

Minutes of the Denstone Parish Council meeting held on the 7th February 2017

1. **Attendees:** Cllr J Payne (in chair), Cllr B Hinton, Cllr R Wright, Cllr E Edmonds, Cllr S Ratcliffe, Cllr K Stratton, Cllr Podmore, Cllr P Robotham and Borough Councillor C Smith. **Apologies** Cllr S Smith
2. The minutes of the meeting of the 10th January 2017 were approved by all, and were signed by Cllr Payne.
3. There were no declarations of interest raised.
4. Matters Arising/Clerk's report
 - a. Sun & Soil update – Cllr Edmonds passed the report to the clerk at the meeting to be sent off to Sun & Soil.
 - b. Best Kept Village – Cllr Payne received the letter regarding entering the BKV Contest for 2017. It was agreed that Denstone would enter the contest. Cllr Payne explained that the village would be judged over a 3-month period and also how the village would be scored. Clerk to enter the village into the contest and send the points document to be put on the website. Cllr Wright agreed to draw the map for the village and requested that 12 posters be purchased.
 - c. SPCA Bulletin – Clerk explained that she would send out the weekly Bulletins to all councillors before the meeting. This would enable items then to be discussed at the meeting. Cllr Ratcliffe pointed out the item regarding the Transparency Fund. Could we receive funding to pay for the cost of the website. Clerk to investigate.
 - d. Financial sign off – The financial accounts were checked and signed off by Cllr Hinton and Cllr Ratcliffe.
5. Adjournment for public participation
 - a. Lengthsman – Sam Bailey informed the meeting that he would be going to America for 7 weeks to work on a farm. Whilst he was gone someone else would carry out his duties as Lengthsman. Sam agreed to take the equipment to be serviced, invoice would then be sent to the clerk. The Council wished him well.
 - b. Dog Fouling – it was brought to the Parish Councils attention that a member of the village is allowing their dog to foul the pavement. Clerk to write to the owner concerned on behalf of the Parish Council.
6. Planning (Permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC)
 - a. P/2017/00050 Alvaston and Fairfields College Road Denstone ST14 5HR – It was agreed that the Clerk would send comments on behalf of the Parish Council stating that the infill is too much, the access is too narrow, there is no room for turning, the access is blind, the properties would be very close to the houses at the back and there would be no room for visitors. They feel that it would be best with one property instead of two.
7. Grit Bins - Updated
8. Denstone Diary – Cllr Edmonds informed the meeting that he had received a quote from Hawksworth printers for £370 for 500 copies of an 8-page document. It was suggested that the newsletter would be produced once a year after the

Annual meeting. It would contain the chairman's annual report, what the Parish Council had achieved throughout the year and what ideas they had for the coming year. It would also include pictures and details about the village, walks etc. It is hoped that the newsletter would be paid for by local companies advertising. However, the Parish Council is mindful not to tread on anyone else's toes such as the Weaver Message. It was unanimously agreed that Sue Edmonds should continue on with this and there will be a further update at the next meeting by Cllr Edmonds.

9. SID's – Cllrs Hinton and Edmonds met up with Tim Buxton from highways in the village on the 12th January. He commented that it didn't appear that anyone was breaking the speed limit. However, the motorists were driving too fast for the road. He said that SIDS would be pointless but he did offer a traffic check on College Road. This monitors the volume and speed of the traffic 24hrs a day for the period of 7 days. The Cllrs informed him of the idea to put together a list of things that need doing in the village. He thought it was a good idea and suggested it was sent to him and if any funds were available our list would be looked at. Cllr Edmonds to collate the list. Clerk to chase Tim regarding the speed and volume count.
10. Centenary Fields – Cllr Payne met with the ranger, he suggested that there was no problem with the Parish Council applying for the protection but it was a lot of work as the railway was already protected. However, during the visit he did agree that he would have the trees near the play area on the railway line cut back. He would also get the SCC to remove the mud from the path.
11. 2nd Defibrillator – We are still waiting for the delivery of the defibrillator. With regards to the installation in the telephone box Cllr Stratton to contact an electrician.
12. Rocester New School – Clerk informed the meeting that she had received a reply from Cllrs Atkins regarding the barriers on the crossing. His email stated that the safety audit was carried out before the school opened and it was thought that the crossing was adequate for their purpose. Clerk to remind Cllr Atkins of what he said at the meeting in July 2016.
13. Neighbourhood Plan – We now have a neighbourhood plan for Denstone. This now will have to go for an executive decision. The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated by voting. Also, all those on the Steering Group with a special thanks to Clive Keble for all his help and advice at no cost to the Parish Council.
14. The Post Office – this has now been turned over to the new owner and the shop is being refitted out and looks to be re-opening by the end of the month. All the details regarding the post office have been passed over to the new owner.
15. Village Hall committee member. No Update.
16. Emergency Plan for village – Nothing to add at this time.
17. Oak Road Play area – Cllr Payne attended the launch of the new Neighbourhood fund. During the meeting, she spoke with Sara Botham who is going to come out and have a look at the play area. Clerk to contact Sports Trust after meeting with Sara Botham regarding approval.
18. War memorial repairs – Cllr Hinton informed the meeting that the original person who was going to carry out the work on the war memorial was no longer

able to do so. Cllr Hinton to contact Mr Plant with regards doing the work and Cllr Stratton going to ask someone she knows to see if they are interested in the work.

19. New Noticeboard – Cllr Edmonds said after speaking to John Jilbert it was agreed that the notice board would go on the other side of the gardens and they are waiting for better weather to install it.
20. Highway Issues
 - a. Traffic issues & Stubwood sub-committee.
 - b. Potholes & drainage issues in the village – clerk to contact the SCC regarding the pavements on Marlpit Lane.
 - c. Footpaths.
21. Finance/Payments
 - a. To approve the following payments:
 - b. Webmaster January 2017 = £25.00 [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
 - c. Lengthsman payment Non-SCC for January 2017 =£10.00 [LGA 2000 s111]
 - d. Lengthsman payment SCC Quarter 2 = £174.75
 - e. Clerk’s pay for January 2017 = £314.83 [LGA 1972 s112]
 - f. Clerk’s expenses for January 2017 =£24.36 (LGA 1972 s111)
 - g. Eon Lighting January 2017= £14.66 [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]
 - h. Lisa Wright cleaning of toilets in Village Hall January 2017 weeks and cleaning products = £40.00
 - i. C Portman NP Printing = £160.00
 - j. B Beaumont NP Administration =£399.94
 - k. Jacquie Payne – Travel to Burton for Neighbourhood Fund = £15.30
 - l. Peter Robotham – Payment for the weekly inspections of 2 play areas February 2016 to February 2017 = £312.00

Items for Future Agenda

1. Hawthorn Trees
2. Opening the toilets in the Village Hall
3. Date for the Annual Meeting
4. Additional Signatures for the Parish Council

1. **Dates of next meetings:** 7 March 2017, 4 April 2017