

**MINUTES OF THE DENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6
JANUARY 2015 VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM**

Attendees: Cllr J Payne (in chair), Cllr B Hinton, Cllr E Edmonds, Cllr S Ratcliffe, Cllr P Reid, Cllr S Smith, Cllr R Wright, Cllr M Allen. Apologies: Cllr C Vernon.

Agenda A

1. **MINUTES:** of the meeting held 2 December were approved & signed.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Smith (12), Cllr Payne (9 & 11) Cllr Allen (9 & 11).
3. **MATTERS ARISING/CLERK'S REPORT**
 - a. Clerk got quotes for the insurance on Oak Road play area, but as the play area insurance does not run out till June it was decided the insurance would stay with the Tom Boden sports trust until the renewal date.
 - b. Clerk went and paid Andrew Griffiths MP's office a visit to discuss Denstone's lack of a post office and services. Andrew was not there but spoke to his assistance, Sara said that he is speaking to the Post Office but had no information at the moment.
4. **Planning (Permitted & Refused** are decisions by ESBC)
 - a. P/2014/01564; Retention of a timber summerhouse. New dwelling rear of Springfield, College road, Denstone. No objection
 - b. Any applications received since publication of the agenda
5. **Graham Hunt** gave an over view on the 2/3 tier school system and why ESBC was thinking of changing everyone to the 2 tier system. Graham did confirm that the discussions over the past months to keep the 3-tier system had been successful and a decision has been made to keep the 3-tier system in Staffordshire.
6. **Clive Keble** gave an overview on how the Neighbourhood Plan fits in to the future of the village and also as a planning consultant how he could help and support the village in producing the plan.
7. **ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION:** *a summary of the items raised is shown at the end of the minutes*
8. **Donation £1000 to the village.** Members of the Council are looking at the cost of defibrillators and on-going running costs.
9. **Denstone Neighbourhood Plan.** Update given.
10. **Village Identity.** Discussed.
11. **Oak Road play area.** – *The council have agreed a contract with the Tom Boden trust, and the council will be taking on the responsibility of the Oak Road play area going forward. Also £10,000 will be past to the Parish Council to pay for the on-going upkeep of the area.*
12. **The Post Office.** On going.
13. **Tree sculpture.** On-going
14. **The new roundabout.** Discussed as to who is maintaining the centre of the roundabout, the Council will investigate and feed back.
15. **Emergency Plan.** On-going

16. **The precept and budget for the next financial year.** Discussed and on going.
17. **Review of the gardener and clerk's remuneration.** The Council agreed to give the gardener a 2% pay rise and the clerks is to stay the same.
18. **Highway Issues**
- a. *Traffic issues & Stubwood sub-committee. Meeting being set up with Graham Hunt in January.*
 - b. *Potholes & Drainage issues in the village. On-going.*
19. **Neighbourhood Working**
- a. Neighbourhood Forum. On-going
 - b. Railway Platform projects. The bins will carry on being emptied by the same person weekly.
20. **Correspondence:** all items circulated with agenda were noted.
21. **Correspondence on the table to note:** All noted
22. **Finance/Payments**
- All payments agreed and approved.**
- a. Webmaster December = **£25.00** [LGA 1972 s142 & 144]
 - b. Lengthsman payment Non SCC for December - **£135.00** [LGA 2000 s111]
 - c. Lengthsman payment for the 3rd period SCC work - **£174.75** [LGA 2000 s111]
 - d. Clerk's pay for December 2014 = **£290.00** [LGA 1972 s112]
 - e. Clerk's expenses for December = **£55.40** (LGA 1972 s111)
 - f. Cllr travel expenses for Neighbourhood forum = **£14.85** [LGA 1972 s137)
 - g. Total = **£695.00**
25. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:** Footpaths, telephone box and the election of Parish Councillors.

ITEMS RAISED DURING THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD: None.

26. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:** 3 March & 7 April 2015
The meeting closed at.....21.18