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5 February 2016

Minutes of the Denstone Parish Council meeting held on the 2nd February 2016

1. **Attendees:** Cllr J Payne (in chair), Cllr B Hinton, Cllr S Ratcliffe, Cllr R Wright, , Councillor S Smith, and borough Councillor C Smith. **Apologies** Councillor C Podmore, Cllr E Edmonds and Cllr I Watson.
2. The minutes of the meeting of the 5th January were approved and signed by Cllr Payne.
3. There was no declaration of interests received at the meeting.
4. Matters Arising/ Clerk's report
 - a. Code of Conduct – clerk informed the meeting that she was awaiting a reply regarding the Code of Conduct.
 - b. Precept 2016/2017 – The new agreed amount for 2016/17 is £14,204.00. Clerk to issue the appropriate documents to SCC.
 - c. Councillor Vacancy – Unfortunately we have received a resignation from Councillor Watson. Cllr Payne expressed thanks on behalf of the Parish Council for all his hard work and dedication. Clerk to issue the details to the ESBC and advertise on the website and notice board to fill one vacancy.
 - d. First Aid and Defib Training – Clerk advised the meeting of a further training date of the 7th February at 11 am to replace the training that should have taken place on the 17th January. All people welcome.
5. Adjournment for public participation –
 - a. James Ingestre from JCB spoke at the meeting with regards to the footpath to the new school. He informed the meeting that JCB would be happy to gift the piece of land at the side of the footpath to Denstone to enable it to become the new walkway for the children. He expressed that he contacted SCC in November with this offer but was turned down. The only concern was who owns the bridge along the path? However he said that he would have a detailed land registry search done by JCB solicitors which should help establish this.
 - b. Hedge at the Croft. Updated
6. Planning (Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC)
 - a. P/2016/00022 Erection of a detached car port Hillcrest cottage Alton Road Denstone – no objections
 - b. P/2015/01611 Erection of a single story extension 2 Jasmine Cottage Agreed
 - c. P/2015/01623 proposed conversion at Doveleys Rocester Staffs. Agreed
 - d. P/2015/01154 Denstone College, Denstone Road Staffs. No objections
 - e. P/2015/01615 Denstone Vicarage, Main Road, Denstone Staffs No Objections
 - f. P/2016/ 00020 Clerk to pass information to Cllr Ratcliffe to look at
7. Licensing – application to vary licensing at the Tavern – no objection
8. FoSSA – It was agreed the Neighbourhood Plan maybe better to give the donation. Cllr Payne to take to the NP meeting on the 9th February.

9. Grit Bins – Clerk informed the meeting that Jeff Green from SCC was coming out today (2nd February) to carry out an assessment with regards to the possibility of a Grit Bin outside the school on Oak Road. It was suggested that bin assessments also be done on Croft Stead Avenue and Taylors Lane Stubwood. Clerk to contact Jeff.
10. WASP Funding. Updated
11. 3rd Defibrillator Location. This was discussed and a possible third location would be Prestwood. Cllr Payne to contact Sarah Camacho regarding obtaining a third defibrillator.
12. Notice Boards in the village. Cllr C Smith informed the meeting that he had several notice boards that the Parish Council could have. Cllr Edmonds to look at the boards upon his return.
13. Neighbourhood Funding. Updated
14. Bus Shelter update. Cllr Wright was happy to inform the meeting that Denstone had successfully obtained funding of £250.00 towards the Bus Shelter. Quotes received and it was decided to go with the quote from Chris Hutton.
15. Housing Choice Supplementary Planning Document – Consultation. Document brought to the meeting regarding this for perusal. No further action at this stage.
16. The Queens 90th Birthday Beacon Guide 21st April 2016. Clerk informed the meeting of this event, however the WI have something planned so it was agreed that no action would be taken by the Parish Council.
17. Rocester New School update. See update in point 5.
18. Speed limit in Denstone updated.
19. Funding from Sun Soil. Clerk informed the meeting that we would not know the outcome of the funding request until mid summer. Cllr Hinton was thanked for his work on the project.
20. Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Payne informed the meeting that there would be a news letter coming out mid February from Neighbourhood Plan and also an Exhibition on the 26th February 2016 in the village hall from 3pm – 7pm.
21. Dog Control order sign for Old Railway Line + dog fouling signs. Updated
22. The Post Office. Cllr S Smith informed the meeting that the previous buyers for the post office had unfortunately pulled out of the sale but he had received several more expressions of interest.
23. Tree sculpture. License to be returned to SCC with a cheque for £100 for administration costs. Clerk to action. Bob Beaumont has agreed to supply the sleepers to stand the sculpture on.
24. Village Hall committee member. Cllr Payne asked that this be put on the agenda of the next meeting. However Cllr Payne would like to thank Sue Ratcliffe for stepping in and cleaning the village hall toilets. Parish Council to pay to have the toilets cleaned by Lisa Wright who will contact the clerk.
25. Emergency Plan for village. No update. It was brought to the meetings attention that there had been a flood in the village and new sandbags were required. Cllr Ratcliffe to look at how many we would require and pass the details onto the clerk. Cllr Payne asked that Caroline Vernon and Sam Bailey were thanked for putting out the sandbags.
26. Highway Issues

- a. Traffic issues & Stubwood sub-committee. No update.
- b. Potholes & drainage issues in the village. Prestwood Lane drainage blocked approx 30 yards from the junction. Clerk to report. Pothole outside the farm shop.
- c. Footpaths. Nothing to report.
- 27. Neighbourhood Working
- 28. Neighbourhood Forum. Updated
- 29. Finance/Payments
To approve the following payments:
 - a. Webmaster January 2016 = £25.00 [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
 - b. Lengthsman payment Non SCC for January 2016 =£100.00 [LGA 2000 s111]
 - c. Clerk's pay for January 2016 = £314.83 [LGA 1972 s112]
 - d. Clerk's expenses for January 2016 = £33.97 (LGA 1972 s111)
 - e. Eon Lighting December & January = £25.24[Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
 - f. Clive Keble for Neighbourhood Plan January 2016 £948.00
 - g. Denstone Village Hall Management committee Donation for use of Room =£25.00 July-31 December 2015
 - h. Sue Ratcliffe - Dog bins emptied 01.01.15-31.12.15 £2.00 per week = £104.00
 - i. Sue Ratcliffe - Village Hall Toilets cleaned £10.00 per week 19.12.15-31.01.16 £60.00
 - j. Sue Ratcliffe – £1.98 Cleaning Materials and bin bags
 - k. SCC - £100 for cost of administration for license for Tree Sculpture

Items for Future Agenda

1. **Dates of next meetings:** 1st March 2016, 5 April