

**MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
4 JANUARY 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM**

Councillor J Richardson was in the chair. Councillors present: J Bednall, E Edmonds, B Hinton, J Payne, A Ratcliffe, S Ratcliffe, C Vernon and R Wright. Apologies: None. Five members of the public were present.

Cllr C Salt became Cllr Mrs C Vernon on 1 December

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held on 7 December were approved and signed.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT:**
 - a. Response from landowner regarding his proposal for footway to Denstone College. Read to the meeting. **Noted**
 - b. Update on Local Councils' Event 4 October 2010. Circulated. **Email address to be set up for the Chairman.**
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/2010/01345/JI. Erection of dwelling, alterations to vehicular access and widening pavement (Amended scheme), Springfields, College Road. **Refused**
 - b. P/2010/01319/JI. Demolition of existing changing room and groundsman's building to facilitate the erection of a two storey classroom block, Denstone College. **Permitted**
 - c. P/2010/01329/JI. Erection of a new sports pavilion with changing rooms, Denstone College. **Permitted**
 - d. P/2010/01394/JI(PA) & 01395/JI(LB). Erection of first floor extension, Barrow Hill Hall. **No objections raised.**
 - e. P/2010/01445/JI. Change of use of former school playground to a car park and formation of a new vehicular access, Land in front of School House & Church Room, Main Road. For information only
 - f. P/2010/01293/JI. Erection of four detached dwellings and construction of vehicular access, Mount Pleasant, College Road. **No objections to be raised for two and objection on access for other two.**
 - g. Any applications received since publication of the agenda. **None.**
6. **VITAL VILLAGES/PLAY AREAS/OLD RAILWAY LINE:**
 - a. Review of Parish Plan. Tom Boden Memorial Sport Trust AGM on 27 January – 25th Anniversary.
7. **POST OFFICE HEAD LEASE:** Meeting with landlord 6 January.
8. **WEBSITE:** Clerk to provide Webmaster with letter to send to businesses.

9. **FOOTPATH FROM MARLPIT LANE TO THE WEAVERS:** Ongoing.
10. **ISSUES RAISED FOR DISCUSSION WITH CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES:**
- a. To report progress on planning application. Consultation period ended 29 December – awaiting decision.
 - b. To report progress on Parish Room. **Cllr Payne to speak to Father John before January 11 PCC meeting.**
11. **DENSTONE HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY REPORT:** Walk with Miles King on January 17.
12. **WALKS AROUND DENSTONE LEAFLET:** Still awaiting comments.
13. **JUBILEE TREE AT B5031/5032 JUNCTION:** Clerk to contact tree surgeon for opinion on condition.
14. **POST OFFICE SECURITY:** Cllr Payne to chase report on need for camera.
15. **DENSTONE SHOW 2011:** Agreed that Parish Council take responsibility for the 2011 Show. Clerk to pursue road closure.
16. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION – ELECTORAL REVIEW OF STAFFORDSHIRE:** No response to be made.
17. **HIGHWAY ISSUES:**
- a. Traffic problems College Road/Marlpit Lane/Narrow Lane. County Cllr has agreed to support resolution of the problem.
 - b. SCC Grit bins/Request for gritting The Weavers. **To be raised via Neighbourhood forum see 18a.**
 - c. Request for dropped kerbs on Alton Road, Greenfields entrance. Information has been supplied to Highways.
18. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING:**
- a. Issues for 24 January meeting. **Gate from Old Railway Line to churchyard and Grit bins.**
 - b. New Terms of Reference. Circulated. **Noted**
19. **CORRESPONDENCE:** All items circulated with agenda.
- a. Environment Agency. Improved Flood Warning System. **Noted.**
 - b. SPCA Newsletter December 2010. East Staffs is Highway Pager Area code 5. **Noted.**
 - c. 2011 Census : 27 March 2011
20. **CORRESPONDENCE ON THE TABLE TO NOTE:** All noted except e.
- a. ESBC Forward Plan – January to April
 - b. NALC – Localism Bill

- c. Came & Company – Newsletter on Parish Councils insurance
- d. Sustainable Staffordshire Newsletter December 2010
- e. SCC Lottery Funding Bulletin December 2010 (18 pages). **To be emailed to Cllr Payne**
- f. Community Energy Planning, Development & Delivery (42 pages)
- g. NALC/SLCC National Training Strategy for Town & Parish Councils 2010-2015 (32 pages)

21. FINANCE/PAYMENTS:

- a. Budget & precept for 2011/12. Circulated. **Agreed to be set at £11,290.**
To approve the following payments:
 - b. Gardener's pay (6mths) = **£270.00** [Open Spaces Act 1906 s10]
 - c. Lengthsman (non SCC work) = £155(OLR 52.50, Teen Play 10) + 10 expenses = **£165.00** [Open Spaces Act 1906 s10, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953 s4]
 - d. Webmaster December = **£25.00** [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
 - e. Cllrs travelling expenses = **£24.70** [Local Authorities Members Allowance Regulations 2003 s26]
- Total = **£484.70**. All payments proposed Cllr S Ratcliffe seconded Cllr Edmunds.

22. STANDING ORDER 1c: That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

- a. Review of clerk's remuneration. *Clerk left the meeting for this item.* **Agreed to await National Pay Settlement.**
- b. Review of gardener's remuneration. **Revised remuneration agreed**

23. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

- a. Overgrown streetlights.

24. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: 1 February & 1 March 2011.

The meeting closed at 21.00.

ITEMS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Mount Pleasant planning application – see 5f.