

MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM

Councillor J Richardson was in the chair. Councillors present: J Bednall(part), E Edmonds, J Payne, A Ratcliffe, C Salt and R Wright. Apologies: C Podmore (work), S Ratcliffe (work) and Borough & County Cllr P Atkins. Six members of the public were present.

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held on 5 January were approved and signed.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
3. **LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS IN DENSTONE:** Representative from Midlands Rural Housing. Survey proposed for affordable housing on behalf of ESBC May/June. **Agreed to support and publicise but not to be Parish Council's name.**
4. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT:**
 - a. Missing fingerpost to Stubwood from centre of village. Delivered. **Cllrs Edmunds & Wright to assist with fitting.**
 - b. Stubwood tankers. Enforcement enquiry – five days in February at Uttoxeter Racecourse. **Chairman/clerk to attend some sessions.**
 - c. Post Office. Contribution to refurbishment and equipment replacement. WASP funding has been received.
 - d. Post Office disabled access. Letter from ESBC circulated. Copy has been passed to sub postmistress.
 - e. Licence for planting Alton Road. Has been signed but £50 fee from SCC (see 19b). **Cllrs Payne & Wright to raise with Garden Guild.**
5. **ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** *A summary of the items raised is shown at the end of the minutes.*
6. **PLANNING:** [Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC]
 - a. PA/02759/006/AG. Erection of single storey side and rear extensions to form porch, games room, double garage and utility/workshop, formation of vehicular access and driveway and use of land for the keeping and riding of horses, Inge Cottage, Doveleys. **Permitted**
 - b. P/2010/00010/JI. Retention of office and storage unit for a 2 year period in connection with commercial haulage business, Peartree Farm, Jardines Lane, Stubwood. **No objections to be raised provided time period adhered to.**
 - c. P/2010/00078/JI. Erection of a detached dwelling, detached double garage and alterations to vehicular access (Revised scheme), The Rickyard, Alton Road. **No objections to be raised - comment on changes to road layout not shown on plans**
 - d. Any applications received since publication of the agenda. None
7. **VITAL VILLAGES/PLAY AREAS/OLD RAILWAY LINE:**
 - a. Review of Parish Plan. **Agreed that pleased with progress by Village Hall Committee, wish to be kept informed and will work together.** Old Railway Line – group formed – to meet. Traffic calming - **Cllr Salt to contact previous members of Traffic Calming Committee.**
 - b. Car parking College Road. Resident has been invited to join Action Group.
 - c. Youth questionnaire. Youth Fund considering at meeting on 4 February.

8. **POST OFFICE HEAD LEASE:** Deferred to next meeting.
9. **FIRE RISK REDUCTION:** No response from Fire Officer. **Discharged.**
10. **BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2010:** To submit combined entry for Denstone & Stubwood.
11. **WEBSITE:** Search for webmaster to be continued.
12. **ESBC DOG CONTROL ORDERS CONSULTATION:** Circulated. **Clerk to contact again re Teen Recreation Area map.**
13. **MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE REVIEW:** To become three-weekly from April. **Noted**
14. **SANDBAGS:** Storage location to be identified then 10 to be purchased.
15. **HIGHWAY ISSUES:**
 - a. College Road hedges. Logged as a task for Neighbourhood Highway team.
 - b. Denstone Lane hollow near Staffordshire Way. Drainage problem to be dealt with shortly.
 - c. Neighbourhood Highway teams. Letter circulated re delay in programme due to gritting and potholes. **Noted**
 - d. Grit Bins. **Request to be submitted for Hollis Lane, Birch Close and post office/shop/fountain area.**
 - e. Staffordshire Highways – Improving the way we work. Circulated. **Noted**
16. **ESBC – HOTSPOT REQUEST FORM:** Nothing to report.
17. **CORRESPONDENCE:** All items except d. circulated with agenda.
 - a. Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill. **Write to MP asking to support.**
 - b. SPCA Training Feb 2010. **Noted**
 - c. Play Partnership in East Staffordshire 11 March. **Cllr Payne to consult Denstone Youth Fund re attendee.**
 - d. ESBC Parish Councils Forum 10 February 2010 Agenda items. **Clerk to attend**
 - e. Queen’s Hospital Scanner Appeal. **No donation to be made but Denstone Youth Fund to be advised**
18. **CORRESPONDENCE ON THE TABLE TO NOTE:** All noted.
 - a. ESBC Forward Plan – February to May
 - b. ESBC Playday events 2010

19. FINANCE/PAYMENTS:

a.

To approve the following payments:

b. Licence for planting Alton Road = **£50.00** [Open Spaces Act 1906 s10]c. BKV Entry & posters = **£17.25** [LGA 1972 s137] (see 10 above)d. Finger arm for Stubwood = £191.45 + 33.50VAT = **£224.95** [Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 s72]e. Streetlight electricity (Jul-Sep) = £37.20 + 5.59VAT = **£42.79** [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]f. Post Office Elec Stdg Charge (Oct-Dec) = **£35.40** [LGA 1972 s137]g. SLCC Practitioner Conference Stoke 26 Feb = £65+11.38VAT = **£76.38** [LGA 1972 s111]Total = **£446.77**. All payments proposed Cllr Edmunds seconded Cllr Salt.**20. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**

a. Representative on Village Hall Committee

21. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: 2 March & 6 April 2010.

The meeting closed at 21.05.

ITEMS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Licence to plant Alton Road – see 4e.