

MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 APRIL 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM

Councillor J Richardson was in the chair. Councillors present: E Edmonds, B Hinton, J Payne, S Ratcliffe, and R Wright. Apologies: J Bednall(work), A Ratcliffe and C Vernon(domestic). Six members of the public were present.

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held on 1 March were approved and signed.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT:**
 - a. Bus shelter Main Road. Wooden shield ready for installation.
 - b. Queen's 2012 Diamond Jubilee. Ongoing. **Next agenda**
 - c. Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge. Passed to Mick Rushton-Butters at a Sports Trust meeting for consideration.
 - d. Neighbourhood Watch. Information to be put on web site.
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. P/2010/01302/EW. Installation of an external flue, Selwyn House, 3 Rowan Close. **Permitted**
 - b. P/2011/00243/EW. Erection of a two storey side extension, Springfields, College Road. **As individual application no objection but if appeal(s) upheld objections on grounds of over development and loss of a parking space.**
 - c. Any applications received since publication of the agenda.

P/2011/00353/EW. Erection of a detached garage/car port, The Rickyard, Alton Road. **No objections to be raised.**
6. **VITAL VILLAGES/PLAY AREAS/OLD RAILWAY LINE:**
 - a. Review of Parish Plan. See 9.
 - b. Royal wedding event. Progressing – invites to go out shortly.
7. **WEBSITE:** Invoices have been sent out. Software still causing a problem – format to be changed. Items ideally Word or jpeg at present.
8. **FOOTPATH FROM MARLPIT LANE TO THE WEAVERS:** Materials purchased – stored at Uttoxeter Quarry.
9. **ISSUES RAISED FOR DISCUSSION WITH CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES:**
 - a. Dropped kerb. Permit approved – letter awaited. **Clerk to pursue suitable contractors**
 - b. To report progress on Church Room. April 12 PCC meeting is AGM.
 - c. Gate from Old Railway Line. No objection from SCC. Some slabs available.
10. **WALKS AROUND DENSTONE LEAFLET:** Awaiting footpath diversion at Denstone College.

11. **DENSTONE SHOW 2011:** Road closure application process started. Site for dog show agreed. Next meeting 12 May
12. **SPRING LITTER PICK:** Will take place on 10 April – 14.00 onwards.
13. **HIGHWAY ISSUES:**
- Traffic problems College Road/Marlpit Lane/Narrow Lane. **Clerk to chase Main Road sign.**
 - Lane between B5030 & B5032 at top of Quixhill. ESBC progressing bollards - should occur in next two months. Requested rubbish to be cleared before.
14. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING:**
- Neighbourhood Wardens. **Clerk to inform Mike Carter of meeting dates.**
15. **CORRESPONDENCE:** All items circulated with agenda.
- Preparing for the unexpected in Staffordshire. **Advice of some value.**
 - Burton Hospitals Scanner Appeal. **Noted**
 - Staffs Police – Uttoxeter Police Station Update. **Noted**
 - Uttoxeter Community Fire Station Drop In Event 15-20 April. **Noted**
16. **CORRESPONDENCE ON THE TABLE TO NOTE:** All noted.
- ESBC Economic Bulletin February 2011 (14 pages available via email)
 - VAST Action February 2011
 - LINK – Bulletin March 2011
 - NALC – It takes all sorts
 - Big Green Fair Whittington 16 April
 - South Staffordshire NHS – Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
17. **FINANCE/PAYMENTS:**
- Financial statement 2010/1. Circulated. **Noted**
 - Schedule of assets. Circulated. **Agreed**
 - Appointment of Internal Auditor. **E Bindley appointed**
 - Annual return 2010/1. Circulated. **Section 1 approved and signed. Section 2 completed and signed.**
 - To consider changes in HMRC requirements for 2011 onwards. **Parish Council to register with HMRC and deduct tax at source. Clerk to be paid three monthly.** Payment for last three months of 2010-1 – see i. below.
To approve the following payments:
 - SPCA Subscription = £293 + 10 Area Committee? = **£303.00**[Local Government Act 1972 s143]
 - Lengthsman (non SCC work) = **£119.50** [Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953 s4]
 - Replacement shrubs for fountain garden = **£43.32** [Open Spaces Act 1906 s10]
 - Clerk's pay (Jan-March) = **£858.50** (see e. above) [LGA 1972 s112]
 - Webmaster March = **£25.00** [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
- Total = **£1349.32**. All payments proposed Cllr S Ratcliffe seconded Cllr Edmunds.
18. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**
- Bulk oil.

**19. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: 17 May (Annual Meeting) & 7 June 2011.
Annual Parish Meeting 26 April.**

The meeting closed at 20.40.

ITEMS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Objections to Springfields planning application – see 5b.