

Minutes of the Denstone Parish Council meeting held on the 5 April 2016

1. **Attendees:** Cllr J Payne (in chair), Cllr B Hinton, Cllr S Ratcliffe, Cllr R Wright, Cllr C Podmore, Councillor S Smith, and borough Councillor C Smith. **Apologies** Cllr E Edmonds.
2. The minutes of the meeting of the 1st March 2016 were approved and signed by Cllr Payne.
3. Declaration of interest. Councillor S Smith declared interest in item 4F.
4. Matters Arising/ Clerk's report
 - a. Code of Conduct for signature – Clerk brought a copy of the code of conduct and it was signed by Cllr Payne and Cllr Hinton. Cllr Payne requested that this be put on the website.
 - b. Councillor Vacancy- the clerk informed the meeting that she had received 2 applications for the 2 vacancies of Parish Councillors. Mrs K Stratton and Mr P Robotham. It was a unanimous decision to co-opt both members onto the council. Mrs Stratton was present and made a brief introduction to the meeting.
 - c. Councillors to appeal planning decisions – The clerk advised the meeting that there was an on-line petition for Cllr's to sign if they wish. Website supplied to all.
5. Adjournment for public participation
 - a. A tree has fallen over onto the pavement next to the school. Clerk to contact Western Powers.
 - b. The lay-by at the old vicarage is covered in leaves. Clerk to report.
 - c. The drain at the bottom of Muddy Lane is blocked. Clerk to report.
 - d. The drain at Stubwood Hollow is blocked. Clerk to report.
 - e. Tesco are giving funding could this possibly be used for the 3rd Defibrillator. Clerk to investigate and report back.
 - f. 12 new cattle signs are required for the village.
6. Planning (Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC)
 - a. P/2016/00301 - Dale Gap Farm Barrowhill Rocester Staffordshire ST145BX No objections
 - b. P/2016/00081 - 13 Hawthorn Close Denstone Staffordshire ST14 5HB No objections
 - c. P/2016/00022 - Erection of a detached car port Hillcrest cottage Alton Road permitted
 - d. P/2016/00178 – Erection of a summer house Parkbrook lodge Hollington Rd permitted
 - e. P/2016/00166 – Erection of single storey detached building to form a Golf Practice Centre JCB – Clerk to ask for an extension. Cllr Ratcliffe to ask James Ingestre from JCB to come and talk to the Parish Council.
7. Denstone Show. Cllr Hinton informed the meeting that they have lots of ideas for the show but require more helpers to be able to put them into practise. More

volunteers required. A suggestion was to put a notice on the notice board and website. Clerk to action.

8. Best Kept Village – clerk informed the meeting that the application had been sent in and she would like to thank Cllr Wright and Jean Wright for their help in providing the map. Cllr Payne informed the meeting that the children were doing the posters again this year it was suggested that the posters be A4 size.
9. Grit Bins – Clerk informed the meeting that the assessments had been done on Croft Stead Avenue and Taylors Lane Stubwood. These were both declined. Cllr C Smith to have a word to see if anything can be done. Cllr Podmore asked could the grit Bin be moved into the village hall car park. Cllr S Smith said that he would raise it at the next village hall meeting.
10. WASP Funding. Updated
11. 2nd Defibrillator – Clerk to check to see if we have enough money for 2nd Defibrillator. If so place the order.
12. Notice Boards in the village. Cllr S Smith brought the notice boards for Cllr Edmonds to look at.
13. Neighbourhood Funding. No update
14. Bus Shelter – invoice raised on agenda for payment.
15. Rocester New School - Cllr Payne informed the meeting that there had been a further meeting with the SCC regarding the walk way to the new school. Ben Adams was to talk to JCB and report back to Ruth. Clerk asked to chase Mr Adams for a reply. Further meeting required with the SCC for an update as its less than 5 months to the opening of the school.
16. Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Payne informed the meeting that the draft plan was almost complete and there would be another news letter and questionnaire shortly. Copy of the plan to go to all Parish Councillors by the 12th April 2016. The Chairman of the NP Steering Group would give an update at the Parish Council Annual meeting on the 25th April.
17. Dog Control order sign for Old Railway Line + dog fouling signs. Clerk informed the meeting that the posters for dog fouling had arrived.
18. The Post Office. Cllr S Smith informed the meeting that everything was moving forward successfully.
19. Tree sculpture. The clerk read out a statement from the member of the public with regards to the positioning of the sculpture. It was agreed that the position of the sculpture was in the minutes of the 6th October. However it did not have to be a bench it could be just a sculpture of woodland animals. The Parish Council were open to any other suggestions. Clerk to reply to the parishioner explaining this.
20. Village Hall committee member. Cllr S Smith stated that the village hall had commented that the door on the defibrillator box was not shutting. Cllr Payne informed the meeting that this had now been fixed.
21. Emergency Plan for village. Clerk to send new Emergency plan format to Cllr Ratcliffe.
22. Stubwood Hollow – Cllr Edmonds to pursue SCC regarding to the route to the proposed site.
23. Parking in Marlpit Lane. Moved to the next agenda
24. Pavements in Marlpit Lane. Moved to the next agenda

25. Annual License for Oak Road Play Area – New license signed by Cllr Payne.
26. Village log seat. See item 19.
27. Highway Issues
 - a. Traffic issues & Stubwood sub-committee. To update.
 - b. Potholes & drainage issues in the village. Already been raised in item 5.
 - c. Footpaths. To update
28. Neighbourhood Working
 - a. Neighbourhood Forum. No update
29. Finance/Payments

To approve the following payments:

 - a. Webmaster March 2016 = £25.00 [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
 - b. Lengthsman payment Non SCC for March 2016 =£155.00 [LGA 2000 s111]
 - c. Clerk's pay for March 2016 = £314.83 [LGA 1972 s112]
 - d. Clerk's expenses for March 2016 = £9.00 (LGA 1972 s111)
 - e. Eon Lighting March = £11.80 [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
 - f. Clive Keble for Neighbourhood Plan March 2016= £715.50
 - g. SPCA Subscription = £293.00
 - h. Lisa Wright cleaning of toilets in Village Hall =£40.00
 - i. Bus Shelter = £395.00
 - j. Gardeners 111+ 1/4 hours =£
 - k. Play Area Inspection - P Rowbottom 9.2.16-9.2.17 =£312.00
 - l. WI Hoops for picking litter =£74.00
 - m. Annual Licence for Oak Road Play area =£50.00
 - n. Expenses for Defibrillator training coffee J Payne = £6.57

Items for Future Agenda

1. **Dates of next meetings:** Annual Meeting 25th April, 3rd May