

**MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM**

Councillor J Richardson was in the chair. Councillors present: E Edmonds, B Hinton, J Payne, S Ratcliffe, C Salt and R Wright. Apologies: A Ratcliffe (weather). Seven members of the public were present.

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held on 2 November were approved and signed.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT:**
  - a. SPCA AGM & Conference 13 November. Clerk reported on affordable housing, transport, Big Society and approval of a revised constitution.
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/2010/01237/JI. Change of use of former school playground to a car park and formation of a new vehicular access, Land in front of School House & Church Room, Main Road. **Refused** (see 10a)
  - b. P/2010/01289/EW. Erection of a part two storey, part single storey rear extension, Little Park Farm, Alton Road. **Permitted**
  - c. P/2010/01318/JI. Erection of a two storey classroom block, Denstone College. **No objections raised**
  - d. P/2010/01319/JI. Demolition of existing changing room and groundsman's building to facilitate the erection of a two storey classroom block, Denstone College. **No objections raised**
  - e. P/2010/01329/JI. Erection of a new sports pavilion with changing rooms, Denstone College. **No objections raised**
  - f. P/2010/01345/JI. Erection of dwelling, alterations to vehicular access and widening pavement (Amended scheme), Springfields, College Road. Planning Committee comments circulated. **Agreed to raise objections based on closeness to neighbour, access, street scene.**
  - g. P/2010/01349/EW. Change of use of part of Dwellinghouse to form Gallery for the display of Sculptures (Classes A1 and D1) and Tea Room (Class A3), Willow Bank, Alton Road. **No objections to be raised – comment on access.**
  - h. Any applications received since publication of the agenda. See below
  - i. P/2010/01394/JI(PA) & 01395/JI(LB). Erection of first floor extension, Barrow Hill Hall. **Delegated to Planning Committee**
6. **VITAL VILLAGES/PLAY AREAS/OLD RAILWAY LINE:**
  - a. Review of Parish Plan. Parish/Church Room – see 10a. Old Railway Line – proposal for a gate to church being pursued. Parking – to await outcome of Parish Room area before making separate project.
  - b. Big Lottery Fund - Reaching communities – Community Building\* Programme. Circulated for information. **Noted.**

7. **POST OFFICE HEAD LEASE:** Response expected shortly.
8. **WEBSITE:** Clerk to provide Webmaster with details of business payments and copy of a sample invoice. Cllr Wright to provide information for updating the site.
9. **FOOTPATH FROM MARLPIT LANE TO THE WEAVERS:**  
Neighbourhood Working funding for £470 has been approved.
10. **ISSUES RAISED FOR DISCUSSION WITH CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES:**
  - a. To report progress on planning application. Initial application refused – resubmission made with revised visibility splays and parking detail to be agreed.
  - b. To report progress on Parish Room. Andy Mason, Neighbourhood Coordinator, progressing removal of toilets. **Agreed to await planning permission before pursuing Parish Room further.**
11. **DENSTONE HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY REPORT:** Suggested January dates for walk and request for ‘Google earth’ photos to be communicated to Miles King.
12. **WALKS AROUND DENSTONE LEAFLET:** Still awaiting comments.
13. **JUBILEE TREE AT B5031/5032 JUNCTION:** Cllrs S Ratcliffe & Edmunds to provide tree surgeon contacts in order for a report to be obtained on its condition. SCC Highways are working on plans to improve junction.
14. **POST OFFICE SECURITY:** Payment for repairs to gate at rear (see 20i). Resident to arrange Crime Prevention report on need for camera.
15. **HIGHWAY ISSUES:**
  - a. Traffic problems College Road/Marlpit Lane/Narrow Lane. Meeting held with Richard Rayson & Trevor Mellor on 6 December. **Clerk to respond agreeing to proposed signage to alleviate Alton Towers traffic problems on these roads but asking for provision of sign at bottom of Narrow Lane to be reconsidered. Clerk to write to Alton Towers requesting for permission to have a ‘No route to Alton Towers’ sign at entrance to College Road.** Other measures required to be a County Cllr sponsored project. **Clerk to inform County Cllr of problem to be addressed.**
  - b. SCC Grit bins. Circulated. Only one has been provided. **Clerk to approach Neighbourhood Coordinator re others.**
  - c. NALC – Responsibilities for clearing snow & ice on highways. Circulated. **Noted.**
  - d. Request for dropped kerbs on Alton Road, Greenfields entrance. **Agreed to approach Highways.**
16. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING:**
  - a. Staffordshire Cares. Location for information. **To propose Post Office.**

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

- a. NALC New mileage rates/Local Government & Public Health Act 2007. **Noted.**
- b. South Staffs Network for Mental Health – Rural Well-Being Project.

**Mrs Wright agreed to be contact.**

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

- a. ESBC Forward Plan – December to March
- b. ESBC Christmas arrangements
- c. ESCVS Volunteer Centre Burton
- d. Unity Trust Bank
- e. CPRE Countryside Voice Winter 2010/Gift catalogue
- f. CPRE Fieldwork December 2010
- g. West Midlands Councils

**19. FINANCE/PAYMENTS:**

- a. Expenditure vs Budget 3rd Qtr. Circulated. **Noted**
- b. Budget & precept for 2011/12. Preliminary circulated and discussed. **To be finalised next meeting.**

To approve the following payments:

- c. Ground rent Stubwood bus shelter (5 years from May 2009) = **£5.00** [Parish Councils Act 1957 s1]
  - d. Clerk's pay (6mths) + expenses (3mths) = £1717 + 200.54(72.40VV2, 21.69VAT) = **£1917.54** [LGA 1972 s112]
  - e. E.ON Street lighting maintenance = £59.13+10.35VAT = **£69.48** [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
  - f. Lengthsman 3rd Qtr = **£174.25** [Local Government Act 2000 s19]
  - g. Village Hall donation = £40(2nd half 2010 heating & lighting) +154(toilet 1/7 to 31/12) = **£194.00** [LGA 1972 s133, Public Health Act 1936 s87]
  - h. Webmaster November = **£25.00** [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
  - i. Post Office gate repairs = **£20.47** [LGA 1972 s137]
  - j. SPCA AGM lunch = **£10.00** [LGA 1972 s111]
  - k. Land Registry fees = 2 x £40 = **£80.00** (Replaces payment authorised August 2010) [LGA 1972 s111]
- Total = **£2495.74**. All payments proposed Cllr S Ratcliffe seconded Cllr Edmunds.

**20. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**

- a. Parish Council responsibility for Denstone Show.
- b. Land for affordable housing

**21. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:** 4 January & 1 February 2011.

The meeting closed at 20.55.

**ITEMS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD**

Springfields planning application – see 5f.