

Minutes of the Denstone Parish Council meeting held on the 4th April 2017

1. **Attendees:** Cllr J Payne (in chair), Cllr B Hinton, Cllr E Edmonds, Cllr P Robotham, Cllr S Ratcliffe. **Apologies** Cllr C Podmore, Cllr R Wright, Cllr K Stratton, Cllr S Smith and Borough Councillor C Smith.
2. The minutes of the meeting of the 7th March 2017 were amended to add Memorial Sports to item 15. They were then approved by all, and were signed by Cllr Payne
3. There were no declarations of interest raised.
4. Matters Arising/Clerk's report
 - a. Sun & Soil update – Clerk informed the meeting that she had not heard anything further but would continue to pursue.
 - b. SPCA Bulletin - noted
 - c. Lengthsman invoices. The clerk informed the meeting that Sam Bailey would submit invoices for work carried out in his absence when he returned.
 - d. Internal Audit 2017 – It was agreed that Jeffery Malyon would carry out the internal audit for the Parish Council.
 - e. Land off Oak Road – In view of the Neighbourhood Plan the Parish Council would not be in favour of a footpath. Cllr Payne to forward details to clerk for her reply.
 - f. School SID Programme – The clerk informed the meeting that the SIDs will be placed in the most appropriate position, ensuring minimum disruption to local residents wherever possible. Temporary warning signs will also be erected to alert drivers about the advisory 20mph in the vicinity of the school. The SIDs will operate between 08.15 – 09.00am and 14.45 – 16.00 on school days and will be operational from Monday 24 April 2017.
 - g. Jubilee Plaque – David Boden brought the Jubilee plaque to the meeting. He confirmed that he would take responsibility for installing the plaque near the wood carving at the entrance to the village. It was agreed that it would be a good idea not to place it too close to the carving. The Parish Council thanked David Boden.
 - h. SPCA Annual Subscription – It was agreed that the annual subscription would be paid.
5. Adjournment for public participation
 - a. Philip Harding from Churnet Valley Joinery informed the meeting that he is going to submit a further planning application to ESBC in a couple of months. Mr Harding stated that Oliver's Green was unsuitable but the new application would be to move the work shop into the field above Oliver's Green, he invited any Councillor to come and walk around the site if they wish. Cllr Payne brought up the situation of noise being a factor. Mr Harding to send electronic copy of site to the clerk.
 - b. Drainage on Muddy Lane – David Boden raised the problem with drainage on Muddy lane. Clerk to contact SCC.
 - c. Cars parking at the school. David Boden raised the problem of cars parking outside the school. He said that he would like the support of the Parish Council in contacting the school governors.

- d. Stubwood Hollow – David Boden informed the meeting that 2 chambers were filled with water, Cllr Ratcliffe confirmed that he would ask JCB to have a look.
- 6. Planning (Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC)
 - a. Manor House Farm, Quixhill Lane, Prestwood, Staffordshire, ST14 5DD – this was refused by ESBC.
- 7. Denstone Diary – Cllr Edmonds advised the meeting that all the advertising has now been sold and sponsorship has also been obtained from Denstone College.
- 8. BKV – The children’s posters will be judged at the end of meeting. Clerk to laminate.

It was agreed that the litter pick would go ahead for the 29th April. Clerk to produce a poster and to include that we recommend you wear a high viz jacket. Clerk also to contact the insurers and increase the volunteers on the policy to 40. It was raised that there was a lot of rubbish at the back of the Village Hall. Clerk to contact Cllr S Smith to raise at the next Village Hall meeting.
- 9. Denstone Show – The meeting of the show committee has resumed. Discussions of what attractions will be at the show and prizes for the raffle are in progress. There is however a problem with the labour of putting up the marques. It was agreed to raise this again nearer the time. The date of the show is the 2nd September 2017.
- 10. Fencing on Lady Meadow Bridge – Clerk to contact Highways England regarding the top rail of the righthand side of the wooden fence. Cllr Edmonds to pass the clerk the number of the bridge.
- 11. 2nd Defibrillator – It was agreed that Len Woodward would install the defibrillator at Stubwood. Cllr Payne would email Simon Poole and ask for the defibrillator to be brought to her. Clerk then to contact Len to install. A sign will be needed for the telephone box, and training will also need to be arranged again. Cllr Payne to contact the trainers that came last time.
- 12. Rocester New School – Updated.
- 13. Village Hall committee member. Nothing to update
- 14. Emergency Plan for village – Updated – clerk to ask ESBC for an electronic copy of the NP and send to Cllr Ratcliffe.
- 15. Oak Road Play area – The clerk announced that the go ahead had been given from the Tom Boden Memorial Sports Trust to resurface the play area as long as the new surface was porous.
- 16. War memorial repairs – Cllr Hinton confirmed that Malcolm Adams was going to remove the posts, John Jilbert would remove the chains, once removed they will be cleaned and painted Cllr Hinton to arrange. The new posts will be started by Churnet Valley Joinery after Easter. Cllr Hinton left a message for Dennis Parker asking him to update the British Legion.
- 17. New Noticeboard – This will now be fitted after Easter.
- 18. Hawthorn Trees – Clerk informed the meeting that she was still waiting to hear from SCC regarding the trees.
- 19. Highway Issues
 - a. Traffic issues & Stubwood sub-committee – Cllr Edmonds to meet with someone from the highways team. Tim Buxton has been sent a copy of the drawing detailing the wish list as agreed at the meeting on 7th March. Cllr Edmonds has suggested a

- site meeting. Philip Harding to send data to the clerk from traffic speed survey that was carried out from the 10th to 16th March inclusive.
- b. Potholes & drainage issues in the village – The pot hole at the bottom of Narrow Lane has still not been done it is now 6” deep. Clerk to chase. Gully’s also need cleaning at the bottom of Narrow Lane. Clerk to contact SCC.
 - c. Footpaths – clerk to contact the ranger regarding the old railway footpath.
20. Finance/Payments – Proposed by Cllr Ratcliffe and seconded by Cllr Hinton.
- a. To approve the following payments:
 - b. Webmaster March 2017 = £25.00 [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
 - c. Lengthsman payment Non-SCC for March 2017 =£90.00 [LGA 2000 s111]
 - d. Clerk’s pay for March 2017 = £314.83 [LGA 1972 s112]
 - e. Clerk’s expenses for March 2017 =£33.87 (LGA 1972 s111)
 - f. Eon Lighting March 2017= £13.24 [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
 - g. Lisa Wright cleaning of toilets in Village Hall March 2017 = £51.99
 - h. Lengthsman – service of machines = £209.64
 - i. Gardener John Jilbert = £545.40
 - j. SPCA – Annual Subscription - £296.00

Items for Future Agenda

- a. Noticeboard at Stubwood
 - b. Painting inside of the gates on both Teenage and Junior play areas
 - c. Community work for people on probation
1. **Dates of next meetings:** 24 April (Annual Meeting), 2 May, 6 June 2017