

**MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD
ON TUESDAY 7 January 2014 VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM**

Attendees: Cllr S Smith, Cllr R Wright, Cllr J Payne, Cllr C Vernon (in chair), Cllr B Hinton, Cllr E Edmunds, Cllr S Ratcliffe & Cllr P Reid and Borough Cllr Smith.

Apologies: None

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held 3 December were approved & signed.
2. **Co-option of new councillor :** Melanie Allen was the only person to step forward and was co-opted formally to the Parish Council.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** S Ratcliffe (9)
4. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT**
 - a. 2014/15 Budget Setting. Agreed to request a precept £11002.11.
5. **ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION:** *a summary of the items raised is shown at the end of the minutes*
6. Planning (**Permitted & Refused** are decisions by ESBC)
 - a. **P/2013/01248** Erection of 2 storey side, single storey front and first floor rear extensions Rose Cottage, Barrowhill, Rocester.
Permitted.
 - b. **P/2013/01266** erection of a detached building to form a specialist palliative Care unit. Barrowhill Hall Care Home, Rocester. Concern raised based on the position of the proposed building in respect of the adjacent farm.
 - c. **P/2013/01466** retention of a non-illuminated signboard. No objections raised
 - d. Any other planning application received after the agenda was published. None
7. **Denstone Neighbourhood Plan.** 1st engagement meeting to take place at the Parish Annual Meeting in April.
8. **Jenny's Green:** Ongoing
9. **JCB visit:** feedback was given about the new expansion plans at JCB.
10. **Electronic Consultation for Planning:** Agreed to move to electronic consultations.
11. **Village Hall Toilet.** Ongoing.
12. **Play Area Inspections:** DYF to take on responsibility for Oak Road play area inspections.
13. **Lengthsman's Duties:** Ongoing
14. **Best Kept Village:** A village tidy up to take place during the Easter holidays.
15. **New Dog bin on Railway line:** Agreed to buy 2 new bins.
16. **Emergency Plan for the Village:** Some joint discussions to take place with Rocester Parish Council with regards to shared contingency plans.
17. **Highways Issues:** All ongoing
 - a. Traffic issues in Stubwood: Ongoing.

- b. Road Improvements in the village: Ongoing
- c. Potholes & Drainage Issues in Village: Ongoing

18. Neighbourhood Working:

a. Neighbourhood Forum: Plans put forward to the community orchard and repairs to the platform.

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

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

20. Finance/Payments

All payments were agreed and approved:

- a. Webmaster December = **£25.00** [LGA 1972 s142 & 144] (JP/SR)
- b. E-on Public Lighting 1 Dec – 30 Dec = £7.99 + 0.40VAT = **£8.39** [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3] (EE/BH)
- c. Village Hall & Toilet opening (July-Dec 2013) = **£303.78** [LGA 1972 s137] (CV/SR)
- e. Non SCC Lengthsman payment (Dec 2013)= **£30.00** [Local Government (miscellaneous provisions) Act 1953 s4] (SS/BH)
- f. Clerk's pay December 2013 = **£290.00** [LGA 1972 s112] (JP/EE)

Total = **£657.17**

21. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:** Vicarage hedges, Footpath between St Chad's & College Road, new street light for Alton Road junction. Trent Barton bus timetables.

22. **DATES OF NEXT MEETING:** 2 February & 4 March 2014

The meeting closed at.....20.47

ITEMS RAISED DURING THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD: Dog mess on College Road, Pothole outside the Farm Shop, Silted grid at the bottom of Narrow Lane.