

**MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 AUGUST 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM**

Councillor J Richardson was in the chair. Councillors present: B Hinton, J Payne, C Salt and R Wright. Apologies: E Edmonds (holiday), A Ratcliffe (holiday) and S Ratcliffe (holiday). No members of the public were present.

1. **MINUTES:** with the change of '6a & 6b to 5a & 5b' respectively under Public Participation the minutes of the meeting held on 6 July were approved and signed.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT:**
  - a. Community Speedwatch update. A number of sessions have taken place.
  - b. Insurance value of war memorial. Denstone College use same insurers as the Council. **Clerk to pursue stonemason.**
  - c. All Saints Church – Scarecrow festival 17/18 July. Successful. Cllr A Ratcliffe thanked for making scarecrow.
  - d. Denstone Show 2011. **Meeting to be held at 20.00 on Thursday 30 September in the Village Hall.**
  - e. New cllr training – 12 July. Cllr Hinton attended - useful.
  - f. Muddy Lane bridlepath. No request to pursue. **Discharged.**
  - g. Teen play area. Repair and Annual inspection 14 July. **To consider suggestion of timber treatment next meeting.**
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/2010/00803/EW. Erection of a single storey side extension, Bankhouse Farm, Oak Road. **No objections raised**
  - b. P/2010/00914/JI. Erection of a detached dwelling, detached double garage and alterations to vehicular access (Revised Scheme), The Rick Yard, Alton Road. **No objections to be raised.**
  - c. Any applications received since publication of the agenda. **None**
6. **VITAL VILLAGES/PLAY AREAS/OLD RAILWAY LINE:**
  - a. Review of Parish Plan. Action plans required by August meeting. Village Hall/Parking – Cllr Bednall, Parish Room – Cllr Payne. Old Railway Line – Cllr Wright. Traffic Calming – Cllr Salt/Edmunds. **Cllrs Payne & Wright to forward drafts to Chairman. Chairman to chase rest.**
  - b. Working group to progress Village Hall. Some potential members have been approached.
7. **POST OFFICE HEAD LEASE:** Progress being made on draft.

**8. WEBSITE:** Agreed to pay £25 for August plus the cost of hosting and renewing domain name. Chairman to approach webmaster about a meeting concerning a longer term solution

**9. FOOTPATH FROM MARLPIT LANE TO THE WEAVERS:** No response re potential grants. **Clerk to pursue.**

**10. ISSUES RAISED FOR DISCUSSION WITH CHURCH**

**REPRESENTATIVES:** Initial costs for dropped kerb - £170 planning permission and £100 'Permit to dig' application plus £200 when work carried out. **Clerk to complete forms for payment authorisation at next meeting.** No feedback from July 20 PCC meeting.

**11. BEST KEPT VILLAGE PRESENTATION EVENING 2 AUGUST:** Denstone & Stubwood 3rd. **Cllrs to consider areas of the village which could be improved.** More hand litterpickers are required.

**12. ESBC – CONSULTATION ON NEW EXECUTIVE**

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Circulated. Agreed current arrangements of strong leader favoured on grounds of cost and against referendum for similar reason. **Clerk to respond.**

**13. SCC/SPCA LIAISON MEETING 27 SEPTEMBER:** At Queen Street Centre in Burton – attendee(s) required.

**14. HIGHWAY ISSUES:**

- a. Response on issues submitted for Neighbourhood Highway team visit/Change in Liaison Officer to Mrs Sam Griffiths. Latter noted. **Cllrs to feed any items for September visit to clerk.**
- b. Flooding survey. Circulated. Agreed to notify area on College Road, road over Lady Meadow Bridge and B5032 by River Churnet bridge. **Clerk to respond.**
- c. Parish Highway Survey feedback. Circulated. **Noted.**
- d. Any other items. **None.**

**15. NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING:**

- a. Report on 21 July meeting. Chairman & Cllr Payne reported.
- b. Terms of reference/constitution. Circulated. **Noted.**

**16. CORRESPONDENCE:** All items circulated with agenda.

- a. SCC Local Council Day – 4 October. **Chairman plus one other to attend.**
- b. SPCA Newsletter June 2010. Circulated last meeting. **Noted**

**17. CORRESPONDENCE ON THE TABLE TO NOTE:** All noted.

- a. ESBC Forward Plan – August to November
- b. DCLG – Draft Structural Reform Plan
- c. Donna Louise Trust – Summer newsletter

**18. FINANCE/PAYMENTS:**

- a. Replacement cheque signatory. **Completed.**
- b. External audit completed. **No issues raised.**

To approve the following payments:

- c. Data protection registration = **£35.00** [Data Protection Act 1998]
- d. Streetlight electricity = £36.80 +6.45VAT = **£43.25** [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
- e. Post Office Elec Stdg Charge (Apr-Jun) = **£35.02** [LGA 1972 s137]
- f. Webmaster = £25(July) +33.49(domain name renewal 2yrs, hosting 1yr) = **£58.49** (see 8) [ LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
- g. Land registry fees = 3 x £40 = **£120.00** [LGA 1972 s111]
- h. Cllr's travelling expenses = **£24.70** [Local Authorities Members Allowances Regulations 2003 s26]

Total = **£316.46** (+f). All payments proposed Cllr Payne seconded Cllr Wright.

**19. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**

- a. Teen play area. Timber treatment

**20. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: 7 September & 5 October 2010.**

The meeting closed at 20.30.

**ITEMS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD**

None.