

Minutes of the Denstone Parish Council meeting held on the 6th December 2016

1. **Attendees:** Cllr J Payne (in chair), Cllr B Hinton, Cllr R Wright, Cllr E Edmonds, Cllr S Ratcliffe, Cllr S Smith and Cllr K Stratton. **Apologies** Cllr Podmore and Cllr P Robotham.
2. The minutes of the meeting of the 1st November 2016 were approved by all, and were signed by Cllr Payne.
3. There were declarations of interest from Cllr Hinton on planning 7a and 7b.
4. Lengthsman – Cllr Payne passed to the clerk a letter of resignation from Sam Bailey the Lengthsman. Sam will be with us until the end of February 2017. Cllr Payne on behalf of the Parish Council thanked Sam for all the hard work that he has done for the village. Clerk to advertise the position as soon as possible with an end date of the 8.01.17.
5. Matters Arising/Clerk's report
 - a. Precept 2017/18 – It was discussed and it was agreed by all that the precept would be increased by 2% to £14,488.00 for 2017/8.
 - b. SID's update – Clerk to invite Timothy Buxton to meet with Cllr Edwards at 8.30 am on a date convenient to both parties. Cllr Edwards took information from the clerk with regards to OST technology.
 - c. Village Hall Tables & lights – It was agreed that the Parish Council would donate £50.00 as a one-off payment towards the village lights. Clerk to write to the village hall and ask what their thoughts are going forward for future funding.
 - d. Sun & Soil update – Clerk to contact Sun & Soil again and ask would it be possible to give a small amount to the Stubwood project as a goodwill gesture.
6. Adjournment for public
 - a. Speeding in the village – it was agreed that this could be covered by item 5b
7. Planning (Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC)
 - a. P/2016/10561 – Denstone College – Erection of an attached accommodation block – no objections
 - b. P/2016/01564 – Denstone College – Listed building application – no objections
8. Denstone Show – The accounts have now been finalised and the total profit from the show is £652.52. This will be put towards the refurbishment of the war memorial in the village. Next year's show will be held on the 2.9.17.
9. Best Kept Village - Updated
10. Grit Bins – Updated
11. 2nd Defibrillator – It was agreed to go with AED Donate for the 2nd defibrillator. Clerk to chase electrician regarding the installation.
12. Rocester New School – Clerk to email Alfia Cox with regards where they are with the planning application.
13. Neighbourhood Plan – The draft plan went to the Independent Examiner the outcome was better than was anticipated. A tremendous amount of work has been put into the draft plan, if the village vote for it, it will increase the power

that the Parish Council has when it comes to planning. A newsletter will be going out to all in the New Year.

14. The Post Office – Cllr C Smith informed the meeting that he was confident that the sale of the shop would be completed before Christmas.
15. Village Hall committee member. Updated
16. Emergency Plan for village – Still on going.
17. Oak Road Play area quotes – 2 quotes have been received awaiting the 3rd quote. Councillor Payne to talk to Sara Botham at Neighbourhood Funding event in January 17th 2017.
18. Lengthsman Duties – see item 4.
19. War memorial repairs – enough funds now to go ahead with the repairs. Funding from the show, Dennis Parker and ESBC.
20. New Noticeboard – carry over to January's meeting.
21. Highway Issues
 - a. Traffic issues & Stubwood sub-committee. Cllr Edwards brought a map showing ideas of improvements for the village. All councillors to bring more thoughts to the next meeting and then ask Richard Rayson to come and walk around the village.
 - b. Potholes & drainage issues in the village. The Pot hole outside Primrose Cottage on Narrow Lane is getting deeper. Clerk to report to SCC. Clerk to write to Malcolm Adams to thank him for clearing the culvert at the back of the Village Stores to assist with drainage"
 - c. Footpaths – Clerk to send letter of thanks to JCB – Councillor Ratcliffe to send estate manager's name.
22. Finance/Payment – Proposed by Cllr Edwards, Seconded by Cllr Hinton
 - a. To approve the following payments:
 - b. Webmaster November 2016 = £25.00 [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
 - c. Lengthsman payment Non-SCC for October and November 2016 = £160 [LGA 2000 s111]
 - d. Clerk's pay for November 2016 = £314.83 [LGA 1972 s112]
 - e. Clerk's expenses for November 2016 =£33.26 (LGA 1972 s111)
 - f. Eon Lighting November 2016 = £14.66 [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
 - g. Lisa Wright cleaning of toilets in Village Hall November 2016 5 weeks and cleaning products = £53.00
 - h. 1st Alton Scout Group (Show)=£150.00
 - i. Clive Keble for Neighbourhood Plan September, October & November 2016 = £948.00
 - j. Churnet Valley – Notice Board - £360.00
 - k. AEDdonate – Defibrillator = £1710.00
 - l. Donation for Village lights – Village Hall = £50.00

Items for Future Agenda

1. **Dates of next meetings:** 10 January 2017, 7 February 2017 and 7 March 2017