. **Edwin Brindley appointed.**
- e. Annual return 2009/10. Sections 1 & 2 circulated. **Approved and signed.**

To approve the following payments:

- f. E.ON Street lighting maintenance = £56.73+9.93VAT = **£66.66** [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
 - g. SPCA Subscription = £293 + 10 Area Committee? = **£303.00**[Local Government Act 1972 s143]
 - h. Lengthsman (non SCC work) = **£21.00** [Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953 s4]
 - i. Cllr's travelling expenses = **£25.84** [Local Authorities Members Allowances Regulations 2003 s26]
- Total = **£416.50**. All payments proposed Cllr Salt seconded Cllr Edmunds.

22. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

- a. Community Council of Staffordshire membership

23. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: 4 May (Annual Meeting) & 1 June 2010. Annual Parish Meeting 26 April.

The meeting closed at 21.10.

ITEMS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Roadside spring clean – see 11. College Road verges – see 16.