

MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
1 FEBRUARY 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM

Councillor J Richardson was in the chair. Councillors present: E Edmonds, B Hinton, J Payne, S Ratcliffe, and R Wright. Apologies: J Bednall(work), A Ratcliffe(ill), and C Vernon(domestic). Six members of the public were present.

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held on 4 January were approved and signed.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT:**
  - a. Report on SLCC meeting Lichfield 15 January. Multi Use Sports Areas (to cater for girls) and media training by SCC.
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/2010/01349/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. **Permitted**
  - b. P/2011/00074/EW. Erection of two storey side and rear extensions, Hillcrest, Alton Road. **Delegated to Planning Committee**
  - c. Any applications received since publication of the agenda. **None.**
6. **VITAL VILLAGES/PLAY AREAS/OLD RAILWAY LINE:**
  - a. Review of Parish Plan. Cllr Wright has made contact with Churnet Valley Living Landscapes.
7. **POST OFFICE HEAD LEASE:** New lease completed - back dated to October 2009. Balance of Ground Rent for 2009/10 & 2010/11 - £104 (see 26d).
8. **WEBSITE:** Proposal to change software to WordPress. **Clerk to provide Webmaster with letter to send to businesses for annual payment of £15.**
9. **FOOTPATH FROM MARLPIT LANE TO THE WEAVERS:** Materials to be purchased before end of March.
10. **ISSUES RAISED FOR DISCUSSION WITH CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES:**
  - a. To report progress on planning application. Consultation period extended to 13 January due to advertisement – awaiting decision.
  - b. To report progress on Church Room. Denstone Youth Fund has written to Father John indicating commitment. To be considered at April 12 PCC meeting.
  - c. Gate from Old Railway Line. **Clerk & Cllr Wright to prepare proposal and obtain SCC agreement prior to next meeting.**
11. **DENSTONE HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY REPORT:** Walk with Miles King on January 17 identified nine possible sites. Report circulated. Three sites more favourable. Views of ESBC awaited.

12. **WALKS AROUND DENSTONE LEAFLET:** Some comments supplied.
13. **JUBILEE TREE AT B5031/5032 JUNCTION:** Report from Tree surgeon circulated. Indicated some urgent action required and long term life in doubt. **To await response from Richard Rayson.**
14. **POST OFFICE SECURITY:** **No further security felt to be required.**
15. **DENSTONE SHOW 2011 AND OTHER EVENTS:** Meeting 13 January. Road closure to be considered at 10 February Steering Group meeting and insurance form completed. **Agreed that Parish Council would permit and sponsor Hog Roast on the Old Railway Line on April 29.** SCC Countryside has no objection.
16. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION – ELECTORAL REVIEW OF STAFFORDSHIRE:** Proposal to include Marchington & Draycott in Uttoxeter Rural. **Noted.**
17. **QUEEN’S 2012 DIAMOND JUBILEE:** Circulated. **Denstone Youth Fund to consider event. Agreed to plant two trees to celebrate.**
18. **BUS SHELTER MAIN ROAD:** Cracked pane Ashbourne end. **Cllr Edmunds to deal.**
19. **BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2011:** Full details circulated. **Agreed to enter as Denstone & Stubwood again. Clerk to pass judges’ comments to Stubwood residents.**
20. **SLCC PRACTITIONERS CONFERENCE 25/26 FEBRUARY:** Circulated. **Agreed clerk to attend on 26 February (see 26f).**
21. **ENVIRONMENT AGENCY. LANDSPREADING IN ROSTON AND DENSTONE:** Circulated. Additional information suggests significant spreading will be permitted. **To monitor the situation.**
22. **HIGHWAY ISSUES:**
  - a. Traffic problems College Road/Marlpit Lane/Narrow Lane. Response from Alton Towers indicating no objection to ‘No through route to Alton Towers’ sign at entrance to College Road. **Clerk to inform Richard Rayson and Trevor Mellor.**
  - b. Overgrown streetlights. One at Greenfields has been attended to.
23. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING:**
  - a. Report from 24 January meeting. Anti social behaviour – should always be reported on non emergency number. Smart water – **Clerk to invite speaker to Annual Parish Meeting.** Grit bins – provision and refilling £1000. Live & Local.

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

- a. Royal British Legion. Great Poppy Party Weekend. **Noted**
- b. EON – Parish Council pack. **Noted**
- c. Spinal Injuries Association. Great British fish & chip supper. **Noted – poster to be displayed**
- d. Com Council of Staffs – Staffordshire Diary of Village Festivals & Events 2011. **To include 29 April Royal Wedding Hog Roast**
- e. Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge. **Cllr S Ratcliffe to contact Sports Trust.**

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

- a. ESBC Forward Plan – February to May
- b. NALC Update 14 January 2011
- c. The role of local government in wellbeing (70 pages)

**26. FINANCE/PAYMENTS:**

- a.  
To approve the following payments:
  - b. Street light electricity = **£?** [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
  - c. Post Office Elec Stdg Charge(Oct-Dec) = **£35.40** [LGA 1972 s137]
  - d. Post Office Head Lease balance owed on revised rent = **£104.00** (see 7) [LGA 1972 s137]
  - e. Survey of Jubilee tree = £150.00 + 30VAT = **£180.00** [Highways Act 1980 s96]
  - f. SLCC Practitioners Conference 26 Feb = £68.00 + 13.60VAT = **£81.60** (see 20) [LGA 1972 s111]
  - g. Webmaster January = **£25.00** [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
- Total = **£406.00(+b)**. All payments proposed Cllr S Ratcliffe seconded Cllr Payne.

**27. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**

- a. Spring litter pick.
- b. Lane between B5032 & B5030 at top of Quixhill

**28. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:** 1 March & 5 April 2011.

The meeting closed at 21.20.

**ITEMS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD**

Two church representatives spoke on item 10. Lane between B5032 & B5030 at top of Quixhill – significant fly tipping – **Chairman to report**, possible closure – **clerk to investigate previous responses by Parish Council.**