

MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2 AUGUST 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Councillor J Richardson was in the chair. Councillors present: J Bednall, E Edmonds, B Hinton, J Payne, S Ratcliffe, C Vernon and R Wright and Borough Cllr C Smith. Apologies: T Swinson (domestic). Fourteen members of the public were present.

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held on 5 July were approved and signed.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT:**
 - a. Queen's 2012 Diamond Jubilee. Letter on beacons circulated. **Agreed not to have beacon.**
 - b. Training for new cllr. Information with Cllr Swinson.
 - c. Notice boards. Now tidy. **Discharged** .
 - d. Teen Play Area maintenance contract. Response from Playquest circulated. **RoSPA to be asked for inspection details.**
 - e. Proposed diversion of part of Public Footpath 13 & 22 (Denstone College). Response copied to Denstone College.
 - f. Emergency services – response from Andy Mason. Email from Andy Mason circulated. **Noted**
 - g. Best Kept Village 2011 results. Denstone & Stubwood joint second with Bramshall. Marchington 1st.
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/2011/00811/JI. Erection of a wind turbine with a hub height of 15.4m, Manor House Farm, Quixhill Lane. **No objections to be raised**
 - b. Any applications received since publication of the agenda. Three see below.
 - c. P/2011/00837/EW. Erection of a single storey front, side and rear extension to form a granny annexe including erection of a conservatory, erection of a two storey front extension to form car port with storage above, erection of a single storey front extension to form lobby and porch and re-siting of existing horse walker, Denstone Stud, Hall Riddings, College Road. **No objections to be raised**
 - d. P/2011/00841/JI. Erection of a detached building to form stable block and machinery store, Birch House Farm, College Road. **No objections to be raised - comment on restriction of further development**
 - e. P/2011/00865/JI. Formation of a slurry lagoon, Alverton Hall Farm. Alton Road. **No objections to be raised**
6. **VITAL VILLAGES/PLAY AREAS/OLD RAILWAY LINE:**
 - a. Review of Parish Plan. See 9.
7. **WEBSITE:** New site under development. **Clerk to circulate domain name for feedback.** To change to different host in September. **Agreed – minutes archive to be limited to 12 months. Clerk to arrange update of Village Hall charges and Community Transport.**

8. **FOOTPATH FROM MARLPIT LANE TO THE WEAVERS:** Has been raised with Andy Mason. Sudbury prison or Community Payback to be considered.
9. **ISSUES RAISED FOR DISCUSSION WITH CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES:**
- a. Dropped kerb. Lowest quote now includes additional tarmac. **Agreed work should now include removal of hedge etc as per other quotes. Clerk to progress at cost not exceeding second quote.**
 - b. To report progress on Church Room. Proposals on making building watertight to be put to PCC meeting on 9 August.
 - c. Gate from Old Railway Line. Complete – thanks to Cllr Wright & Mr Gustard.
10. **WALKS AROUND DENSTONE LEAFLET:** Likely cost £700-800 – to seek donations from B&Bs when ready.
11. **DENSTONE SHOW 2011:** Road closure and insurance applied for. Meeting 4 August. 18 programme advertisers agreed. **Agreed – Parish Council will pay for items in advance of income being received.**
12. **MEETING WITH JCB ON 20 JULY CONCERNING NOISE AND EMPLOYEE TRAFFIC:** Successful meeting. JCB to seek planning permission for dense bund alongside Stubwood Lane. Peter Davies, JCB to be contact for poor employee driving behaviour. **Traffic Calming Group to be reformed – initial members Cllrs Vernon (chair), Edmunds and Hinton plus three Stubwood residents. Peter Davies to be invited to join.**
13. **NPOWER ELECTRICITY TARIFF INCREASES AND CHANGE TO E.ON:** Switch blocked. Clerk to write letter of complaint. **Agreed to only pay energy charges on current bill (see 26d).**
14. **WAR MEMORIAL MAINTENANCE:** Ongoing.
15. **SITES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Letter from ESBC circulated. **Clerk to inform ESBC of support for report recommendations.** Update on progress with sites given.
16. **SMART WATER:** Police reviewing stance.
17. **ESBC. CURRENT POSITION REGARDING PLANNING POLICY ON HOUSING REQUIREMENTS – INFORMATION FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS:** Circulated. Borough Cllr Smith gave a brief overview.
18. **SCC/SPCA EAST STAFFS ANNUAL LIAISON MEETING BURTON 8 SEPTEMBER:** **Chairman to attend.**
19. **PROPOSAL TO EMPOWER LOCAL COUNCILS:** Circulated. Determined too late to register support – **Noted.**

20. **PILOT PROJECT – INVITATION TO REGISTER:** Circulated by email. Council has registered.

21. **JUNIOR PLAY AREA – INSURANCE:** Representatives of Tom Boden Memorial Sports trust and Denstone Youth Fund to meet with NFU to resolve insurance issue. Denstone Youth Fund to reopen Play Area.

22. **HIGHWAY ISSUES:**

- a. Traffic problems College Road/Marlpit Lane/Narrow Lane. **Clerk to raise issue again with County Cllr.** Problems with College construction traffic using Marlpit Lane/Narrow Lane and getting stuck. **Bursar to be contacted.**
- b. Neighbourhood Highway Team visits. Greenfields dropped kerb has been done. **Clerk to acknowledge.**
- c. Speed of traffic on College Road. **Letter to Denstone College outstanding.**

23. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING:**

- a. Neighbourhood Forum 18 July. New rules on funding – one project per ward. **To propose improvement of Old Railway Line surface.**
- b. Neighbourhood News – July 2011. Circulated. **Noted.**

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

- a. ESBC – Code of Conduct/NALC Legal briefing. **Training not required**

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

- a. NALC – The Localism Bill – Progress so far
- b. SLCC – Proposal for alliance/merger with NALC
- c. Halfrida House Uttoxeter
- d. LINK Bulletin – June/July 2011

26. **FINANCE/PAYMENTS:**

a.

To approve the following payments:

- b. Junior Play Area Annual Inspection = **£114.00** [Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19]
 - c. Data protection registration = **£35.00** [Data Protection Act 1998]
 - d. Streetlight electricity (Apr - Jun) = £51.05 + 10.21VAT = **£61.26** (see 13)[Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
 - e. Post Office Elec Stdg Charge = **£34.35** [LGA 1972 s137]
 - f. Post Office alarm maintenance (Jul 10 – Jul 11) = **£160.00** [LGA 1972 s137]
 - g. Webmaster July = **£35.00** [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
 - h. Audit Commission = £135 + 27VAT = **£162.00** [Audit Commission Act 1998]
- Total = **£601.61**. All payments proposed Cllr Ratcliffe seconded Cllr Edmunds.

27. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**

- a. College Road hedges,

28. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:** 6 September & 4 October 2011

The meeting closed at 21.40.

ITEMS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Junior Play Area insurance and closure. Representations by members of Tom Boden Memorial Sports Trust and Denstone Youth Fund over trustee cover and reasons for temporary closure – see 21.

150 years of All Saints church – celebration to be held on July 14 2012 at Quixhill.

Cllr Hinton to provide list of village organisations.

Fence on vicarage lawn. **Clerk to check if planning permission is required.**