

MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1 APRIL 2014
VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM

Attendees: Cllr C Vernon (in chair), Cllr J Payne (taking minutes), Cllr B Hinton, Cllr E Edmunds, Cllr M Allen, Cllr S Ratcliffe, Cllr S Smith & Cllr P Reid.

Apologies: Cllr B Wright, Borough Cllr C Smith and Clerk E Whitehead

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held on 4 March were approved and signed.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT**
 - a. Accounts with Auditor – to be presented at Annual Meeting 28 April
 - b. Neighbourhood Plan flyer distribution – poster has been put up. Areas and distributors identified. Distribute from 14 April
4. **Adjournment for public participation:** a summary of items raised is shown at the end of the minutes
5. **Planning (Permitted and Refused** are decisions by ESBC)
 - a. **P/2013/01537** Erection of a detached two storey office building with associated car parking & landscaping. **Permitted**
 - b. **P/2014/00057** Conversion of existing domestic garage to form a holiday let with external alterations including installation of a flue and raising of the roof height. Ash Lea, Quixhill Lane, Prestwood. **Refused**
 - c. Any applications received since publication of agenda. Merrylees, Taylors Lane, Stubwood. **No objections raised.**
6. **Denstone Neighbourhood Plan.** Cllr S Ratcliffe will introduce first part of meeting. Corinne O'Hare from ESBC will be in attendance. Hester James offered secretarial support for the project.
7. **Lengthsman Vacancy.** Current postholder has resigned and is working 3 months' notice. Post to be advertised. Ian & Cynthia Gustard agreed to "house" lawnmower. Ongoing
8. **Ryecroft School.** Headmaster to be approached for a formal update for each Parish Council meeting. Ongoing.
9. **Post Office.** Cllr Vernon to speak to Post Office representative about timescales. Ongoing.
10. **Best Kept Village.** Litter Pick to be organized – Cllr Payne to speak to Jenny Richardson. Rupert Evans had offered to provide a planter for the edges of the village. Decided there could be maintenance issues, but to investigate other options and thanks expressed for this offer. Ongoing.
11. **Dog Waste on Farmland.** Cllr Vernon will investigate sources of a poster explaining the danger dog waste poses to livestock. Ongoing.
12. **Dog Waste Bins.** Person who has been emptying this has been unable to due to family circumstances. Cllr Vernon will empty for time being. Two new bins have been ordered and will be fixed to Play Area fence. Ongoing.
13. **Donation of bench to village.** Relatives of Margaret Bleything have donated this. Agreed to put this on the triangle of land at the end of Marlpit Lane. Ongoing.
14. **Social Media for the Village.** Decided Facebook too informal. Encourage people to update website on regular basis. Ongoing.
15. **New street light on Aiton Road junction.** Ongoing.
16. **Emergency Plan for village.** Ongoing.

17. Highway Issues:

- a. Traffic issues – speed limits. Mark Snape to be approached by Cllr Allen re 20mph limit for village as a whole. Chris Mitchell to be contacted by Clerk on same subject. Ongoing.
- b. Potholes & drainage issues in the village. Alton Road just before Art Gallery – deep pothole in middle of road. All other potholes which have been notified have been reported. Ongoing.
Cllr Allen gave an overview of her recent attendance at a briefing for Parish Councils by SCC Highways.

18. Neighbourhood Working:

- a. Neighbourhood Forum – Sara Botham to visit site of proposed Community Orchard in May to meet parishioner who proposed project and Cllr Payne. Ongoing.
- b. Railway Platform Project – funds received for this. Ongoing.

19. Correspondence: letter circulated with agenda noted.

20. Correspondence on table: None.

21. Finance/Payments

Following payments agreed and approved where appropriate:

- a. Webmaster March = **£25.00** [7.99 LGA 1972 s142 & 144] (SR/EE)
- b. E-on Public Lighting – Clerk is disputing this invoice with E-on
- c. Non SCC/Lengthsman duties March 2014. None but Cllr Hinton to talk to Clerk re this.
- d. SCC 4th Quarter Lengthsman payment – Cllr Hinton to talk to Clerk re this
- e. Clerk's pay March 2014 = **£290.00** [LGA 1972 s112] (BH/SR)
- f. Clerk's expenses (Lengthsman equipment) (BH/SR)

22. Items for future agenda

Denstone Show/Village Hall Car Park Gardens/Rota for Village Hall Toilet cleaning

23. Dates of next meetings: 28 April Annual Parish Meeting at 6 p.m. Parish Council meeting 6 May

The meeting closed at 20.40

ITEMS RAISED DURING THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD: Update on Stubwood traffic issues from Hester James. Steering group has met and produced suggestions/action plan/petition. Action plan to be sent to key decision makers.

Missing bollard above Village Shop.

Barbed wire in Bowls Club hedge next to the footpath. Member of public asked that the law surrounding this be investigated and landlord contacted if appropriate.