

MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8 JANUARY 2013 IN THE VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM

Cllr C Vernon (in the chair), Cllr J Payne, Cllr B Hinton, Cllr E Edmonds, Cllr S Ratcliffe, Cllr R Wright, Cllr S Smith, Cllr J Richardson. Apologies were received from Borough Cllr Smith, Cllr Bednall (work).

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held 4 December 2012 were approved and signed
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Ratcliffe (item 8)
3. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT:**
 - a. Proposed precept request for 2013. Discussion to make saving were discussed
 - b. Paying NI for Clerk's pay. Noted
 - c. VAT report for 2012. Noted
4. **ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION:** *A summary of the items raised is shown at the end of the minutes.*
5. **PLANNING:** [permitted & Refused are decisions by ESBC]
 - a. P/2012/01323 Erection of 2 storey & part single rear extension: Hill View, Hollington Road, Rocester, Staffs. **Permitted**
 - b. P/2012/01400 Erection of a communication mast: JCB Plumpton Test site, Prestwood. **Permitted**
6. **Review of the signage in Dog Control Area.** Ongoing
7. **JCB Car Park lighting and sound issues.** Letter received from JCB with thanks
8. **Light fault on Main Road:** Ongoing
9. **Website revenue:** There has been a drop in revenue compared to 2011 and new businesses are being sought to advertise at £20 annual rate.
10. **Repair of the War Memorial:** A quote has been sought. Ongoing
11. **Consider the Church Car Park.** Noted
12. **Emergency Plan for the Village:** Ongoing
13. **Flood contingency for the village:** New sand bags have been arranged from ESBC.
14. **Mount Pleasant:** Ongoing.
15. **Village Identity.** A proposal was made about a potential new logo/sign to reinforce the identity of the village, possibly as a competition. Ongoing
16. **Sub station improvement on Oak Road:** Ongoing
17. **To consider a new start time for Parish Council to 7pm.** Agreed
18. **Footpath from Marlpit Lane to the Weavers.** Ongoing
19. **Update of the sales of Jubilee Mugs:** sale is ongoing in Post Office, Pub & shop
20. **Highway Issues:**
 - a. Traffic management in Village. Noted & ongoing
 - b. To update & consider letter to Narrow Lane residents. Ongoing
 - c. Traffic management outside All Saints First School. Ongoing

21. Neighbourhood Working

a. Neighbourhood Forum: Ongoing discussions were about Railway line improvements.

22. **CORRESPONDENCE:** all items circulated with agenda were noted

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

24. FINANCE/PAYMENTS: all agreed.

a. Precept request for 2013/14 was agreed unanimously.

b. Webmaster December = **£25.00** [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]

c. E-On Public Lighting 1 Nov – 30 Nov 2012 = £7.78 + 0.39 VAT = **£8.17**
[Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]

d. New Village Walks Poster & Display Board = £46.00 + 9.20 VAT = **£55.20**
[LGA 1972 s137]

e. E-On Highway Lighting Maintenance 2012/13 = £69.69 + 13.94 = **£83.63**
[Parish Councils Act 1957 s3]

f. Gardening July – December = **£440.00** [Open Spaces Act 1906 s10]

g. Non SCC work Lengthsman Dec 2012 = **£80.00**[Local Govt (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953 s4]

h. Clerk's Pay 1 Dec – 31 Dec = **£290** [LGA 1972 s112]

TOTAL = £982.00

25. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

Sign for new telephone box.

To consider pavement widening at Springfields.

To consider purchase of new external hard drive.

26. **DATES OF NEXT MEETING:** 5 February & 5 March

The meeting closed at.....21.25

ITEMS RAISED DURING THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD: A resident from Croxden talked about the proposed 157m wind turbine that is being planned for in their parish. Any parishioners that might be affected by the wind turbine are invited to lend their support to the action group against the wind turbine. The action group is particularly concerned with the potential damage to the landscape, historic nature of the area and any precedent set by the wind turbine's erection.

Water running on College Road was discussed.

The damage on the corner of Main Road/Alton Road